



Mabel I. Paul

March 22, 1938 - August 19, 2016

Mabel I. Paul, passed away on Friday, August 19, 2016, in I.U. Health LaPorte Hospital while surrounded by her loving family. She was 78 years old at the time of her death.

Mabel was born March 22, 1938, in LaCrosse, Indiana to the late Alfred James and Geneva (Malott) Rice, both whom preceded her death. She lived in the area all of her life. On March 1, 1957, she was married to Donald Paul, Sr., whom also preceded her death on May 11, 2011.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca (Robin) Pflugshaupt of Hamlet; one son, Donald (Rita) Paul, Jr. of Delphi; seven grandchildren, Aerial (Greg) Roland, Amy Pflugshaupt, Fawn Paul, Adam (Jill) Pflugshaupt, Darren (Erica) Paul, Ashley Paul, and Dustin Paul; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, Everett Rice; and one sister, Carol (Rice) Louderback.

Mabel was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church where she was also a Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Ladies Aid, was the leader of the Cloverleaf 4-H club for 41 years, a 4-H Junior Leader Advisor, a member of the Starke County 4-H Fair Board, the Starke County 4-H Extension Board, the Starke County Livestock Committee, PCARET, a substitute teacher at Oregon-Davis Schools, was presented with the Starke County Fair Board

President's Award in recognition for her many years of volunteer service, received an award for 40 years of service as a 4-H Leader at the 2015 Indiana State Fair, and received countless awards for her service and dedication to 4-H. She was in charge of the farrowing barn on the family farm for years and was known as Grandma Mabel to the entire community. Mabel had the biggest loving heart and always made her family her number one priority.

Visiting hours will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. CDT Friday, August 26th at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. CDT Saturday, August 27th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hamlet where visiting hours will also be held an hour before the funeral. In lieu of flowers the family would like memorial contributions to be made to the Mabel and Don Paul, Sr. Scholarship Fund which is currently being developed and in care of the family.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ You will forever more be missed dear Mabel. You will always have a place in our hearts. Love The Radtke Family!

Doug&Margaret Radtke - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. She will be missed.

Cheryl Bragg - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

BS

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers to everyone

Barbara Stafford - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

CM

“ I'll never forget you Mrs. Mabel

Cassie Milner - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

BY

“ So sorry to hear this. She was one of the sweetest people I've ever met.

Brian Yankauskas - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

BC

“ The times our families spent together when we were kids are some of my favorite memories. Your Mom was always a happy part of that. My sincerest condolences, send our prayers and keeping your family in my thoughts.

Bobby Cunningham - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

LK

“ Whenever I think of Mabel, I think of 4H. She was wonderful to all kids. You have my deepest sympathy.

Lois Kensinger - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

TB

“ I know Mabel was very involved in this community and did a lot for young people here. I especially appreciated how she made my middle son feel special on the basketball team even though he wasn't a starting player. Then she continued through the years beyond graduation. When someone blessed your child, it is truly priceless. I will miss her.

Tina Marie Baughman - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

RU

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. She was always so kind. She was an Angel here on earth.

Robin (Harris) Umbaugh - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

DD

“ Thoughts and prayers to family and friends of Mabel. Many great memories of her from Sunday School to 4-H...a beautiful, outstanding role model and soul. Miss you Ms Mabel.

Dyania Dickeson-Palm - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

MY

“ Grovertown may have lost an angel, but heaven gained another. She was like a second mother to my dad and his brothers as they grew up next door as kids. I have hunted my grandparents' place next door to her's since 1987 and her place since 1999. I used to enjoy the evening silence being broken by Don yelling at the horse or pigs from my tree stands within four hundred yards of their back door. After Don passed I'd then hear Mabel calling nightly for the dog. I shared many conversations with her over the years between the house and the barn and last fall she was as sharp as a tack. She had a beautiful soul. There isn't another that will be so missed in this small part of God's world as this fine woman. Thanks for sharing your memories with me. I can't wait to see you again. Tell Don that ND's football player's better get their act together or Navy will beat them again.

Mike Yakimicki - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

PH

“ I remember working with Mabel for many years with 4H. She was a gem. RIP Mabel. My condolences to the family.

Pam Heim - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

NM

“ I first met Mable at a 4-H Conference what a Lady. We became friends almost from the first Hello! I appreciated her honesty and her quick wit. We had some great times at both her fair and mine. 4-H had always been her life right behind her family and her God. She was a wonderful cook and loved sharing it with others, My husband served on the Co-op Board of Directors under Don's guidance and he too learned to appreciate Mable and Don as very fine people. They were a very special couple. Our sympathy to the family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Nancy Martin - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

SR

“ My deepest condolences, and prayers for your entire family. I last talked to your Mom in April, and it was such a nice time. I'm sorry for your loss. She touched so many people's lives.

Susie Rowles - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

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Susie Rowles - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

HU

“ So sad to hear of Magnificent Mabel's passing. May God bless and comfort you and your family in your time of sorrow.

Holly Barrett Urschaltz - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

KD

“ My deepest sympathy to Mabel's family. I enjoyed working with her during my time as the County Extension Educator in the late 1990s. What an asset she was to the youth of Starke County and to the Extension office.

Karen DeZarn - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

BD

“ My family met Mabel through 4-H as did so many others in our community. Mabel always had an encouraging word for all of "her kids" and knew how to handle the ornery ones. I've always loved her no nonsense approach to dealing with all of them. Mabel remembered my kids' birthdays, and seeing her or Don come up the driveway with a plate of fresh-baked cookies for them on their big day was a common theme. Mabel has been family to us for many years even though we weren't truly related. When Don died, I was honored to help her through some difficult tasks and treasured the time she and I spent together. Her passing leaves a hole in my heart. She is home with Don now, but we are sure going to miss her....and one last time, Mabel, "No, you are not bothering me!" I'm going to miss those calls that always started out with that question. :-) RIP Grandma Mabel.

Betty Dotlich - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

AC

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. Mabel was such a special and wonderful lady. I loved her so much she could always make you smile or laugh by just being herself! I was Amy's 4-H camp counselor many years ago and she always made sure she would let me know how Amy was doing when I would see her at the doctors office.. My heart is broken for you entire family, but I smile thinking of her and DP being together again and I am sure they are both nagging the other one to make up for lost time! May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you. Amy (Runkle) Calvert

Amy Calvert - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

KB

“ Donny & Becky, I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I remember your mom attending all our sporting events along with my mom so many years ago. These were good times. I hope you are comforted in the knowledge your mom & dad are together once again. My prayers are with your families.

Kenneth Boyle - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

VR

“ Sympathy to the family

Vicky Reetz - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

DF

“ Oh such a sweet lady. Always devoting her time to get beloved 4-H kids. You will be missed.

Doug & Paulette Sinn family - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

JF

“ Becky and Family, So sorry for your loss. Mabel was one of the nicest, most caring person I knew. We may have been gone for 20+ years but when we were back in Indiana and we would see her, she remained warm and caring. She was a terrific Sunday School teacher for Angela, who grew up to do the same thing. She had a good foundation and role model. God's peace to you all. I know Mabel will be greatly missed. She was greatly loved by many. Love, Jane Fosler and family.

Jane Fosler - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

CF

“ *Becky, I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was like a second mom to us girls when we were in high school. She was a loving and wonderful person. My thoughts, love, and prayers are with you. Cindy*

Cindy Finley - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

BP

“ *Becky, your mother was such a sweet lady! It's no wonder she was loved by so many. The last time I saw her was in Martin's Supermarket in Plymouth about a year ago. I thought she looked like I always remembered her - with a smile on her face. I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish her memory. Barbara James Pearson*

Barbara (James) Pearson - June 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM

PK

“ *Mabel is a 4-H legend throughout Northwest Indiana and she leaves behind an amazing legacy of developing important life skills in youth. Her influence will be felt for generations!*

Patty Keating - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

EK

“ *Becky So sorry for your loss. She was a great lady. I looked forward to Father's Day when she passed out her cookies.*

Edward Kuhns - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

ER

“ *So sorry to hear of Mabel's passing. I am so glad I had a chance to visit with her at Fashion Revue. She was quite a gal!! I appreciated her friendship a lot.*

Emily Remster - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

CB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mabel's passing. She was a great lady. I enjoyed working with her while in Starke Co. We stayed in touch for many years after. I always enjoyed seeing her at the P-CARET meetings in Indy. She will be missed.

Cathy Burkett - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

SH

“ To the Paul Family:So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts!!!Shawn Harley and family

Shawn Harley - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ Becky, Robin and Donnie, so sorry to here about your mom's passing. She always made everyone feel welcome and had time for everyone. Her and your dad made a perfect team. She will truly be missed. Tony and Sherri Triplet

April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

SR

“ Dear Becky and Family, I wanted to write and tell you how sorry I was to hear of your mom's passing. My mom died July 10 so I know how your heart must be breaking. Mabel sure was bigger than life and a true proponent for the 4-H program. I enjoyed being with her and I feel she has motivated me to be a strong 4-H leader and to be involved. Praying that today is a day to share, laugh and remember the best of your mom. Praying for you. Sharon Richie

Sharon Richie - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

CM

“ Dear Paul Family So very sorry to read of Mabel's passing. She had a heart of gold and was a true leader of many. I knew her from many years ago when I had a store in downtown Plymouth and she bought many items. Whenever I ran into her she was still very friendly and caring. Treasure your memories. Cindy Martin Milner

Cindy Martin Milner - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

FV

“ I delivered flowers for 4h a couple times.she took me down to the gas station and bought me coffee and a donut.she wouldn't tell me how old she was.shereminded me of my grandma .rely neat lady.made my day

Fred Vlietstra - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM

MC

“ I am sorry to learn of your mother's death. She was my first cousin on your Grandmother Geneva's side. None of us cousins to your mother on the Malott side knew of Mable's passing. I just found this information after my letter to Mable was returned by the Postal Service last week. I have many fond childhood memories of Mable, Everett and Carol. Carol and I were the same age. We lived in Macy until my father died in 1959. Then we moved to Tucson where we lived near Grandma and Grandpa Malott. There are 3 of us granddaughters born 1 month apart the same year, Kathy being the 3rd one.May God give you comfort in your grief.

Mary Ellen Sloan, maidenname Creek - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ I always admired this wonderful,giving lady. My sympathy to the family.

August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM