



Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein

June 6, 1926 - September 4, 2022

WALKERTON – Pauline L. “Polly” (Matz) Klopfenstein passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 4, 2022 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth following an illness. She was born on June 6, 1926 in Teegarden to George A. and Dottie (Skiles) Matz. She was 96 years-old at the time of her death.

Pauline was a Walkerton resident since 1945. On November 10, 1946 she was married to her high school sweetheart, Edward R. Klopfenstein who preceded her in death on March 4, 1982. She retired from the US Postal Service in Walkerton after 41 ½ years. She used her musical talents to bring joy to others and has been pianist and organist at the First Brethren Church in Teegarden since 1980. Pauline served as Assistant Treasurer for the church and was a member since 1934. She was a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #189, Walkerton, and was the musician for over 60 years. She was a past member of the 8/40 of the Auxiliary. Her hobby was collecting music and she was happy if she could locate a song for anyone who asked. She played for area nursing homes and senior centers. Pauline was the Treasurer of the USS Enterprise CV-6 Association since 1982, the ship her husband served during WWII. She was named “Woman of the Year” by the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce in the 1970’s and served on the Morris Cemetery Board. Most of all she loved her family equally and her best joy in life was to be her children’s mother.

She is survived by two daughters Marsha (William McAbee) Cogle and Donna (Bill Ray) Dupras; three grandchildren Aaron (Kristen) Rushton, Korry Rushton, and James E. Tanner; three great grandchildren Christina, Victoria, and Ryan; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son Michael Klopfenstein; two sisters Goldie Simmons and Esther Peer; and two brothers Harold and George "Slats" Matz.

Visiting hours will be from 11:00 A.M. EDT to 1:00 P.M. EDT on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at Rannells Funeral Home Koontz Lake Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 P.M. EDT following the visitation on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Morris Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Walkerton, IN 46574
rannellsfh@mchsi.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
(574) 586-2120
rannellsfh@mchsi.com
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP 13 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs Klopfenstein always wanted to thank me for doing her tax return by bringing me donuts. She was always interested in hearing about my boys every year when she came in. Will be sad not seeing her coming in again this year.

Dustin - February 09, 2023 at 09:26 PM

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“ Polly and family - there are so so so many memories we have shared. Mine are from adolescent years and now into my 70's (!!!) with the most recent being my visit to Polly's home in June 2021, accompanied by Bob, all the way from San Antonio, TX. POLLY was like a 'favorite aunt' always and the veterans of WWII and USS Enterprise CV-6 she frequently represented were always like my 'favorite uncles'; we 'kids' all like cousins - as I accompanied dad Bill Hay, and later Nancy, to those National reunions in states near and far plus the USS ENTERPRISE CV6 Assoc. Midwest Reunions held during the 'off' years in Plymouth IN. POLLY coordinated so so much for us, registered new members, found old ones, corresponded with all. We loved her and we knew she loved us. Polly was NOT just our Enterprise CV6 Association's Treasurer - she was our TREASURE for 68 of her 96 years. Polly, you'll be missed but never ever forgotten. The CV6 reunions may have ceased here on earth in 2011 but the gathering of those 'ol Salts and Souls in Heaven grows and grows. "Fair winds and following seas" are yours now, sweet lady. As you always said, and now we say to you - "With Enterprise Love",
Grace (Ann) Hay NEIE
PS - I'll be making your banana cookies soon!

Grace Hay Neie - September 12, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.*



September 11, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Polly, you were a very special lady and we all mourn your loss 🙏 Anna Anderson*



Anna Anderson - September 11, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.*



September 11, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.*



September 09, 2022 at 11:40 PM

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“ Mike and Peggy Kenyon and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.



Mike and Peggy Kenyon and family - September 09, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.



September 09, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.



September 09, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ 72 Nibblers Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.



September 09, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pauline L. "Polly" Klopfenstein.*



September 07, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Mama and I had the best laughs over a nice glass of Manischewitz every time she would visit Seattle. I will miss you dearly mama. I will always carry our memories close to my heart. Love you!*



*Your friend
Mark*

Mark Vargas - September 07, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ *Polly was one of my Volunteers at Miller's Merry Manor when I worked there, I love that lady. She was always willing to help out in any way. So sorry to hear of her passing. Judy Zahrn-Hoover*

Judy Zahrn-Hoover - September 07, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, our dear Pauline. You are so loved.*

Diane Johnson - September 07, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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“ *My Aunt Polly decided to help 5 year old me say my r's. I couldn't get my tongue to roll! She laughed, got me to laugh too cause i wasn't threatened. She was just a happy soul, ready with positive vibes.*



Vickie - September 07, 2022 at 10:19 AM