



## Paula Jean Birge

October 24, 1951 - June 25, 2024

Paula Jean Birge, of Beech Grove, Indiana died on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Paula was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Beech Grove. She was born October 24, 1951 in Richmond, Indiana to Harvey Lamar and Genevieve Alice Launer. Paula married John E. Birge, May 6, 1972 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sister, Sandra Kay Tutrow. She is survived by her daughter, Julie Anne (Gregory) Beeson; son, Vincent Lamar Birge (Amber); sisters, Cynthia Launer (Kathy), Deborah Launer, and her twin sister, Pamela Launer (Rick); ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Paula worked in the dental field for over 40 years. After retirement she enjoyed her part-time work as a fitness instructor and greenhouse worker. Over the years Paula loved to host family and friends for cookouts, holidays and birthdays. She was an excellent cook and host. John and Paula had a loving marriage of almost 46 years and were always together. She loved tending to her flowers and plants around her home. She was also an avid quilt maker, and made quilts for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, which are very treasured. She loved to spend time with her friend, Dotty Bonadies making quilts and talking. Paula loved a good cup of coffee and a good conversation.

Paula had a devout faith that nurtured and sustained her throughout her life.

Paula and John loved to travel around Indiana to Shipshewana, Metamora, and the Covered Bridge Festival. She was known to spend days making pumpkin rolls and buckeyes to hand deliver to her family, friends, and former co-workers during the Christmas season. Paula truly treasured her children and grandchildren, and they will always have loving and cherished memories of her. All who knew Paula have been touched by her love and kindness. Visitation will be Monday, July 8, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 East Thompson Road. A Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Name Catholic Church will be announced at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
3333 E. Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
(317) 783-3315  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Memorial Mass

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holy Name Catholic Church  
89 North 17th Street  
Beech Grove, IN 46107

# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Birge.*



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July 08, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *Deborah Launer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Birge.*

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**Deborah Launer** - July 07, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *Love you dearly my sweet sister.*

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**Cynthia Launer** - July 06, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *Rick and Pamela. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paula Jean Birge.*



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**Rick and Pamela.** - July 02, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Birge.



July 02, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ So hard to lose a dear friend. I'll always remember the good times we shared like our brown county trips and breakfast outings. Reminiscing about when we worked at Steer Inn in high school always brings a smile to my face. You will be so missed! Love Patty

Patty Surenkamp - June 29, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Birge.



June 28, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ Pam and Paula were great friends in grade school and high school. I took my first airplane trip to Chicago with Pam and Paula. I worked along side Paula at Harold's Steer Inn in the late 60's. Paula gave my husband of 52 years my phone number in high school, thus starting a long love story for us. Pat and I are so saddened to hear of Paula's passing. May your loving memories and your faith carry Paula's family through these next difficult days. I know our fond memories will. Love and prayers to the Birge and Launer families.

Debbie Dillon - June 27, 2024 at 10:33 PM

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“ *Judy and Brad Irish family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paula Jean Birge.*



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**Judy and Brad Irish family** - June 27, 2024 at 08:11 PM

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“ *Such a beautiful auntie inside & out, I should have visited more, I will always treasure the warmth u showed me growing up, the hugs, that smile, & ur love pats!!!! Prayers to family & friends, love Tina*



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**Tina Birge** - June 26, 2024 at 08:26 PM