



## Paula Kathleen Gerdes

August 19, 1952 - November 14, 2022

Paula Gerdes, 70, of Spirit Lake passed away on Monday, November, 14, 2022, at the Spencer Hospital in Spencer, IA.

A celebration of life for Paula will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com) Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home, formerly the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Paula Kathleen Gerdes was born on August 19, 1952, to Robert and Bette (Beck) Barfoot in Estherville, IA. After earning her GED, she attended Iowa Lakes Community College studying Social Work. She worked in the lakes area in greenhouses doing what she loved, tending to plants and flowers. She was united in marriage to Larry Gerdes in June of 1986.

In her free time you could find Paula outdoors tending her garden, flowers and plants. She enjoyed doing crafts and collecting dragons, crystals and Fairies.

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Left to cherish her memory is her husband Larry Gerdes of Spirit Lake; son Troy (Sara) Barfoot of Winter Park, FL; daughter Carissa McCoy of Spirit Lake, IA, grandchildren Keira and Marcus McCoy; brother Michael Barfoot of St. Augustine, FL; and her sister Colleen (Michael) Dennert of Lake Park, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Zachary Gerdes, brother Tom Barfoot and her niece Angie Jostand.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Paula's name

and sent to:

Carissa McCoy

1757 260th Ave.

Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Julie Kaatz lit a candle in memory of Paula Kathleen Gerdes*



Julie Kaatz - January 08, 2023 at 03:15 PM

DB

“ *Paula was more than my best friend, she was more like a sister. I will truly miss her. She taught me a lot over the 40+ years we knew each other. She was a great cook, could bake and decorate cookies like nobody else! She was smart, caring, just all around a wonderful person. Make good use of those Fairy Wings Paula, you have earned them. Fly high!!!!*



Deb Bowers - December 23, 2022 at 06:14 AM

DD

“ *Our love goes out to the family of Paula. She was such a wonderful woman. She always made me feel so included. So so sorry to hear of her passing away.*



Diane Daws - December 10, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CW

“ Paula was a beautiful person inside and out. Have many great memories with her. She taught me to play Cribbage and make gravy! I'm so sorry to hear of her passing and my thoughts are with her family.

CHERYL WALTMAN - November 22, 2022 at 12:07 PM

 Christine Baker

“ She was so creative...not only could she cook but she could grow beautiful plants sharing many of them, she made so many beautiful treasured gifts for many (her Christmas cookies were the best!) and there was always a place waiting at her table for a cup of coffee and a listening ear if needed. I bet she is making the most of those "fairy" wings. Fly high Paula! Love and hugs to all her family, Larry, Troy and Sara, Carissa and kids, Coke, Mike...

Christine Baker - November 17, 2022 at 08:39 AM

LL

“ Lisa Studer Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Paula Kathleen Gerdes



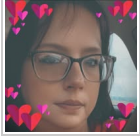
Lisa Studer Lloyd - November 16, 2022 at 09:51 PM

JJ

“ James R. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Paula Kathleen Gerdes



James R. Jackson - November 16, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Mandy Rae lit a candle in memory of Paula Kathleen Gerdes*



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**Mandy Rae** - November 15, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of Paula Kathleen Gerdes*



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**Fred Kaminska** - November 15, 2022 at 06:17 PM



*So sorry to hear, Paula was such a sweet woman. Prayers.*

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**Julie Wells** - November 16, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *I have known Paula for many, many years - what a beautiful, kind, and gracious woman..... always thinking of family and friends before herself. Hugs and good thoughts to you Larry and all of your Family!! RIP, Paula.*

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**Marci Stoller** - November 15, 2022 at 05:56 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Paula's passing. She had just made me a birthday cake and some of her famous (to me) cranberry salad. What a wonderful cook she was!! She will be very much missed. My heart goes out to Larry, Carissa, Troy and Coke...and all of her family and friends.

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**Dee Dee McCoy** - November 15, 2022 at 05:26 PM

LK

“ Hugs and prayers to all of Paula's family. ❤️🙏

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**Linda Klein** - November 15, 2022 at 09:41 AM