



Paulette Kaye Walker

August 21, 1948 - January 16, 2022

Paulette Kaye Walker, 73, of Avon, passed away January 16, 2022 at IU Health West Hospital. She was born August 21, 1948 in Indianapolis and was the daughter of Ruth Evelyn Carson and Cecil Norval Huffman, Jr.

She is survived by her loving husband, Howard David Walker (Dave), children Christopher David Walker (Lisa), Whitestown, Chad Andrew Walker (Elizabeth), Danville, Kerri Anne Walker Storey (Stan), Indianapolis, grandchildren Sarah Elizabeth Walker, Julia Christine Walker, Addison Delane Walker, Isaac David Walker, Andrew Timothy Walker, Elliott Rhine Storey and Elijah Walker Storey. A sister, Annette M. Hartzell (Jeff) of Greenwood and a brother Larry K. Huffman (Mary Jo) of Baltimore, Maryland, also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lynette Huffman.

Paulette's greatest joy was her family. She and her husband Dave were married 52 years (April 25, 1970). She was proud of her children and their achievements and adored her seven grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Mama." She especially enjoyed the celebration of holidays, birthdays and family vacations to Disney World, Holiday World and Gatlinburg. She was always eager to attend church and school programs and athletic events to cheer on her children and grandchildren.

Her faith in Christ drove her passion for service and helping people. She left

her imprint through volunteerism in the church and her children's schools. She loved music and was a gifted pianist and violinist, playing in the church orchestra and in special music selections. She was especially active in children's and teen's ministries. She attended Westside Church of the Nazarene for many years and was a current member of Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene. Paulette was devoted to the Church and ministered to friends and family through teaching, counseling, and mentoring.

Paulette's heart for service was reflected in her professional life as well. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work in 1994 from Indiana University at Indianapolis and became a licensed social worker in 1997. She co-authored the Growing through Loss curriculum, which was used in schools and correctional institutions across the country. She was published in Social Work Journal and Bereavement Magazine, and received several awards for her service in the field of grief and loss.

Only Heaven will reveal the untold lives touched by Paulette's service to God and others. She was a faithful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She fought the good fight, finished her course and kept the faith (2nd Timothy 4:7), and she has now heard the Savior say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23).

Calling will be from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 20, at Westside Church of the Nazarene in Indianapolis. Services will take place at 10:00 A.M. the next morning, Friday, January 21, at Westside, with interment to follow in Maple Hill Cemetery, in Plainfield.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Paulette K.

Walker.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

709 Harding St.
Plainfield, IN 46168

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Westside Church of the Nazarene
8610 W 10th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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8610 W 10th St.
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Tribute Wall

MP

“*Dave and family, Mike and I were so saddened to hear about her death. Her love for the Lord, family, and her community were so evident to us. We loved getting to know both of you Dave...spending time during our time at Westside many years ago. Just seeing her picture makes me smile. Dave and family, our prayers are with you. Love, Mike and Nancy Pyle*

Mike/Nancy Pyle - January 20, 2022 at 09:34 PM

“ (Part Two)

A Tribute to My Sister, Paulette Kaye Walker

By

Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired) Larry K. Huffman

In 1961, after our younger sister Annette came along, a shock to Paulette and I and perhaps to our parents, we loaded up our new Pontiac for a trip to California. There are two paintings by the American artist Norman Rockwell that describe this trip called “Going” and Coming.” My parents were prudent enough to take our grandmother along to keep Paulette and I separated in the backseat and although that worked to some degree, Annette made our lives difficult climbing from the front to the back seat repeatedly. Imagine for a moment a trip from Indiana to California and back with six passengers in an un-airconditioned car driving across the country. That is the definition of a bonding experience. Recently, Paulette sent me hundreds of 35mm slides that our father took during that trip and in our childhood. Many show Paulette and I, along with a very young Annette. Paulette was the keeper and champion of family memories.

We moved to Lockerbie Drive, again not far from the new “Westside” with a new house and our own bedrooms. We attended Ben Davis High School together for one of our three years, but our lives were in different spheres although we could always continue to share our school experiences and argue at the dining room table each evening. Then, Paulette met the love of her life, David and I was off to college and our lives again moved in different directions but there was always a close bond of friendship and shared experiences. After college, as I went off to the Army and while living

abroad or deployed, I would not see Paulette, David, and the new kids that came along very often but I always knew that my sister was thinking of me, praying for me and caring for me during those many years. My son Alex was born in 1992 in Germany and when Paulette found out, she immediately welcomed Alex to her family and has loved him through these many years as one of her own. Faith, family, and service. They are all connected in her life.

In our later lives we became close, talking to each other frequently and she would discuss her work of grief counseling and her assistance in healing young girls that had been abused. She had a gift for this work of service. And Paulette would always want to give me an update, with enormous pride, on Chris, Chad, and Kerri and their families and Paulette's and David's grandchildren. Faith, family, and service, again all connected. Someone once said that "the measure of a man is not in what he gains, but what he gives away" and Paulette through her faith, family, and service gave away to others her love and compassion. My sister's life was like a puzzle and when the pieces of faith, family, and service are put together, that image of a puzzle is a beautiful piece of art and reflects her wonderful 73 years of life.

Paulette's life is reflected in the words of the 17th Century English poet and minister George Herbert in his poem, The Call.

The Call

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life,
Such a Way, as gives us breath.
Such a Truth, as ends all strife,
Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength,
Such a Light, as shows a feast.
Such a Feast, as mends in length,
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart,
Such a Joy, as none can move.
Such a Love, as none can part,
Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

Larry K. Huffman - January 20, 2022 at 07:12 PM

TS

What a beautiful, meaningful, and well-written tribute.

Tom Sproles - January 20, 2022 at 07:31 PM

DM

What a beautiful tribute to Paulette from her wonderful brother, Larry Huffman! Paulette was so very proud of Larry and his service to the military!

Debbie moore - February 18, 2022 at 09:49 PM

“ (Part One)

A Tribute to My Sister, Paulette Kaye Walker

By

Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired) Larry K. Huffman

It is a solemn privilege for me to provide thoughts and memories to commemorate the life of my sister, Paulette, as she lived a full and wonderful 73 years. It is a special privilege that her service is held in the sacred, hallowed, and historic place of worship, “Westside” as this is where, in our formative years, we learned the meaning of faith, family, and service. Paulette and I started attending “Westside” when it was located on the near westside of Indianapolis, a historic structure in it own right and each Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday evening we would faithfully attend with our Mother although I admit on Wednesday there was bargaining involved which ultimately allowed us to stop at Dairy Queen on the way home.

If you look skyward at the highest beams of the “Westside” church, let me recall for you that I worked at the site of the emerging church while home from college, as a summer job nearly fifty years ago as the church was being constructed. The beams above the sanctuary are the visible symbols of a new, revived church. I recall the scaffolding that allowed the workers to fix those beams in place and it seemed as though they reached into the heavens. The congregation and families of the old “Westside” and this new “Westside” invested a great deal in Paulette and I during those formative years, whether in Sunday School, youth activities, or worship services and the values we obtained have been passed on to our families and future generations. And this is where friendships were born and nurtured that have lasted for lifetimes. Both of us rarely missed services although I admit that I slipped away one

Sunday evening, sat in the car at the back of church, and listened on the radio to the first Super Bowl in 1966. If I recall, it is one of the few times that Paulette did not inform my parents of my errant ways and I escaped with impunity.

Paulette and I grew up near the new "Westside" on Richie Street where my father, after returning from the war in 1946 and marrying our mother in 1947, built our house; a simple place with only two bedrooms. Paulette and I shared a bedroom with a pegboard in between us and that did not keep us from annoying each other until we fell asleep. We roamed Richie Street on our bicycles, made friends and admired Cloyd Boyer who lived on our street while playing for the Indianapolis Indians. He was the brother of Clete and Ken Boyer, who played for the New York Yankees and St Louis Cardinals respectively. Those years on Richie Street bring back fond memories although it seemed as though our general purpose in life was to irritate each other. Such are the seeds of brother and sister and sister bonding and love.

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Larry K. Huffman - January 20, 2022 at 07:08 PM

TF

Larry, beautiful tribute to your sister. My prayers are with you and your family.

Tom Farmer - August 22, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.*



January 20, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.*



January 20, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.*



January 19, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.*



January 19, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JJ

“ I have such amazing memories of Paulette! I grew up with her daughter Kerri. Paulette was so much fun during children's church at Westside. I remember looking for her every Sunday to get a hug. She always gave me such a big smile and hugged me tight. When I got sick, she immediately reached out and told me she was praying for me and I knew she would pray. When she told you she was praying for you, she meant it. Even after I moved away from Indiana, she would check on me. She will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm glad she is rejoicing with the Holy Spirit and singing with the angels. I will continue to keep the family in my prayers!

Jenny (Northern) Johnson - January 19, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.



January 19, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.



January 19, 2022 at 02:54 PM

NM

“ Dear Dave and family:

I was so blessed to have known Paulette. What a lovely lady! You must be very proud of her. She pulled me through a very difficult time on my way to earning a Master's degree. I am so thankful that she was willing to help me.

I'm praying for you all. I hope that you are sensing the Lord's presence with you.

Norma Rhea

II Cor. 1:2-4

Norma L. Rhea, Westside member - January 19, 2022 at 12:39 PM

KW

“ *Kristina Price & Lisa Williamson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.*



Kristina Price & Lisa Williamson - January 19, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.*



January 19, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.



January 19, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.



January 19, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *I feel extremely fortunate to have known Paulette and to have called her friend. She was a wonderful example of what a Christian woman should be. I know she is now happy in heaven but her death is such a great loss for all of us yet to make that journey.*
Rose Maria

Rose Maria Candia - January 19, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paulette Kaye Walker.



January 19, 2022 at 07:32 AM