



Paulette A. Pappenfus

February 27, 1950 - April 19, 2018

Paulette “Pinks” Pappenfus, 68, passed away on Thursday, April 19th, 2018 in her home unexpectedly as the result of an accident.

On June 2nd, 2018 a visitation will be held from 10-12pm with a memorial service to follow at 12pm. All services will be held at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Paulette compressed a lot of experiences and memories into her 68 years. She was born February 27, 1950 in Little Falls, MN to the late Eugene and Margaret (LaFond) Pappenfus. Paulette attended St. Francis Catholic school before graduating and continuing her education at St. Mary’s College in Minneapolis, where she received a degree in Child Development, specializing in developmental disabilities. Paulette had many passions in life. She loved the outdoors, teaching children, community involvement and wildlife conservation. After pursuing a variety of careers, she was drawn back to Little Falls to help with the family business.

Paulette purchased the family business from her mother and father and became the third generation to own Pap’s Sport Shop in Little Falls, MN. It was here that Paulette's interests converged and through her business, she conquered many challenges and bettered the lives of countless in the community. After working in the store for 43 years, she decided to close the

doors and retire in 2016. Paulette was so proud of the store and its recognition as one of the oldest, family owned, sporting goods stores in the county.

Paulette's commitment to community involvement allowed her to participate in many organizations including: Ducks Unlimited, Firearms Safety, MN Waterfowl Association, MN Deer Hunters Association, Morrison County Wild Turkey Federation, Pinnacle Hunting Club, Little Falls Sportsman's Club, Eastern Morrison County Sportsman's Club, Pheasants Forever, Pine Grove Zoo, Chamber of Commerce, Community Services, Big Brother - Big Sister, Morrison County Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, Little Falls Festivals & Craft Fair, Patriot Guard, Little Elk Heritage Preserve and Crane Meadows.

In recognition for her contribution to the community, Paulette received numerous awards including: "Distinguished Service award (1986)", "Outstanding Contribution award (1991)" from the Ducks Unlimited Foundation, "Outstanding Young Citizen award (1987)" Minnesota Jaycees, "Outstanding Service as a member of the Board of Directors (1999 & 2000)" Little Falls Chamber of Commerce, "Volunteer and Service Award" Crane Meadows. In 2014, she was honored to receive the State of Minnesota Firearm Safety instructor of the year.

Paulette loved spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her brother, Thomas (Ruth), sister, Mary; nieces and nephews, Christopher (Allison), Merilea (Joel), Jeremy (Jessie), Tasa (Ryan) and great nieces/nephews, Jeremiah, Anna, Ryan, Brendan, Micah, Laelia, Roan, Harper Gene and Arlo. Paulette recognized and appreciated the amazing friendships she formed, especially the friendships with Bert Lapos, Stan Christensen & Margurite Cofell. Paulette will be missed terribly by her family, friends and community.

Paulette was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Margaret Pappenfus; and brother-in-law's, John Hewitt, Myron "Duff" Leikvoll & Will Kistler.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Morrison County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 23, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ *Paulette A. Pappenfus*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



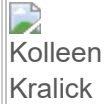
Tom Allen - January 09, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *Tom Allen lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Tom Allen - January 09, 2019 at 02:09 PM



Kolleen Kralick

“ I just found out about Paulette's passing - she and I knew each other for a couple of years when I was working for IMA in the 90s. Although we only spent a few summers together we grew very close. She helped me develop my love of the outdoors, I remember helping out a Pap's and in payment, she gave me my first .22. In spending time with her and Burt I developed a true love of the outdoors which extends today. I kept thinking I would come back to MN to see her but never was able to make the time, I regret that it is now too late. I will always cherish the canoe trips, fishing up at the cabin, hanging out at her place with Rigel (her black lab) and talking about the Indian mounds. She helped me in more ways than I can count become a better person.

~ Kolleen Kralick

Kolleen Kralick - November 13, 2018 at 11:19 AM

TL

Thank you for sharing these memories Kolleen, she is greatly missed



Tasa leikvoll - February 19, 2019 at 06:12 PM

JA

“ I just today heard of Paulette's death and I am shocked! While at different schools in town our parents were friends and it feels like she's been in my life forever. I would visit the shop whenever I was in town and always stayed longer than planned. She was one of the people who made me regret leaving Little Falls. My heart goes out to her family for their loss as they were deprived of her spirit way too soon. I will always cherish her memory as she had an impact on me that was more profound than our infrequent contacts would suggest. Rest in peace, Paulette. John Austin

John Austin - June 01, 2018 at 06:04 PM

EC

“ It's when someone whispers in your ear that an old high school friend has passed that the memories immediately begin to flood your mind. The first thing that came to my mind was her smile. We shared so many good times at St. Francis, I can only remember how she blessed my life so long ago.



Elizabaeth Croteau - May 31, 2018 at 02:19 PM



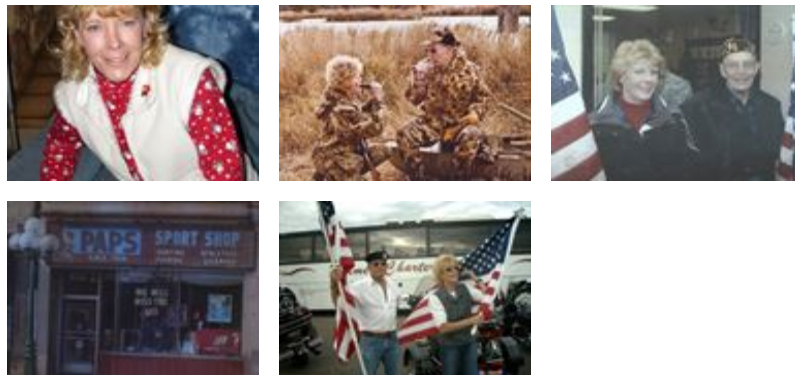
“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paulette A. Pappenfus.



May 30, 2018 at 07:24 PM



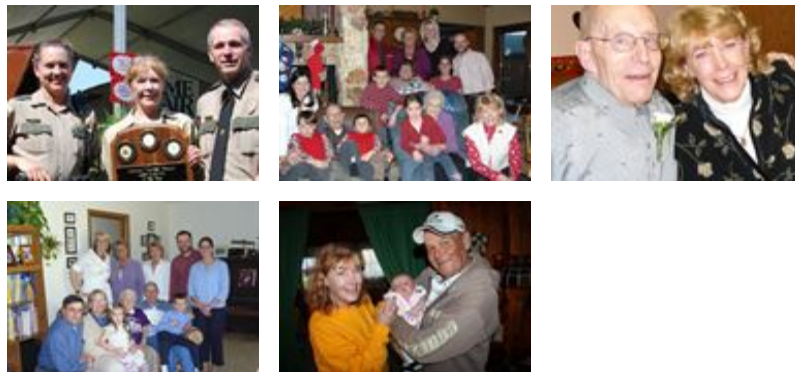
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 23, 2018 at 03:13 PM



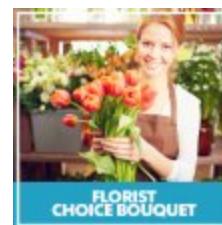
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 22, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paulette A. Pappenfus.



May 15, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Paulette's family. We have been away from MN many years however I remember going up to the cabin and cross country skiing with her, Burt and Paul when we were just youngsters. Just one of our memories.

We are deeply sadden but heaven gained a beautiful angel with her passing.

Paul&Jane Doroff



paul & jane doroff - April 28, 2018 at 05:22 PM

CV

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. Paulette and I were high school friends and acutally born the same day, same year, February 27, 1950! We hung out mostly at the lake during those high school years, Fish Trap and Alex. My memories of her energy, zest and love for whatever she cared about is lasting. Wishing the family peace with her passing. C

carol valesano - April 26, 2018 at 10:48 PM

MR

Hi Carol, It's Mary jo Ring...yes I remember those days so well. She will be missed by so many...Wonderful Memories...

mary jo ring - April 27, 2018 at 10:20 PM

CS

“ Chuck And Faye Santala lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Chuck and Faye Santala - April 26, 2018 at 01:12 PM

LK

“ *Paulette used to come to my mother's restaurant and visit me sitting in a high chair when I was a baby, she was always so positive, kind and helpful, and her brother is the same way. We did some work on her and Paulette and their mother's houses last year, and she was such a good customer. I think a good memorial for her, Bert and her family's business would be to take the sign down and put it up in the fishing museum with a plaque telling their story and showcasing her awards. I think she'd feel honored by that gesture. I will really miss her. She was a gem.*

Lucas kingkade

Lucas kingkade - April 25, 2018 at 11:31 PM

CP

Great idea. Was thinking about that sign yesterday.

cher purvis - April 26, 2018 at 12:45 PM

JW

“ *John, Julie And Rachel Witucki lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



John, Julie and Rachel Witucki - April 25, 2018 at 10:00 PM

TS

“ I was very saddened to hear of Paulette's passing. Paulette and I go back a long time to the very start of the MN Firearms Safety course taught in Little Falls through Little Falls Community Services. Paulette was not only a co-instructor for 30+ years with me in the firearms safety course, she was a valued friend. We spent many hours together in duck blinds solving life's problems or walking a variety of fields in anticipation of that pheasant rooster exploding into the air in front of us. Even though I left the Little Falls area years ago, I still looked forward to stopping in Pap's Sport Shop, reconnecting with Paulette, and finding out the latest news in Little Falls. I will miss her smiling face, her humor, and her friendship.

Tom Stapel

Tom Stapel - April 25, 2018 at 05:08 PM

LM

“ Lonnie And Bruce Marquette lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Lonnie and Bruce Marquette - April 25, 2018 at 02:50 PM

MS

“ The staff at Morrison County Animal Humane Society were deeply saddened to hear of Paulette's passing. She was always a big supporter of the homeless animals in Morrison County. We will sorely miss her visits to the shelter.

Morrison County Animal Humane Society - April 25, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DL

“ *DelRae LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



DelRae LeBlanc - April 25, 2018 at 09:59 AM

GZ

“ *What an amazing person Paulette was! Always the first to lend a hand and true supporter of our community. We will miss her infectious smile and sense of humor!*



Greg and Wendy Zylka - April 25, 2018 at 09:44 AM

DL

“ *The Zimmermann Family is sending sincere sympathy.*



Dave & Laure - April 24, 2018 at 10:50 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterschick lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Carol Peterschick - April 24, 2018 at 10:39 PM

JH

“ Joe & Stephanie Hansen lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Joe & Stephanie Hansen - April 24, 2018 at 09:30 PM

BN

“ Very sad to hear the news of Paulette's passing. She was a pleasure to work with at Community Services with gun safety training. Always so professional & friendly. I recall her as a very active & beloved member of our community. She certainly will be missed. Blessings to her family.

Bonnie Jo Nagel - April 24, 2018 at 07:26 PM

CR

“ Paulette was always a great supporter of Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of Crane Meadows. Paulette will be missed greatly.



Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge - April 24, 2018 at 04:22 PM

RA

“ Randy K. Albrecht lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Randy K. Albrecht - April 24, 2018 at 01:33 PM

LF

“ *What a shock when I heard Paulette has passed. She was truly a great person.*



Louise Frank - April 24, 2018 at 01:12 PM

MH

“ *Mike And Judy Huebner sent a virtual gift in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Mike and Judy Huebner - April 24, 2018 at 11:23 AM

JH

“ *Jim & Linda Hilmerson lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Jim & Linda Hilmerson - April 23, 2018 at 11:00 PM

RH

“ *Paulette - Thanks for making Little Falls a better place. You were always an example of community spirit!*

Ron Hinnenkamp

Ron Hinnenkamp - April 23, 2018 at 09:34 PM

LE

“ We are so very sorry for the families devastating loss of their loved one..paulette Charlie and Dianne



Ledbetters - April 23, 2018 at 08:52 PM

MR

“ Dear Tom and family, I was so shocked to here about Paulette. I remember so many good time at the lake with her and the 2 Carols...Melby and Benson. I am sure you remember them too.. You were always the adorable, smart older brother who probably frowned on some of our antics....We had friends from Brainard, Staples, Little Falls and Pierz and even a group from St. Paul that came to the Lake to hang out with us. That was the Butler brothers. My mom would just laugh at all of the different groups of people (Yes mostly boys) that would always be hanging around. I remember the day I blew up the stove at the resort while making Pizza and Paul Rogosheski and Paulette put the fire in my hair out. She will always be remembered as a loving caring fun loving person. My heart grieves for all of you and you are in my prayers...Love...Mary jo Ring

mary jo ring - April 23, 2018 at 07:19 PM

PH

“ Patti Hammerbeck lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



patti hammerbeck - April 23, 2018 at 07:01 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Connie Fenske lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Dan & Connie Fenske - April 23, 2018 at 04:21 PM

NP

“ *Nick & Melissa Prozinski lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Nick & Melissa Prozinski - April 23, 2018 at 01:42 PM

SL

“ *Steve And Anita Larsen lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Steve and Anita Larsen - April 23, 2018 at 01:31 PM

KJ

“ *Jerry and Karen Jacobson*



Karen Jacobson - April 23, 2018 at 12:45 PM

BR

“ *Paulette will be missed in this community. Her energy and interests were the beginning of many a group.*

brigidmfitzgerald - April 23, 2018 at 12:37 PM

CL

“ *We had a blast following the Bull Dogs every summer and cooking burgers right off first base. Peace & Love
Carol & Kevin*

Carol Larsen - April 23, 2018 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ *Bill And Jennifer Brunk lit a candle in memory
of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Bill and Jennifer Brunk - April 23, 2018 at 11:24 AM

MC

“ *Mike & Denise Czech lit a candle in memory
of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Mike & Denise Czech - April 23, 2018 at 11:05 AM



George Williams

“ *George Williams lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



George Williams - April 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM

SE

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Paulette's family.*

Sally Oothoudt Erickson

Sally Oothoudt Erickson - April 23, 2018 at 10:29 AM

EL

“ *So sorry she will be dearly missed by all that knew her.*



Elaine LeDoux - April 23, 2018 at 08:40 AM

SG

“ *Rest in peace Paulette.
Scott and Sheila Gardner*



Sheila Gardner - April 23, 2018 at 08:12 AM

DO

“ *Denise Opatz lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Denise Opatz - April 23, 2018 at 07:24 AM

RN

“ *Ross Norgren lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Ross Norgren - April 23, 2018 at 07:15 AM

AS

“ *Allan and Marilyn Schneider*



Allan and Marilyn Schneider - April 22, 2018 at 11:04 PM

PF

“ *Patty Fortier lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Patty Fortier - April 22, 2018 at 08:44 PM

MB

“ I always thot Paulette was so chick and so beautiful! We knew her mostly from the store add from being friends with the extended family. She was always so helpful and kind in helping get our children fitted with the equipment they needed for school sports and family fun. She was a giving person and always had a smile. I pray that her dog may recover from this great loss . She was a rock in Little Falls from the business. She will be missed by many! Marilyn Bertsch

Marilyn Bertsch - April 22, 2018 at 01:50 PM

SB

“ For over 40 years I was able to experience Paulette's friendship. I have so many fond memories of times spent together. Especially duck hunting with her and on her property. Opening of duck hunting was always a grand event with hunters galore coming and going all weekend. I will miss her immensely.

Scott Beaty - April 22, 2018 at 09:58 AM

ML

“ Mike Lommen lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Mike Lommen - April 22, 2018 at 09:56 AM

KK

“ *Kathy Kloss lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Kathy Kloss - April 22, 2018 at 09:18 AM

BA

“ *Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Bruce and Kathy Anderson - April 22, 2018 at 08:24 AM

TS

“ *Paulette was known as Pinks in High School hence the pink candle. She was intelligent, athletic and fun. She was ahead of her time in her love of sports in the 1960's. We played girls basketball at St. Francis H.S. and she liked to win. One snowy day when there was ice everywhere she gave me a ride to practice on her SkiDoo. God Bless You Always Paulette. You were and are an original. From Terri DeLane Sentell*



Terri DeLane Sentell - April 21, 2018 at 10:52 PM

FL

“ Fred & Judy Leisenheimer lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Fred & Judy Leisenheimer - April 21, 2018 at 09:32 PM

SO

“ Sandy And Bryan Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Sandy and Bryan Olson - April 21, 2018 at 08:46 PM

TB

“ The Beams lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



The Beams - April 21, 2018 at 06:32 PM

DJ

“ Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - April 21, 2018 at 06:19 PM



Thomas
Anderson

“ So sad to here about Paulette! She was a great neighbor of ours on Fish Trap Lake and will be missed Greatly.
Thomas and Sherry Anderson Family

Thomas Anderson - April 21, 2018 at 05:53 PM

AL

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. Paulette will be greatly missed by all who knew her I'm sure. She always went the extra mile for everyone.*
Al & Kathy Lindholm

Al & Kathy Lindholm - April 21, 2018 at 04:57 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Sandy Nelson - April 21, 2018 at 04:39 PM

LP

“ *Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus*



Linda Paycer - April 21, 2018 at 04:01 PM

GF

“ Gary & Suekye Fafara lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Gary & Suekye Fafara - April 21, 2018 at 03:17 PM

JH

“ Judy & Rich Herman lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Judy & Rich Herman - April 21, 2018 at 02:48 PM

SF

“ Sharon Sweeney Freudenrich lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Sharon Sweeney Freudenrich - April 21, 2018 at 02:36 PM

CA

“ Oh my. We are saddened for you loss. Our thoughts are with your family.

clay and Linda Arvidson - April 21, 2018 at 02:20 PM

JW

“ Jerry And Faye Waltman lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Jerry and Faye Waltman - April 21, 2018 at 02:05 PM

BB

“ Just one of the many picture's taken thru out the 35 years of opening of duck hunting spent with our friend. She was one of a kind, and will be truly missed.



Brad & Donna Beaty - April 21, 2018 at 01:42 PM

BB

“ Brad & Donna Beaty lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Brad & Donna Beaty - April 21, 2018 at 12:22 PM

WW

“ Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Paulette A. Pappenfus



Wendy Waltman - April 21, 2018 at 12:15 PM