



Pauline S. Shapiro

August 20, 1939 - January 3, 2021

Delmar-Pauline S. Shapiro, age 81, passed away on January 3, 2021, as a result of complications due to COVID-19.

Pauline was the dear daughter of Marjorie and John; cherished sister to Derek, Gail, Ron and her sister-in-law Anna; much-loved mother to Dara and son-in-law Josh; and adored grandmother to Michaela, the light of her life (with her favorite dog Bernie as a close second).

She was also the treasured aunt to Gina, Pauline, Kim, John, and Jennifer, along with their spouses, and her grand nieces and nephews.

Born on August 20, 1939 and raised in New York City, Pauline started dance lessons as a young girl and attended the High School of Performing Arts in Manhattan to study ballet. Her love of music and dance continued throughout her life, and she remained a favorite on the dance floor until the end.

Pauline was known for her beauty, her loud and hearty laugh, her habit of saying exactly what she thought, her love of the dogs in her life, and her

dedication to her family. She loved fiercely and unconditionally and will be missed greatly.

A service will be held in New Jersey for family members.

Memorial contributions may be made in Pauline's memory to Girl Rising, 28 Verandah Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201 or at girlrising.org

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

243 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07653
(201) 652-4300

Tribute Wall



“ *Pauline S. Shapiro*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JD

“From a loving nephew - My Father’s family is well described as a unique band of characters as individual as crayons in a box with each bringing a very unique color to the scenery. For my dearest Aunt Pauline, there was her beguiling beauty that defied her age. There was a full and boisterous laugh that did nothing to detract from her femininity but was instead polarizing and invited all around into the fun as she shared it without reserve. She had a strength of character and presence that well informed that she did not take any S*!#. In her action, she inspired the rest of us to do the same.

Dare I refer to her as iconic. Her appearance remained unchanged for as long as I can remember. Her buzz bottom and spiky top haircut was to her as Jamie Lee Curtis’ and Rod Stewart’s hairstyle is to them. And there was her wit; sharp and unforgiving. She exchanged jibes with her sibling family joke masters with ease. My Mother and I imagined my Father receiving her at the pearly gates and Aunt Pauline yelling at him, “What the heck took you so long? I was waiting out there for a half-an-hour!” To which he would jokingly reply, “I wasn’t sure they were going to let you up.” A loving brother and sister reunited and joking as they always have and entering into a place they both most assuredly deserve.

For me, I tell people she helped raise me. My Father’s family always lived close and all his siblings took a personal responsibility to share in the rearing. I am truly blessed in that regard to be so well loved and cared for. Pauline and Dara lived the closest so we saw them most often. At one point, Aunt Pauline and my Mother went to bingo 7 days a week and sometime twice on Saturday and obviously, no one got monetarily rich doing so but filled a bank of fond memories.

I am proud to share the same hearty laugh though I am admittedly not as generous with mine. I am also proud to share the same age defying good looks (wink). I am always reminded in these times of my Grandfather’s advice that we should always remember those we love with a vision of the last time we saw them laughing. How could you remember Aunt Pauline any other way.

Loving always and eternally grateful - John John

John Derek - January 12, 2021 at 09:58 AM

CA

“*Pauline and I met when we worked together in New York City and quickly became good friends. We were bowling one evening when my sister, Anna, and Pauline’s brother, Derek met. Our siblings were married about six months later making us family. I enjoyed knowing Pauline and admired her beauty, great personality and great laugh. She will be missed.*

Carmen Aguirre - January 11, 2021 at 10:55 PM

AT

“*My sister, Carmen and Pauline were friends and co-workers. When I first met Pauline, I did not like her. I thought she was a snob. Of course that did not last long. She had a beautiful face and ballerinas poise.*
They decided that I should meet Pauline’s brother, Derek at a bowling alley with a bunch of other friends (which they did not tell me)
Within months Derek and I became, as we used to say “going steady”.
Because of them, I was married to my wonderful husband Derek for 58 years before his passing.
And of course, Pauline became my best friend. We played bingo and poker and many family events which she enjoyed.
I will always remember her wonderful laugh and smile.
With much love
Anna

Anna Thompson - January 11, 2021 at 10:10 PM

KB

“ I remember my aunt Paulines laugh. Whenever we'd talk & she'd laugh, she always brought a smile to my face. I remember when she met my husband,Ralph, (God bless his soul) it was as if they knew eachother, they clicked so fast. Whenever time would pass & they'd see eachother again, they'd have long conversations, it was as if they were catching up. My aunt loved her daughter Dara & granddaughter Michaela unconditionally, they had an amazing bond. When Dara moved from NJ to Delmar NY, shortly after, Pauline moved from NJ to be close to them. My aunt was so protective of her daughter & granddaughter,they were her life. She is now with her brother Derek & ma & dad, as we called them. Every spring, Derek,ma & dad come to visit my mom, Paulines sister, Gail, and now my aunt will be joining them. She will be watching over Dara & Michaela, continuing to protect them & help them to remain strong, during this difficult time. She will always be close by Dara & Michaelaa, believe me. Aunt Pauline, I'm sorry it had been a while since I last saw you. Thank you for being you,I love you & you will forvever be in my heart. Rest in Peace.We miss you.



Kim Monique Briscoe - January 10, 2021 at 10:51 PM

JP

“ I have a lot of memories, but one that I cherish is when we went to visit you at Dara's house and my children Dylan and Caitlan were at the house and my daughter asked Michaela if she could play the Cello. As we were in the livingroom Michaela was trying to teach Cait how to play and Aunt Pauline you looked on with such pride, such happiness. I'm happy you got to meet my children and they got to spend time with you! We love you and miss you ❤️

Jennifer M. Perelli - January 10, 2021 at 07:43 PM

PA

“ My dear beautiful Aunt Pauline, there are so many wonderful family memories of our time together to mention only one. From the many holidays to birthdays to other family events we shared with you, Dara and the rest of the family, it seems like a lifetime ago that we were sitting in my mom and dad’s living room, gathered around the couch while you were making us all laugh as loud as possible. I remember your wonderful laugh that was so infectious, it could bring a smile to anyone’s face. You were an amazing aunt to my children and I. I’ll never forget the many talks we had along with the advice and laughter we shared. I will treasure those times. I love you and I will miss you.

Love

Pauline Ann

Pauline Ann Amarini - January 10, 2021 at 05:26 PM

GT

“ Gail Thompson lit a candle in memory of Pauline S. Shapiro



Gail thompson - January 10, 2021 at 04:26 PM

GT

One of my favorite memories of my sister Pauline is watching her perform a ballet of the dying swan from the ballet swan lake at Carnegie hall. You could hear a pin drop. She had the stage and also the attention of everyone in the audience. Celebrities came from all over and my sister was the STAR. I love you always!

Gail thompson - January 10, 2021 at 04:39 PM

KA

“ Aunt Pauline,
Although you were not technically my aunt, you WERE my Aunt Pauline because you were Uncle's Derek adored sister and rightfully so. You were so impressive with your beauty and personality that I admired as little girl and still to this day. I loved you for the warmth you made feel and for being much-loved and popular among everyone. I will forever remember you with such adoration. And of course, I will remember your trademark laugh! God bless you forever!
Love, Karla

Karla Aguirre - January 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KB

I remember my aunt Paulines laugh, a laugh that if you were in a conversation with her would bring a smile to your face. I remember when she met my husband Ralph (God bless his soul) its like they knew eachother for years, they clicked right away. They always had long conversations whenever they saw one another. She was beautiful. She loved her daughter Dara and granddaughter Michaela so much and when Dara moved from NJ, Pauline was right there with her, they had an amazing bond. She will be missed by everyone but now she's with her parents, ma & dad, as we called them & her brother Derek & she'll be here in the springtime as ma, dad & Derek are, to visit my mom and Dara & Michaela. She is watching over both of you, Dara & Michaela more than ever before, so stay strong. I love you aunt Pauline & u r 4ever in my heart.

Kim Monique Briscoe - January 10, 2021 at 08:50 PM

GL

“ There are many memories that I can share of Auntie Paulini. On a serious note, I can share that I am thankful that she welcomed me into her home with Dara when I was moving into New Jersey. I stayed there for a very short time while I searched for a place of my own. We did a lot of laughing and enjoyed each others company but no, I did not find Bingo to be my thing. Lol! When Vince and I would visit, we laughed until we cried. One thing about Pauline is that she loved her daughter Dara very much. She was her fierce protector. When Michaela was born, Pauline had a new love to protect. The three of them shared a loving bond. We will all miss Pauline but have lots of memories to keep her alive in our hearts.



Gina Lancellotti - January 09, 2021 at 05:27 PM

FF

“ On behalf of my sister, Ena-Mae and I (Fitz-John) and our extended families in Jamaica and the U.S., we wish to express our sincere and heartfelt condolences at this difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that we wish you all moments of peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.

Fitz-John Foster - January 09, 2021 at 05:26 PM

YA

“ My dear Titi Pauline. Your booming laughter will always remain in my memories and bring a smile. I am sending to you a big tight hug like the ones you always gave. Thank you for being part of my life, our families life. Siempre te amaremos Titi.

Yady - January 09, 2021 at 12:04 PM