



Paula Podeschi (Hager)

February 25, 2026

Paula Podeschi (Hager), of Sarasota, was called up to heaven on February 25, 2026. She was born in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1956. She was preceded in death by her parents James Anthony Podeschi and MaryJane Furlong of Taylorville, Illinois.

Paula truly made the world a better place. She loved people and putting others' needs before her own, came naturally to her. She enjoyed her working years and was a valued employee for more than 18 years with the state of Illinois Driver's License Facility in Taylorville. Paula was also a friendly favorite clerk at the Earth Origins Health Food Store in Sarasota, for over ten years, until her retirement in 2023.

Paula was gifted with many talents and was very artistic, an excellent golfer, cook and always offered the warmest of hospitality. She loved the outdoors, the beach and taking care her family and beloved pets. Paula liked to eat out and go to the movies. She especially enjoyed comedies and often shared her wit and laughter with those around her. Her favorite place to be was with family.

Paula left behind a large family of loved ones and friends near and far who will all cherish her memory. Left behind to treasure Paula's memory are sisters Patrice and Cathy, one brother Tony, nieces Gianna, Karli, Emily and Anna;

great nieces and nephews Lauren, Wilson, Vince, Lincoln, Molly, Daniel, Mateo, Charlotte, Luke, Eden, and Evan; loved ones Erica, Alex, and L.J. and so many other dear friends and family near and far.

She leaves behind an everlasting legacy of Love, joy, patience, kindness and goodness. She was a blessing from our Father God.

A private graveside service and burial is planned and any memorial services to be held, will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Paula's honor to the Humane Society online at www.hssc.org/

Tribute Wall

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“ I am thankful that the Lord blessed me with the gift of knowing Paula in this life. She was a bright spot in my day everytime I went to Earth Origins. She was a beacon of love and light to all who knew her! Rejoicing in the day that I will see her again in heaven 💜🕊️🙏

Teresa Bauer - April 30 at 10:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Podeschi (Hager).

March 13 at 03:24 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Paula Podeschi (Hager).



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“ One of the sweetest people I have ever known. We were able to chat recently and she always reminded me that she loved me. Loved her dearly. ❤️

Liz Hager - March 07 at 06:07 PM

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“ *I will forever miss my best friends laugh and how she made me laugh. She was just the sweetest! My love goes out to her family as she will be so missed!* ”



Veronica L Tex - March 07 at 01:38 PM