



Paula Fitzgerald Wray

January 23, 1938 - February 12, 2022

Paula Fitzgerald Wray passed from her earthly home to her Heavenly one on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Life Care Center in Centerville, Tennessee. Paula was born on January 23, 1938 to the late Arthur and Bonnie Fitzgerald in Washington DC, where she was also raised. She lived 80 of her 84 years in the DC area.

Paula is survived by two sons; Lawrence Ryan (Gian) and Steven Ryan; five stepchildren Kenneth Wray Jr. (Janet), Donald Wray (Irene), Frank Wray (Becky), Janis Ellsworth (Warren, deceased), and Kathryn Wray; 22 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sister Gloria Spicer (Jack, deceased); nephews Kevin Spicer and Brian Spicer; and dear devoted friend Jane Heishman.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 11 years, Gerald Ryan; her second husband of 32 years, Kenneth Wray Sr.; stepson Michael Wray; and great-granddaughter Valerie Joy Ryan.

Paula was a born storyteller and loved to make people laugh. When she was widowed with two little boys, she was admirably deliberate in cultivating family life, which included supper around the table each evening and watching the Washington Redskins play on Sundays. She worked to provide for them and eventually put them through college at Virginia Tech. Paula enjoyed her career

as a medical technician in Washington DC area hospitals and medical laboratories.

In retirement she loved traveling with her husband, Ken, and spending time with her family and friends. While on a cruise with their respective husbands, her sister Gloria commented, "Paula, do you have to meet everybody?" And yes, indeed, Paula did. She loved interacting with people until her dying day.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife and mother, a faithful friend, and a grandma with spunk.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 18 at 3:00 pm at Heritage Church, 10309 Mill Hollow Road, Centerville, Tennessee. Funeral service will follow at 4:00 pm.

Paula will be buried with her late husband Ken, US Navy, Retired at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia at a later date.

Paula's family would like to give special thanks to Life Care in Centerville for their compassionate love and care for Paula, and to McDonald Funeral Home for the exceptional way they bring honor and dignity to the end of life.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Church
Centerville , TN 37033

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Paula was responsible for me meeting and eventually marrying my husband. I loved being with she and Ken at their home in Potomac, Md. They were both loyal and dedicated friends of mine. I’m sure all of her friends will miss her wonderful laugh. And yes, she loved to get acquainted with new people.* ”

Cynthia Miner - March 21, 2022 at 01:39 PM

GP

“ *We all went to Alaska together and had a beautiful three week cruse and land trip . most memorable!
Ken and Paula are together at last!* ”

Geraldine Parent - February 18, 2022 at 09:40 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Parent lit a candle in memory of
Paula Fitzgerald Wray* ”



Geraldine Parent - February 18, 2022 at 09:31 PM

MZ

“ *Melanie And Jon Zeitz lit a candle in memory
of Paula Fitzgerald Wray* ”



Melanie and Jon Zeitz - February 18, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of Paula Fitzgerald Wray* ”



Sheila Chance - February 15, 2022 at 03:25 PM