



Paula K. Garner

November 30, 1948 - November 7, 2025

Paula Kay Garner, age 76, of Holly, MI, passed away peacefully at home on November 7, 2025. She was born on November 30, 1948, in Flint, MI to Roy and Ella Lively. She was a devoted wife for 53 years, a mother (and bonus mom) of a total of 6 children. She enjoyed fencing while in high school, horseback riding in her younger years, bowling, playing euchre, camping with her kids when they were young, watching movies (especially the spooky kind), antiques, going to garage sales, and playing slot machines the casino in hopes to win it big.

Paula worked many jobs when she was younger but found her passion back in the late 70's when she went to work for the State of Michigan Family Independent Agency. She continued her career for the next 25 years helping families less fortunate and retired in October 2002 to spend more time with her husband. In retirement, Paula, spent all her free time with her grandchildren, for the last 20 plus years, she devoted herself to making sure that she was a prominent figure in her grandchildren's lives. Paula's favorite holiday was Christmas. During Christmas she loved making memories with her grandchildren, so they would remember her for the rest of their lives. Paula loved watching her grandkids grow, play, and develop into fine young adults.

Paula is survived by her loving husband Earl of Holly, MI, their three children:

Kirk(Ann) Garner of Waterford, MI, Jennifer Garner of White Lake, MI, and Kevin Garner, address unknown; her three Stepchildren: Carl(Robin) Garner of Holly, MI, Wayne Garner of Magnolia, AR, and Brenda(Matt Matthews) Garner of Phoenix, AZ. Her 9 grandchildren: Kassi(Michael), Corey(Kayleigh), Jordan(Amanda), Jamey(Macy), Kaitlyn, Tyrus, Ryleigh, Briannamarie, Hailie; and her 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Roy and mother Ella Lively, and sister Karen Lively-Hoy-Smith, along with several other extended family.

A celebration of life will be held at the Holly VFW Hall 201 Airport Dr Holly, MI 48442 on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Holly VFW Hall. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Holly VFW
201 Airport Dr.
Holly, MI 48442

Tribute Wall



“ *First met Paula when I went to work at DSS in 1980. I always considered her a friend and will miss her. I know she is in a better place.*

David Russell - November 13, 2025 at 03:14 PM

KH

“ *Kate Humphries purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Paula K. Garner.*



Kate Humphries - November 12, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ *Prayers to family and friends. Had fun bowling with you Janette should say agents your team . Love Sally*



Sally Stotler - November 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM

TF

“ *Our sincere condolences for your loss.*

The Rhoades Families - November 11, 2025 at 09:39 AM

CT

“ *Clark T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula K. Garner.*

Clark T. - November 11, 2025 at 08:23 AM

JP

“ So sorry Earl. I know Paula made you happy. I remember the sweet kid who lived behind us in the early 50”s. Our mom’s made fruitcakes every Christmas. 😭

Judy Prose - November 10, 2025 at 06:50 PM

WG

“ When someone's in your life for over 50 years, there are many memories you have of them, but one thing I remember about Mr stepmom was her LOVE for movies! Whenever we came to see Dad, we often went to the movies and the one movie I really remember was the Posidien Adventure. I was probably 12 or so and remember seeing that ship flip over and I was like, "Peace out!" I went to the lobby for a good hour waiting for them to come out of the theater! She loves the scary movies, too!! Anyway, I spent 10 years in the Navy, four on a ship, so it didn't harm me too bad, I suppose!! Love you Mom!! I hope they have a great movie channel for you in heaven!

Wayne Garner - November 10, 2025 at 03:13 PM

SH

“ I worked with Paula at the Family Independence Agency on Widetrack Drive in Pontiac. Paula didn't just work there. Paula commanded the front desk, lobby and intake process. She was strong and compassionate in the right amounts. Truly a remarkable woman.

Sherlynn - November 10, 2025 at 01:24 PM