



## Della Louise Paul

September 16, 1939 - May 21, 2026

Della Louise Paul, 86, lived most of her life in Gilead, Indiana, passed on May 21, 2026 at the Waters of Peru, with family by her side.

Della was born in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky on September 16, 1939 to Jacob Issac and Anna Lou (Stanley) Damron. She graduated from Gilead High School 1957. In November of 1958 she married, her high school sweetheart, Charles Verdon Paul, in the Gilead United Methodist Church. They shared their life together for 63 years until his passing on March 30, 2020.

Della worked as a cafeteria manager, for North Miami Consolidated Schools district, for forty years. Her love for cooking and her love for children served her very well. Della loved serving people in many ways but being a cook, If, you ever stopped by for a visit in her home, she always made sure you left with a full stomach or a snack of some kind. This was her way of showing her kind heartedness, generosity and love, for her family and friends. She and her husband enjoyed attending the Indianapolis 500 for many years.

Della was also a member of Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, Indiana. She spoke many times of singing in a quartet at her church, that June Burrus started. Her joy for music and being a part of this group, brought a lot of fellowship and fun into her life with her church family. Pastor Lowell and June

Burrus were a big part of Della and Verdons lives. Della also, taught various Sunday school classes at Olive Branch for children, as she was needed. Children brought much fulfillment and happiness to her life.

Della came from a large family, she would often speak of how she cared for her brothers and sisters a lot growing up. She has four brothers, John Damron, (wife Joyce), Bob Damron (wife Diane), David Damron, Michael Damron and a sister, Kathy Ritter, all are still living.

Also surviving is her daughter Diane K. and husband Brian Engel of Peru; son Stephen and wife Evey Paul of Mexico, Ind.; grandchildren Shane McNeeley (wife Dana), Jacqueline Prior (husband Justin), Jessica Hoffman (husband Damon), Grace Ireland (husband Andrew), and Katelynn Ali (husband Mortahda); and great grandchildren Inez Louise (named after Della), Owen, Wrenley, Quilynn, Baker, Blakely, and Yasmine.

Della was preceded in death by her parents, husband Verdon, and sister Lenora Plothrow.

The funeral service will be held at 2 pm, Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with her brother Pastor Johnny Damron officiating.

The interment will take place following the funeral service in the Gilead Cemetery, Gilead, Indiana next to her husband.

Visitation hours will be held from 12 noon to 2 pm, Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Donations can be made in her memory to the North Miami Elementary School.



# Cemetery Details

## Gilead Cemetery

State Road 19  
Gilead, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
(574) 893-4423  
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## Funeral Service

**MAY 27.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Della Louise Paul



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 24 at 12:41 PM

KP

💙💚💙 This is very special. Thank you 💙

Kathleen Plothow - May 26 at 06:05 PM

KE

“ There's not enough words to express how my heart felt when I heard this news. The amount of laughter and fun spent with Della while I worked at the school will always be some of my favorite memories. She was a special person and loved with her whole heart. Sorry for your loss and sending loads of love and tons of hugs to you all.

Kelly Sisk



Kelly - May 27 at 08:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Della Louise Paul.*



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May 27 at 08:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Della Louise Paul.*

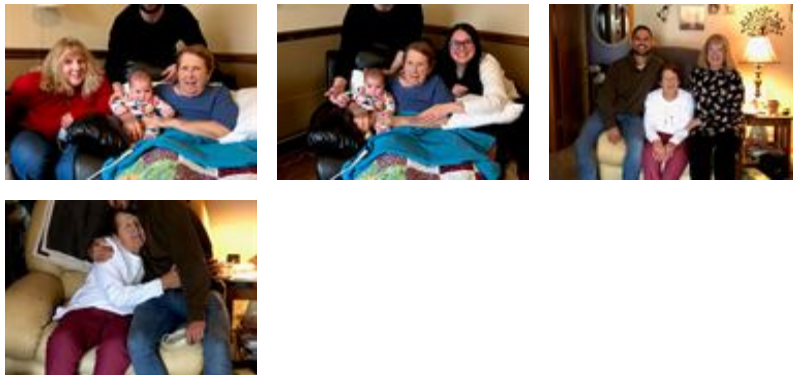


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May 26 at 04:41 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 26 at 12:13 PM

KF

“ Kelly, Kandy, Sarah and families. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Della Louise Paul.



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**Kelly, Kandy, Sarah and families.** - May 26 at 11:11 AM

KF

“ Kelly, Kandy, Sarah and families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Della Louise Paul.

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**Kelly, Kandy, Sarah and families.** - May 26 at 11:11 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Della Louise Paul.



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May 25 at 08:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Della Louise Paul.

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May 25 at 08:12 PM

GW

“ Gregg & Pauletta Wilkinson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Della Louise Paul.



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**Gregg & Pauletta Wilkinson** - May 25 at 07:09 PM

LS

“ Love Gary and Karen Scott purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Della Louise Paul.

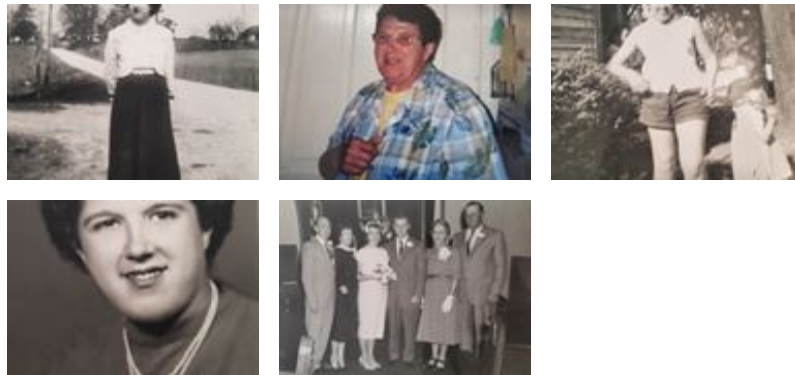


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**Love Gary and Karen Scott** - May 25 at 05:10 PM



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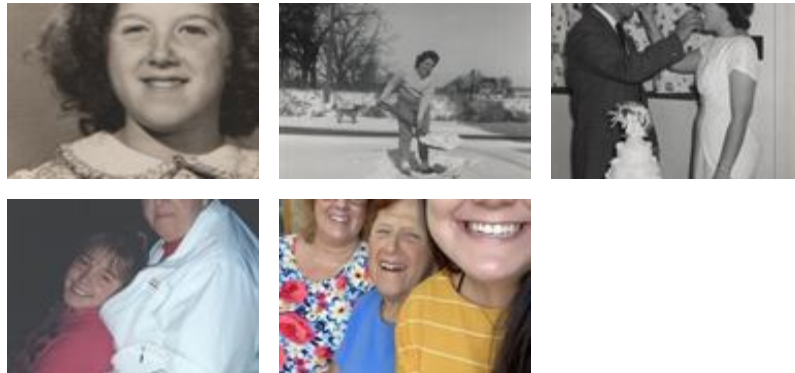


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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 25 at 10:30 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 24 at 12:37 PM



“ Kathy And Michael lit a candle in memory of Della Louise Paul



Kathy and Michael - May 24 at 02:07 AM



“ Love always, Kathy and Michael purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Della Louise Paul.



Love always, Kathy and Michael - May 23 at 10:27 PM

LM

“ Love always, Kathy and Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Della Louise Paul.

Love always, Kathy and Michael - May 23 at 10:27 PM

RA

“ Roger, Phillip, Kathleen, Melissa, Amy. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Della Louise Paul.



Roger, Phillip, Kathleen, Melissa, Amy. - May 23 at 09:07 PM

SB

“ Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Della Louise Paul



Shirley Bickel - May 23 at 03:29 PM

SC

I loved Della! She was upbeat and I loved hearing her laugh. My thoughts and prayers for the family. Memories will help at this time

Sue Click - May 23 at 08:30 PM