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Paula McCloskey Mack of Butler, PA, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend, and educator, passed away on October 28, 2024. Born and raised in Johnstown, PA, she was the daughter of Dr. Paul and Pauline McCloskey and the younger sister of Ann McCloskey Martin. Paula earned her degree in Elementary Education from Rosemont College in Philadelphia and later obtained her Montessori certification from the Montessori International Center at Cleveland State University.

Paula met her husband, Thomas F. Mack, on a blind date, leading to a marriage that spanned 59 years. Together, they raised four children-Tom, Susan, Karen, and John-who were their greatest joy.

Paula began her career as one of the nation's first Head Start educators and later devoted over 35 years to the Butler Montessori School. While raising her family, she worked part-time as a Montessori teacher and also served as the school's Director from 2001 until her retirement in 2011.

Paula will be remembered for her intelligence, quick wit, loyalty, and love of music. She is survived by her dedicated husband, Thomas; her son, Tom Mack (Colleen) and their children, John and Lindsay; her daughter, Susan Albert (Peter) and their children, Shannon and Sam; her daughter, Karen Mack (Carolyn); and her son, John Mack (Shelby). She was predeceased by her sister, Ann.

Paula's legacy lives on through her family, friends, students and everyone fortunate enough to know her.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am Wednesday, October 30th at St. Andrew's Catholic Church (1660 N Main St Ext, Butler, PA) with Catholic burial at St. Peter's Cemetery to follow (1004 N Main St Ext, Butler, PA). In lieu of flowers, donations in Paula's memory can be made to the Butler Montessori School by visiting ButlerMontessori.com and clicking on the "Support Our School" button.

Cemetery Details

St. Peters Catholic Cemetery

Butler, PA 16001

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church
1660 N. Main St. Ext.
Butler, PA

Tribute Wall

LS

“ John, Shelby and family, we are so very sorry to hear about your Mom. What a great wife, and wonderful Mom who raised some pretty awesome kids! We're thinking about you all with much love.
Laura and Gene Sullivan

Laura Sullivan - October 29, 2024 at 01:46 PM

CL

“ I always considered Paula my mentor , but most of all a wonderful friend. She loved her family very much and we did share stories. She was an exceptional Montessori teacher and the school because of Paula and Sr. Giuseppe will be her legacy. I am so sorry and she will be in my prayers.



Christine Love - October 29, 2024 at 09:01 AM

MI

“ I am so sad to see this. Paula was one of the most beautiful spirits I have ever known. You are all in my thoughts, my prayers and my heart.

Mindy - October 29, 2024 at 08:52 AM

KH

“ Susan and Mack Family~
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know that loosing a wife, mother and grandmother is a significant loss. May good memories bring you Peace as you grieve.
Sending love.
The Harvey Family

Kirsten Harvey - October 29, 2024 at 07:59 AM

JD

“Mrs. Mack” was an important part of my children's early childhood education at Butler Montessori School. She was instrumental in keeping the school from closing when Sr. Giuseppe had to leave Butler. Thank you for sharing your wife, mother, grandmother with all of the Montessori family. Prayers to all of you.

Joanne DeCola

Joanne DeCola - October 28, 2024 at 08:52 PM

JK

“Dearest Karen,

There are no words to express what you and your family are feeling. Loss of a parent is devastating no matter what age. I am thinking of you and your family at this time

Jackie Keelan - October 28, 2024 at 05:06 PM

KM

She will live forever in your hearts and memories. Her legacy is extraordinary. Sending my best, Katherine

Katherine Mcdonald - October 28, 2024 at 06:56 PM

ZB

“My condolences to you Karen and family. Although I never met your mother she sounds like an amazing woman and mom. Glad to know her thru you and the wonderful qualities you share similar to her. May she rest in peace. Sending you a hug and love 💕
Zandra

Zandra F Bucheli - October 28, 2024 at 04:20 PM