



Paula Mae Peden

November 23, 1956 - September 26, 2025

Paula Mae Peden, age 68, passed away on September 26, 2025. Paula was born on November 23, 1956, in Hobbs, New Mexico, to Pal Franklin Ballard and Josie Mae (Nichols) Ballard.

Paula attended school in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. In 1974 she married Randy Mack Peden, after his passing in 1980, she found love again in Delbert Byles in 1985. Over the years, she worked with dedication as both a dietary supervisor and a bartender manager. She enjoyed playing puzzles, computer games, pool tournaments, and enjoyed being a part of a bowling league. Her greatest happiness, though, was found in her family, especially in cooking for her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pal Franklin Ballard and Josie Mae (Nichols) Ballard; her first husband, Randy Mack Peden, who passed away in 1980; her second husband, Delbert Byles; her daughter, Roxann Peden; her brother, Jackie Joe Ballard; and her great-nephew, Jackson Wade Ballard.

Paula's memory will be lovingly carried on by her children, Randy Peden of Wynnewood, and Whitnee Byles of Tishomingo; her siblings, Pal Ballard, Jr. of

Norman, and Terry Gene Ballard and spouse Charlene of Tishomingo; her grandchildren, Jarah Willis , Natalee Burrous, Avery Peden, Brody Burrous, all of Tishomingo, and Cora Mae Peden of Stratford; as well as her great-grandchild, Wiley Brooks Willis. Paula also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews and extended family members.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/3D8P8BJP5GD2QJYD>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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4900 West US Hwy 70
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Paula Mae Peden*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - October 02, 2025 at 10:00 AM

DF

“ *I couldn't find a cruise ship g/ f, so this sailboat will have to suffice...we'll take that next cruise one of these days soon!...You're going to be missed Paula Mae...till someday*💙



Donna Graham Frost - November 08, 2025 at 02:26 PM

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“ *Brenda (Gibson,Russell)McDade lit a candle in memory of Paula Mae Peden*



Brenda (Gibson,Russell)McDade - October 03, 2025 at 08:24 PM

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“ *Paula was a great friend and wonderful person she will be missed rest in peace my friend til we meet again*

Brenda (Gibson,Russell)McDade - October 03, 2025 at 08:22 PM

TL

“ Tammi, Carrissa, Brooklyn, Laurenn purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Paula Mae Peden.



Tammi, Carrissa, Brooklyn, Laurenn - October 01, 2025 at 07:35 PM

SP

“ Stacy Presgrove planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Mae Peden.

Stacy Presgrove - September 30, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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Stacy Presgrove - September 30, 2025 at 08:21 PM

NB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Natalee Burrous - September 30, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paula Mae Peden.



September 30, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Byles Family,Jackie, Delia,Jenn,Jack Jr purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Paula Mae Peden.



Byles Family,Jackie, Delia,Jenn,Jack Jr - September 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM

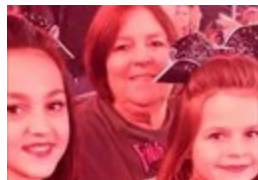


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Byles Family,Jackie, Delia,Jenn,Jack Jr - September 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM



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Natalee Burrous - September 29, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ Mom, you raised us to be strong, to stand tall in the face of hardship, and to lead with love and integrity. You taught us to work hard, to care deeply, and to never give up — no matter how tough life got. Because of you, we are resilient. Because of you, we are who we are today.

We love you, Mom. We miss you more than words can say. Your love lives on through your children and grandchildren — and always will.

With all our love,
Your son and daughter



Whitnee Nicole - September 29, 2025 at 03:45 PM

RC

Oh Paula the memories we made working together at the nursing home. Tell Ms Josie I said hi and I love her I love you ❤️ to and I am really going to miss you. You were always a good friend. Praying for your family.

Rebecca and Ricky Cobble - September 29, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SY

“ Always sad to lose a friend. Prayers for Paula's family.

Sharon Young - September 29, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paula Mae Peden.* ”



September 29, 2025 at 02:53 PM