



## Pauline R. Bush

July 9, 1928 - February 2, 2024

On Friday, February 2, 2024, Pauline (Polly) Rae Bush, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home. She was ninety-five years old. She was born to Reuben Stillwagner Miller and Cora Emma (Strauser) on July 9, 1928 in Catawissa, PA. She is survived by her husband Ronald Bush after having been together for sixty-four years. She was pre-deceased by her siblings Marian (Minie) Faye Shultz, Thelma Alverna Helwig, Reuben Miller Jr., Kenneth Miller, and Beverly Joann Campbell. She is survived by sibling Cheryl Elaine Evert. She is also survived by her children Karen Sieklicki, Darrell Brinkley, Michelle Mull, Michael Bush, and Brian Bush, and by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Polly grew up helping on the family farm during the Great Depression. She attended a one-room schoolhouse. After graduating from Numidia High School, she became a beautician, a career which took her from the farm to Harrisburg. She spent years as a hair stylist at Leon's Fashions in Hair in Camp Hill, working on Saturdays so she could attend to her children during the week. Always light on her feet, she had a gift for dancing, including ballroom, Latin, square and round dancing, and polka. She followed this passion to a dance where she met her long-term love, Ronald Bush. They were married on March 21, 1962.

Ron wanted to build Polly her dream house, and they set about doing this together. Polly mixed cement for Ron to lay the block walls and she cut wood for him to frame the house. They would work until 10 p.m. using the light from Coleman lanterns. Polly even climbed the ladder to deliver shingles to Ron and her brothers on the roof.

Polly was always happiest when she was dancing. For many years, she and Ron traveled several times every week to go dancing, often out of state. They belonged to various square dance and polka clubs over the years. For decades, Polly was devoted to the Capital City Polka Dancers Association, serving as their secretary even in her 90's. It is wonderful that she and Ron spent so many years on the dance floor together.

Polly was quick on her feet in other ways as well. Known for her sharp mind, Polly had a quick wit. Like her mother, she enjoyed working on complicated puzzles. She was active in ladies card clubs even at age 95.

For many seasons, Polly was a regular at HersheyPark. She and her children and grandchildren would enjoy the thrill rides together, with her favorite being roller coasters. She could be seen laughing at the front of the coaster with her hands in the air!

An accomplished cook, Polly lovingly handcrafted meals from scratch using ingredients from the family's vast garden, small orchard, chickens, and beehives. Their crops were prolific, but nobody could outwork her. She would stay up well into the night to can and freeze the abundant produce. Her homemade pies were unmatched in deliciousness, and she was happy to share them. Polly had a deep fondness for magenta orchids. Her displays of them brought her joy. Polly filled her home with music, flowers, and love.

On Saturday April 20th at 1:00 p.m., services will be held at Musselman's

Funeral Home, 324 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne PA. Visitation with family will precede the service beginning at 12:00 p.m. Following the service, there will be a procession to Rolling Green Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Musselman Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
324 Hummel Avenue  
Lemoyne , PA 17043

## Memorial Service

APR 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

APR 20. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Rolling Green Cemetery  
1811 Carlisle Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pauline R. Bush.* ”



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