



Pauline Alice Garner

January 26, 1944 - August 8, 2025

Pauline Alice Garner, 81, passed away peacefully in her sleep at the family farm on Friday, August 8, 2025. She was born on January 26, 1944, in Hazel Park, Michigan, to the late Paul and Henrietta Krosing.

Pauline grew up in Fife Lake and graduated from Kalkaska High School. In 1962, she married her high school sweetheart, Murray Lee Garner, Sr., and together they made their home at the family farm gifted to them by Murray's parents. They spent 59 loving years there, raising their two children, Murray Lee Garner, Jr., and Catrina Johnston (Michael), both of whom continue to live on the Garner homestead.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Murray, as well as her siblings Paul, Margaret, Beverly, Jack, Jim, Larry, Edna, Patricia, and Alice. She is survived by her two sisters, Betty Findley and Mickey Ubl (Mike), as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

Pauline's greatest joy in life was being "Nana" to her two grandchildren, Sydney Roberts (Nic) and Camryn Roberts, who lives at the farm. She spoiled them endlessly—letting them play in the mud, eat ice cream for breakfast, make crafts, and filling their lives with love, laughter, and far too many photographs. She never missed an event and celebrated every moment with them.

While raising her children, Pauline loved camping, traveling, attending sporting events, and opening her home to their friends—some of whom stayed for months or even years. She never knew how many people she'd be cooking for until they wandered downstairs, but she always had room at her table and love in her heart.

Pauline and Murray shared countless adventures—camping, fishing, and hunting in Canada, the Upper Peninsula, and out West. Pauline loved snowmobiling and NYE bonfires with the Johnston family and fall camping trips with Tony and Linda Johnston during her younger years. When not traveling with her husband, and/or family, she could often be found in Fife Lake with family, mushroom hunting, baking, painting, crafting, playing bingo with friends, enjoying campfires, or challenging someone to a game of “Sorry” or Yahtzee.

She retired from the U.S. Post Office in 2009, where she was known for her friendly smile and long chats with customers. Pauline was a social butterfly who could turn a quick trip to the grocery store into a full afternoon, simply because she knew—and spoke with—everyone.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Garner Family Farm on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Flowers, plants, or cards may be sent to 3367 Road SE, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Pauline's love was unconditional, her kindness limitless, and her presence unforgettable. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, generosity, and joy that will live on in the hearts of her family and friends forever.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM.

Garner Family Farm

Tribute Wall

CK

“ *My Aunt Pauline was something special. Her humor and one liners were the best. Her smile was contagious ! The love she had for her husband, children, grandchildren , her siblings and all her nieces and nephews was shown by her kindness and support .
You will be missed by everyone, but we are comforted knowing you are in Heaven and with all our loved ones.*

Catherine M Kroesing-King - August 16, 2025 at 10:25 PM

DN

“ *Deborah Newell lit a candle in memory of Pauline Alice Garner*



Deborah Newell - August 14, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JF

“ *So sorry to hear this. Pauline was the First Lady I ment after moving to Kalkaska. She was walking down the road and I was lost trying to find a shortcut to town from King Trout Ranch. Ended up having coffee and visiting many times on my shortcut to town after that. Always a great gal!*

Judy Fast - August 14, 2025 at 01:46 PM

LF

Pauline and I went to grade school together in Fife Lake until I moved away in the eighth grade. We did reconnect at times and always enjoyed a few laughs. The Kroesing family was a big part of the Fife Lake kids earlier years including Hank. I am so sorry Pauline is gone. Cherish your memories of her.

Linda Kelley Forwerck - August 15, 2025 at 04:15 PM

TR

Aunt Pauline, in my eyes and heart was always kind and loving. I loved her laugh. One time when my family was out to the farm visiting she gave me a beautiful ruby and gold brooch. It was in one of those small square cubed plastic boxes. And she pronounced genuine as 'Jen u wine'. I loved that pin. I still have it. After each time I wore it, I put it back in that box. I will always hold soft love for her when think of her. I will miss you Aunt Pauline.

Tammy Rogers - August 17, 2025 at 09:15 AM