



## Pauline J. Hamel

May 4, 2018

Miss Hamel was born in Groton, November 4, 1934, a daughter of Stephen P. and Mary A. (Kukta) and was a lifelong Ayer resident. Miss Hamel worked as a dietary aid at the then Community Memorial Hospital, Ayer, between 1948 and 1952 when she graduated from Ayer High School. After graduation she worked as office manager at the medical practice of Drs. Hopkins and McLean while continuing her education at the University of Lowell where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Business. Upon completion of her degree she was employed as the Registrar at the Groton School until retiring in 1998.

For six years Miss Hamel served her community as Selectman, and was very proud to represent the Town of Ayer at the Pentagon during the time Fort Devens was being considered for closure.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Church in Ayer where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Many years ago she was active in the St. Mary's Drum and Bugle Corp and was very proud being the only female member of the drum section that appeared on the Community Auditions TV Show and the Ed Sullivan Show.

Some of Pauline's favorite memories she shared were those of her participation in the St. Mary's Minstrel Shows.

She had been a member and past president of the Business and Professional

Women's Club.

She leaves a brother Richard.S. Hamel and his wife Marion, of Maggie Valley, NC; her sisters Maryann Madigan and her husband Harold W., of Ayer, and Carol Cichy of Dennis, Cape Cod; she leaves nephews, Richard Hamel, Kevin Hamel, and Gregory Hamel, David Madigan, James Cichy and niece, Joann Cichy, Great Aunt to Molly Cichy and Katlind Madigan. Scott and Jacob Delaney, Nicholas and Justin Cichy, all of whom were dear to her heart.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ It was honor to have served on the Board of Selectmen with Pauline. She cared greatly for our Town of Ayer and worked endlessly to make our Town a great place to live. I will miss her. My sincerest sympathies and prayer to all her family.

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**Connie Sullivan** - May 14, 2018 at 10:40 AM

JO

“ I will bet Pauline has heavens drum and bugle corp practicing " johnnie get your gun" on the drums right now.

*She will be missed.*  
*John*

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**John oelfke** - May 08, 2018 at 12:27 PM

KK

“ So sorry to hear of Pauline's passing. Pauline was a smart and fun loving lady! Pauline was such a role model for women while serving for the Town of Ayer. We had a lot of laughs sitting on the beach in Aruba with Pauline and her sisters over many years. Thoughts and prayers to the Hamel family.

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**Kevin and Margaret Kidder** - May 08, 2018 at 06:01 AM

MT

“ Dear Maryann,

*The School let me know about Pauline, and I was stunned by the news of her passing. She was a wonderful and kind friend to me and we shared a lot of good times and laughter (often with you as the third person). She had quite a varied life and was active in more activities than almost anyone else I know. I have not been back to the school or to Ayer since I retired early in 2004, and I am sorry that I did not try much harder to get visit with her. Her wonderful devotion to Rogers Scudder was remarkable and an indication of her caring and thoughtful nature. She was one of my best friends at Groton and also one of one most outspoken persons at the school, much more so than I ever was! I have a prior commitment tomorrow morning and so I cannot be with you and your family, much to my disappointment. I will be happy to make a contribution in her memory at the church which was such an important part of her life.*

*Sincerely, Mike Tronic*

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**Michael Tronic** - May 07, 2018 at 04:31 PM

GS

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. I always remember her smiling and energetic presence in the Registrar's office at Groton School. I was a pleasure to have her as a colleague.

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**Gary and Rebecca Stanton** - May 07, 2018 at 04:00 PM

DS

“ Maryann, Carol & family  
*I am so sorry to hear of Pauline's passing. Know that my thoughts are with you.*

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**Denise Stepleton** - May 07, 2018 at 11:35 AM

PC

“ To all of Pauline's family my deepest sympathy. she was a wonderful lady who worked hard for the town of Ayer. She was a great asset to St Mary's and I enjoyed my time working with her at various church activities.

God Speed.

Pat

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**Patricia Casavecchia** - May 07, 2018 at 06:52 AM

PC

“ So very sad to hear of Pauline's passing - such a wonderful loving woman who cared for her community in so many ways. She was instrumental in preserving Ayer during the closing of Fort Devens. Her legacy should never be forgotten. Love and prayers to the Hamel family. May your memories give you peace and comfort.

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**Pauline Conley** - May 07, 2018 at 03:32 AM

AR

“ Many condolences to all the family. Requiescat in pace et lux perpetua luceat ei.

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**Andres Reyes** - May 07, 2018 at 12:31 AM

MC

“ *To the Hamel Family:  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences at the loss of you beloved  
Pauline.  
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal. (An Old Irish Saying)  
With thoughts and prayers,  
Martha Craft*

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**Martha Craft** - May 06, 2018 at 05:37 PM

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**Martha Craft** - May 06, 2018 at 05:36 PM

TF

“ *Maryann, Carol, Richard and entire family,  
  
We cannot express how sad we are for your loss of you sister  
Pauline. She was a friend to so many and will be missed dearly. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you through this very difficult time.  
  
R.I.P. Pauline  
Tiny's Staff/Mauro Family*

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**Tiny's Restaurant/Mauro Family** - May 05, 2018 at 12:40 PM

WA

“ Our condolences to the Hamel Family. Pauline was a tireless worker to the betterment of the town. Her involvement with the Drum and Bugle of St. Mary's was a real inspiration to the rest of us. May she rest in peace.

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**William and Rosanne Allen** - May 05, 2018 at 11:22 AM

PW

“ You were a great friend Pauline. We shared so many good times at our home with you. We never could beat you at the game of scrabble.....lol. Blessings and prayers to her family.

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**Phine and Donnie Wallace** - May 05, 2018 at 09:35 AM

DD

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to Maryann & the Hamel family. Pauline was a friend & a role model for all the citizens of Ayer. She will be missed especially at the 8am Sunday Mass at St. Mary's.

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**David & Diane Dolan** - May 05, 2018 at 06:01 AM

BG

“ To Maryann and the rest of the Hamel family. Pauline was such a special person, always donating her time to make the town a better place to live, to assist the church in its mission and to uplift and to lend a helping hand or a word of advice to anyone less fortunate than her. She will be sorely missed by all her knew her. May all your wonderful memories provide you with some comfort in this time of sadness

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**Bobby Gardner** - May 05, 2018 at 04:41 AM

MJ

“ My sincere sympathy to all of the family. Pauline was a lovely person and an asset to the Town of Ayer. I enjoyed several get togethers with her for the Organ concerts in Groton and dinner afterwards. It was always fun to pick Pauline's mind with questions about people or things in the town. She seemed to know everything. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. R.I.P. dear Pauline.

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**Marie E. Jenei** - May 05, 2018 at 04:36 AM

BO

“ I considered Pauline a good friend and a wonderful person. She did so much for the Town of Ayer. She will be missed.

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**Bill Oelfke** - May 05, 2018 at 04:19 AM