



Paula Ruth Brite

August 5, 1950 - March 7, 2023

Paula Ruth Brite, age 72, of Wentworth, MO passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Communities of Wildwood Ranch in Joplin, MO. She was born in Carthage, MO on Saturday, August 5, 1950; daughter of Paul Richard "Dick" and Hazel (Grant) Masters. She graduated from Carthage High School in 1968 and graduated from MSSC in Joplin in 1970. Paula married James E. (Jim) Brite on July 3, 1971. Mrs. Brite drove a school bus for about 38 years for the Pierce City School District and worked as a para for that same school for 9 years. She touched many lives over those years.

Mrs. Brite enjoyed horseback riding, square dancing, traveling, and making quilts to give away. She liked working in her yard, especially growing flowers. Her many pets were special to her as well. Mrs. Brite moved from town to the country to become a country girl. She never looked back. Her heart, her life, and her soul belonged in the country. She was a member of the Sarcoxie United Methodist Church (now Church of God's Grace) and supported any mission that benefited children. She served several years on the board of the Sarcoxie Senior Center.

Surviving are her church family, neighbors, and many, many friends who will miss her so much. She was welcomed to heaven by her parents, Dick and Hazel Masters; and her husband, Jim.

Friends may visit Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will follow with Pastor James Yost officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given for the Church of God's Grace in Sarcoxie, MO.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paula Ruth Brite*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Paula was a wonderful Para to work with at school. So enjoyed my time working with her.*

Mary Ann Cox - March 30, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ *To Paula's friends. I wish to thank you so much for the love a mmm d concern that you have shown and pray Gods blessing on you all. Even though Paula had some rough times so thankful she is in the arms of the Savior and Jim and Paula are back together enjoying singing, square dancing and trail rides. Jim was a best friend to me and I know Paula is rejoicing in the arms of her husband. I will not be able to make the visitation because of work commitments but I wish to thank all.of you who were able to be their and thank you for the love you have shown to her during her time on.earth. I am sure you were a special blessing to her life. Rest in peace Paula and enjoy your life and you new body with the love of your life. Thanks again and sorry I am unable bro great you in person but God's blessing on each and every one. The Brite family.*

Robert Brite - March 14, 2023 at 09:44 AM



Thank you for sharing this, Paula and I were close when we were young, our fathers were brothers. Both of her parents were very dear people.

Mary Nell Masters - March 25, 2023 at 02:51 PM

DD

“ Deena Demuri lit a candle in memory of Paula Brite



Deena Demuri - March 11, 2023 at 10:19 AM

EF

“ Ed Donna Fenske lit a candle in memory of Paula Brite



Ed and Donna Fenske - March 09, 2023 at 05:08 PM

JT

“ Paula was my bus driver years ago. One time I remembered we went to Paula's house to do a little cleaning and play in the hot tub. We had a great time. When I graduated in 1995 she had made me a quilt as my gift and to this day I cherish that gift from her. I haven't see her in years but I think of her often. She was loved and will be missed.

Julena Thompson - March 09, 2023 at 08:49 AM

CR

“ Cathy Renkoski lit a candle in memory of Paula Brite



Cathy Renkoski - March 08, 2023 at 02:15 PM

TB

“ *Tom Brittenham lit a candle in memory of
Paula Brite*



Tom Brittenham - March 08, 2023 at 11:05 AM