



Paula Rasmussen

June 5, 2026

Paula Rasmussen, Sweet Home, Oregon, passed away June 5, 2026, after a courageous battle with diabetes and kidney disease.

Paula Jean Rasmussen was born January 27, 1959, in Eugene, Oregon, to the late Gerald and

Maureen Rasmussen. Most of her early years were spent in Georgia and California, before

moving to Oregon. Her working life was varied, from Hemet Castings in California, to Smith

Frozen Foods in Oregon. She retired to Sweet Home where she purchased her first home.

Throughout her life, Paula was a ray of sunshine, always smiling and looking forward to family

gatherings. She was voracious reader, her favorite was fantasy fiction, but she read everything.

She liked to putter around the gardens, and keep a kitty close. She enjoyed trying new things and

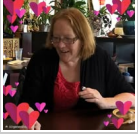
found enjoyment with cooking, scrapbooking, and collections. At several family end-of-life

events, it was Paula who approached the microphone, and spoke for her siblings with kindness,

humor, and an infinite amount of love.

Paula is survived by her son, Brian, and his wife Yajaira, Rasmussen, Arecibo, Puerto Rico. She is also survived by her siblings, her sisters; Maggie Rasmussen, Theresa Rasmussen, of California, Eileen Combs, Springfield, Oregon, and Kathy (Roy) Arehart, Albany, Oregon. Her brothers; William (Marilyn) Rasmussen, Eugene, Oregon, Stephen Rasmussen, and David Rasmussen, of California. Paula was a special auntie to her nephews and nieces; Jason (Valerie) Miles, Erik Wydra, Kevin (Jen) Thomas, Mathew (Kate) Rasmussen, Michael (Janessa) Rasmussen, Jerry (Virginia) Rasmussen, Kristen (Jeremy) Dewey, and Corinne (Nick) McGovern. She was close to grandnephews and grandnieces; Justin and Genie Miles, Daniel and Ryker Rasmussen, and Layla and Rowan Dewey. Paula was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings; Katherine Rasmussen, Ann Miles, Mary Patricia Jacobsen, and Mary Josephine Rasmussen. Paula's family will gather at a later date to honor her memory. Her family extends sincere gratitude to the many medical professionals who worked so tirelessly to help her, and the many kindnesses they provided.

Tribute Wall



“ My mother-in-law Paula Rasmussen or MoMa Paula as I called her was a beautiful, amazing lady. She was sweet, love to laugh and had lots of jokes to tell. Even though we had not spent so much time together she always managed to make me feel like if we had known each other for years and years. My memories are few, but they were great ones. We met during my husband Brian Rasmussen’s cousin Mathew and Katie Rasmussen wedding, at that time I remember she worked at Smith Frozen Foods in Oregon, and she brought fruits and asparagus to make in the grill. I had told her I didn’t like asparagus, she said “after you tasted how she made asparagus I would like them” and she told B “how have you not teach this sweet girl to eat her vegetables”, well the short story is that I love eating asparagus now and I let everyone know that they taste good and will make them, so they can taste. Is not her recipe, but I like to eat them now. We had met a couple of other times one being in Oregon for Grandma Maureen Rasmussen Birthday It was a big celebration with a huge list of guests, I remember there was so many pistachios and cherries plus my tummy ache afterwards. We talked and had fun, she always called me her “sweet girl”. My husband and I got married in Las Vegas, NV and she was able to assist. I was happy that our parents were all able to come. I’m sad I don’t have enough pictures of her or the family from that day, but it was an amazing day overall. In the spring of 2016, she came and visited us in Puerto Rico, she was here for a whole month all I’m hoping is that she had as much fun as she let us know. We went to a few different historical places and spots stayed at two different hotels Wyndham Rio Mar in Rio Grande and at the Aquarium in Dorado, I have a few pictures. She tasted Puerto Rican specialty plates, which she like a few of them. She loved her sweets as we all should. She brought so many clothes, coloring books, crayons, markers beads for me as she knew I love my styling and to do arts and craft. We also went to the beach, and she did some relaxed and chill times at home. We always talked about her visiting again, but she also wanted us to visit her in Oregon which we already had plans to do so later in November this year. We are coming this November if God permits and as a family will gather to commemorate her and her life as a

mother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt and as the amazing women she was.



Yajaira Mercado - June 10 at 05:41 PM

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“ *So many memories its hard to just say one, my heart is broken. You were there for me anytime I needed you, and always helping me out of trouble with out letting my parents know. Who else would teach me how to drive at 1am but my two crazy loving aunts Kathy and Paula. You will be missed, give your mom and my mom a big hug for me*

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