



Rebecca A. Paul

March 18, 1948 - April 24, 2026

Rebecca Ann “Becky” Paul, 78, of Richmond, died peacefully on Friday, April 24, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on March 18, 1948 and was the daughter of Harry E. and Eleanor Ann (Bragg) Irelan. She graduated from Jefferson High School in New Paris, OH in 1966. She earned a Bachelor’s degree from Morehead State University in Kentucky in 1971, and a Master’s degree in education from Miami University in 1976. She was a Home Economics teacher and retired from Lincoln High School in Cambridge City. She also worked for several years at Welliver’s Smorgasbord in Hagerstown.

Following her retirement from teaching, she worked at JoAnn fabrics in Richmond until the store closed. She enjoyed sewing, including making costumes for the donkeys, making quilts, blankets and doll clothes. Every year she looked forward to gardening and her flowers. Family gatherings always featured Becky’s great cooking, including black raspberry pie, apple pie, bean salad, broccoli and rice casserole, or any other dish she thought would be enjoyed.

Becky loved to shop. The annual day after Thanksgiving was a special event. She was always looking for navy blue clothes, purses or shoes.

She was a life long member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in New Paris, OH.

Surviving to cherish her memory include her son, Jamie Paul and his wife Michelle; sisters Nancy Sexton and Angie (Aaron) Morman; brother-in-law Ed Baker; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and one great grand niece.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Paul; sister and brother in law, Laura and Jim Kecker; sisters Paula Sweet and Ellen Baker and brother in law, Jerry Sexton.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 PM on Wednesday, April 29, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Services will be at 1 PM on Thursday, also at the funeral home. Pastor Rodney Dunn will officiate. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery.

Special thanks and gratitude to the home and inpatient hospice teams at Reid Health, including Paige, Meagan and Amber, for helping Becky be at home for as long as possible and helping her and her family with the journey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to St. Paul United Methodist Church or to Reid Foundation for Hospice.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Cemetery

400 West High St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-6171

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-5511
info@culbersonfh.com
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

Service

APR 30. 1:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rebecca A. Paul*



Culberson Funeral Home - April 26 at 06:44 PM

DM

What a beautiful Person she was, I enjoyed talking to her at Wellivers she tended Bar she was just Amazing love you Becky 🙏❤️

Dorrene Huddleston Moberly - April 26 at 06:53 PM

FP

“ *I worked with Becky at Lincoln H.S. and she was a delight . Best cooking and great wit. So.enjoyed the time working with Becky.*

Faith Phillios - April 28 at 10:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rebecca A. Paul.*



April 28 at 03:26 PM

DM

“ *Diana Moore lit a candle in memory of Rebecca A. Paul*



Diana Moore - April 28 at 02:18 PM

DC

“ *Lots of fond memories working with Becky at Lincoln. My condolences to her family.*

Debbie Cummins - April 27 at 10:54 PM

DP

“ *Prayers of comfort and peace for all who knew and loved her.*

Diana Lee Parten - April 27 at 11:16 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rebecca A. Paul.*



April 27 at 10:58 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rebecca A. Paul.*

April 27 at 10:58 AM

SF

“ Steve, Margie and Barney Rumpke and famil purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rebecca A. Paul.



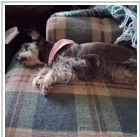
Steve, Margie and Barney Rumpke and famil - April 26 at 07:56 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Culberson Funeral Home - April 26 at 06:35 PM



“ She taught home economics i was in her class I really liked her. I thought she taught at Hagerstown Jr Sr High School also. I might be wrong about that but she was a really nice teacher.

Xandra Davis - April 26 at 06:01 PM



Yes she did. She taught there for a couple of years.

Michelle Burnside Paul - April 26 at 06:10 PM

BD

She played in a bridge club with me for many years. Always enjoyed her dry sense of humor.

Becky Diercks - April 27 at 11:06 PM

MS

I've known Becky since she and her late husband, Mike, met years ago. I always enjoyed talking with her. She will be missed.

Mark Schlegel - April 29 at 08:08 PM

JL

Mrs. Paul was my favorite teacher at Hagerstown. She was perfect for us in our time. It is a blessing she was my teacher.

Joanna Lacey - May 03 at 09:01 PM