



Pauline Polly (Hatem) Collins

September 21, 1957 - July 13, 2017

Pauline Polly Ann nee Hatem Collins, age 59 of Columbus, died Thursday July 13, 2017 at Kobacker House. Polly was born in Columbus Ohio on September 21, 1957 to the late Habib and Lila Lee (Wirick) Hatem. She attended Columbus North High School and loved to work in her garden and devoted much of her time to being a friend of animals.

Polly is preceded in death by her brother David Hatem. She is survived by her son Shean Hatem Collins, her daughter Jennifer Le'Moine Collins, grandson Bryauni and granddaughter Mikayla; brothers Patrick, Jeffrey, Thomas, Christopher and Joseph Hatem, and her sister Ann Marie Hatem, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and dear friends. Friends may call Monday July 17, 2017 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 N. High St from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Pets Without Parents, 629 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214 in Polly's memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pauline Polly (Hatem) Collins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I worked with Polly at Rehab Services and I'm so sad she's gone. She was so much fun to work with. We were there for each other through some tough times. I sorry we didn't stay connected.*
Laurie(Madden) Krieg.

Laurie Krieg - December 27, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ part 2 of 2= memories shared by Polly's school friends:

We all worked at the Ohio State fair starting at young ages, like 13 and 14. We had various jobs, some mundane and some pretty exciting. Polly and Denise definitely had the exciting jobs! Polly had a connection through her karate instructor to work at their exotic animal exhibit. She got to hold snakes and giant tarantulas, which was right up her ally. Polly loved animals in general but always had a fondness for creepy crawly ones.

Denise had the other cool job. She performed in magic acts and in the freak show. She played numerous (fake) freaks using make up and smoke and mirrors, literally! Her favorite act was playing the “gorilla lady” because she got to break down the cage bars, sending the audience running and screaming! □

We would take our work breaks at the same time and meet up at “hippy island” by the cardinal where we heard live music and did what hippies do. □ The days were long and hot and we were paid just \$1/ hr., but at the end we felt rich. We used the money buy school clothes. Denise recalled buying her first pair of jeans and getting her hair layered.

Liz recalled the secret parties in Polly’s basement with make-out sessions with boys. Somehow we managed to sneak in the side door of the basement and not get caught! J

The eight Hatem kids were referred to in two groups: There were the “big kids” (Pat, David, Polly, and Ann) and the “little boys”: (Tom, Jeff, Joe and Chris.) “The little boys” would get themselves into trouble by shooting off “grenades,” therefore depleting Polly and Ann’s tampon supplies! J

In 10th grade Page and Pk moved to N. 4th St., just a block over from Polly’s house on Glenmar. Even though it was a block out of the way, Polly would pick them up to walk to school. In fact, being an early bird, she would wake them up and take care of the animals. They had an aquarium with hermit crabs that Polly adored, of course. She often stashed one in a pocket of her bib overalls (we all wore them) and smuggled it to school.

Despite the overalls and bare feet, Polly was a hottie with her curly

hair and olive skin. She had long eyelashes that went straight out like a horse's. She had long beautiful nails painted with copper colored nail polish.

As adults we drifted in and out of each other's lives, as you do. We had families, jobs, moved away, had various interests or just got busy with life. Despite not seeing one other as much as should, we have remained friends and reconnected at different times.

Polly threw a baby shower for Liz and made fancy homemade quiches. There were random lunch dates. When Polly had her house on Blenheim she decided to throw a "grown up slumber party," just like old times. Only this time we had to get babysitters! □ We reconnected again in 2012 during the big heart condition scare. She pulled through that despite poor odds.

Polly was often spotted out walking with her headphones on, especially by school friends who remained in the Clintonville area. She could be spotted by her speed and distinctive gait!

She got to go on vacation with Pk in AZ. I'll bet you can guess her favorite part! It was the creepy crawly desert creatures. She loved all the lizards, bats, scorpions and the like.

I would like to quote Jacquie by saying, "Anyone who knew Polly went away feeling like they had a best friend."

Rather than goodbye, we want to say Polly, we are glad we knew you.

God speed dear friend, until we meet again.



“ Part One of Two: This is what we read at the service:

The following is a collaboration of memories from a few of Polly's many friends: Susan, Page, Phyllis, Liz, Jacquie and Denise.

When we got together to do this, we realized we could fill a book, so we chose a few light hearted memories, mostly focusing on the early years. As we were swapping stories, we noticed that there were a couple things that remained constant throughout her life.

One was her love for walking (with or without shoes,) and her affinity for animals. Even the creepy crawly ones!

We met Polly at Crestview Jr. High in 7th grade. She went by "Pauline" at that time. She was skinny and spunky and had incredible body flexibility. She could drop down and do splits and could flip her legs into a full lotus position with ease. She was a great fit for the cheerleading squad later in high school.

Polly was given the nickname "Polly Doodle" or just "Doodle" by Page and Pk's dad and it stuck with her friends. Sometimes it morphed to "Polly Wally Doodle all the Day." □

Polly was one of eight Hatem kids. She would name them off real fast in order: Pat, David, Polly, Ann, Tom, Jeff, Joe and Chris.

At their house you could experience strange exotic Middle Eastern food. Their mother, Lila was a great cook, but best of all were the sweet treats she would bake.

With a household of kids, Lila could get annoyed. But there was a pay off according to Polly. When Lila was mad she would go to the kitchen and bake and angry baking was even better than regular baking. □

If you knew Polly, you know she was a chocololic. Pk and Page recall a huge chocolate Easter egg that Polly discovered stashed up in their closet. It had been there for at least a year and forgotten about but that mattered none to Polly. Every time she came over she would slice off another piece or two! □

We swapped clothes, as evidenced by our early pictures. We walked everywhere and enjoyed many sleepovers. Susan remembers her and Polly walking from Susan's house up on Acton all the way to Polly's on Glenmar to ask permission for a sleepover

and grab her pj's. Then they walked back to Susan's which was a total of about 14 miles round trip! Polly was most likely barefoot because didn't like wearing shoes.

On occasion we would put our thumbs out a hitch a ride, mostly for fun. It was a different time!

In summers we all "lived" at the Olympic pool from the time it opened till the time it closed each day. The year that we were transitioning to high school we able to get our own cabana which was super cool. We got into trouble sometimes but that was the fun of being a kid. One time we got kicked out of the pool for smoking. A big group of us were sitting in the lawn in a circle. Someone had a cigarette. Just one solitary cigarette and it was passed around the circle so we could all try it. Obviously, it gave the appearance that we were passing a joint around! From there we most likely went to the Burger King which was a frequent hang out. You could purchase a whole cup of pickles for a nickel! ☐



“ I will miss my friend, Polly deeply. I loved her as one of my lifelong best friends.

HUGE condolences to Shean and Jenny, Ann and the rest of the clan. The service was so beautiul! She would approve! Massive beautiful flowers surrounded her urn and lots of pictures!

Food, friends, family and love was everywhere. Such a beautiful tribute from Jenny, and and talk and poem from nephew Joel. Big brother Pat and youngest bro Cris both gave great speaches. Especially the biblical translation about wildflowers from Chris.

I loved seeing all the family but hate the circumstance!

Many school friends from the past came, which was so nice.

I was one of five of Polly's lifelong good friends who stood up together to share words. We agreed that if one goes we all go to support one another! It was very hard but we knew we had to. We nominated Susan to read our short version of memories. I will post what we wrote in the next post because of the space allotment.

The room was packed, despite the many friends who were unable to be present. In case you missed the service, I hope you enjoy our stories. If you knew Polly, you will recognize her in our memories!

JP

“ Dear Hatem Family, Lately I have been hearing Polly's laugh which brought me joy and made me smile. Polly allowed my daughter, Katie, to call Polly Mom. Jenny and Katie will keep Polly's memory alive, and I will be happy for that.
My heart hurts for all of you and her friends.

jenny piccin

jenny piccin - July 17, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers to the entire family. You are special family friends.

Dianne Carr

dianne carr - July 17, 2017 at 03:05 PM

CK

“ Jenny - thoughts and prayers for you and your family through this difficult time. xoxoxoxo Charmaine

Charmaine Koch - July 17, 2017 at 12:03 PM

TC

“ My heartfelt condolences to Shean, Jenny and the entire Hatem clan
We were all touched by her beautiful spirit
All my love, while you go thru this difficult time.

She will forever be Pretty Polly Poppyseed to me.

Terri Carlier - July 17, 2017 at 07:59 AM

AH

“ *Good Morning Polly, I know today is a celebration of your life but I can't stop crying this morning, it hurts.....*

ann hatem - July 17, 2017 at 03:55 AM



Love you, and thinking of you Ann. You are a wonderful sister! You have a wonderful son and granddaughter! Peace, Love and Hugs!! <3

Page Hunt - July 20, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ *Dear one, I will miss our early morning chats on FB. I'm so sorry we didn't get the garden club off the ground. Your love for animals and people was boundless and I am honored to be able to have called you my friend. I rejoice that you are no longer held by the earthly bindings that are so tight, and I wish you well as you fly high and free. Blessings to all who knew and loved Polly, she will be in our hearts always.*

Sarah Terry - July 16, 2017 at 11:28 PM

ST

“ *Saundra Mattingly Thompson lit a candle in memory of Pauline Polly (Hatem) Collins*



Saundra Mattingly Thompson - July 16, 2017 at 10:41 PM

DF

“ I only knew Polly for a short time. She was a member of my front end team at Target Graceland. She was a wonderful person and everyone at the store loved her! I was very upset when she did not return and very sad to find out why. My deepest sympathy for your loss. She will be missed!

Deanna Friend - July 16, 2017 at 04:37 PM

Ann R.
Fisher

“ O remember Polly, when her daughter brought her to her first meeting of AA at Club Soda! She survived! I used to bring my grand daughter to that meeting! Polly helped me keeping busy, when the meeting went on! Polly became my friend in the rooms! She always in a good mood, when she attended the noon group, traditions III! A lot of addicts are going to miss her now! I will too

Ann R. Fisher - July 14, 2017 at 08:40 PM

Katie
Piccin

“ The best second mom anyone could have. Much Love. You will be missed.

Katie Piccin - July 14, 2017 at 07:35 PM

AS

“ Always in my heart. Fly high sweet Polly.



Ann Swindler - July 14, 2017 at 01:45 PM