



## Paula B. Cichanowicz

July 29, 1946 - July 2, 2025

Paula B. Cichanowicz, 78, of Hatfield, peacefully passed away after a brief illness, with her husband by her side, on Wednesday July 2, 2025, at Linda Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Springfield, MA on July 29, 1946, to the late Paul Kasemeotos and Jean (Lezynski) Kasemeotos.

She was a graduate of Northampton High School class of 1964 and continued her education at Holyoke School of Business. In high school, Paula met and quickly fell in love with Charlie Cichanowicz Jr., they were high school sweethearts and married on October 23, 1965. The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls; they jumped in the car and made the trip by way of Lebanon Valley Speedway. Paula loved corvettes and had several, her mother and her enjoyed road trips throughout the valley. Paula, worked for UMass in the art department, and the Shade Tree lab, for 40 years before her retirement.

In 1977, they built their home in Hatfield, where their backyard was full of all kinds of wildlife. Paula had a great fondness for all animals, and would always care for orphaned raccoons, skunks, and especially her favorite, squirrels.

She nursed and cared for Pudgy the Squirrel, who had a broken back, who had front wheel drive and was fast. She rehabilitated him back to health and he continued to live to be 11 years old.

Paula loved antique shopping, scouring tag sales, collecting glass, and was always on the hunt for beautiful pieces of jewelry. She enjoyed reading and spending a week or two on the Cape in Hyannis.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband Charlie Cichanowicz Jr. of

Hatfield, several cousins, many dear friends and her furry companion, her dog Ziggy, I'm sure he will be happy to see her again.

There will be a calling hour on Friday July 11, 2025, from 10 AM – 11 AM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON. A prayer service will begin in the Funeral Home at 11 AM. Burial will immediately follow in Calvary Cemetery, Hatfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Paula's memory to Mass Bird of Prey Rehab, C/O Tom Ricardi, 71 N. Poland Rd. Conway, MA 01341.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit [Drozdalfuneralhome.com](http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd.  
Northampton, MA 01060  
drozdalfh@aol.com  
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

## Prayer Service

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413) 584-5306  
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

## Burial

JUL 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery  
Bridge St.  
Hatfield, MA 01038

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ Anne Koziol lit a candle in memory of Paula B. Cichanowicz



Anne koziol - July 13, 2025 at 07:24 AM

SA

“ Paula - always such a hoot! We met when she came to Hatfield Beef and picked through my veggies for that perfect squash or tomato or pumpkins:) Over the years we got to know each other and I'm always going to remember her and miss her. Her passion for animals was obvious and she will forever be missed.



sara - July 11, 2025 at 10:36 AM

PB

“ Paula and I worked in the same department at UMass for several years. I remember her as the sweet, smiling blond lady at the reception desk at Shade Tree Labs. She never had a bad word to say about anyone, and always gushed about her husband, "My Charlie." I went to their house once to see some orphaned racoon babies she was caring for. Both the human and animal worlds have lost a lovely, caring soul. Thanks to her family for sharing her with all of us.

Phyllis Berman - July 08, 2025 at 09:22 PM

MM

“ I was very sorry to learn of Paula's passing. I knew her through the New York City UMass art bus trips Paul and Michael organized. Such a fun and sweet lady.

Melinda McIntosh  
Hadley

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Melinda McIntosh - July 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

JB

“ Dear Charlie....I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your dear wife, Paula. I have fond memories of the four of us getting together in the past.....sending my most sincere condolences to you and yours.

Jean A. Bergeron

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Jean A. Bergeron - July 08, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LV

“ Dear Charlie, I am saddened by Paula's death. My condolences to you and the family and all who loved her. I first met Paula and her mother, Jean, when I worked as Dr. Pekala's office of nurse. We talked often and attended gatherings together. Of course, living in Hatfield, I got to know her even better. I remember both of you thinking of me when Steve passed away.

Hugs, Linda Vinelli

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Linda Vinelli - July 07, 2025 at 06:41 PM

RE

I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when I was young you both visiting with your pup, Sunshine. My family is thinking of you at this difficult time.

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Rebecca Englehardt - July 07, 2025 at 10:01 PM