



Paula N. Ashfield

January 4, 1960 - January 11, 2025

Wantage - Paula N. Ashfield, age 65 peacefully passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025 while surrounded by her loving family in the serenity of her home. Born in the charming town of Pozzuoli, Naples, Italy, Paula was the beloved daughter of the late Antonio and Grazia (Terracciano) Buono. She migrated to the United States at the age of 11, bringing with her the rich cultural heritage and warmth of her Italian roots.

As a true lover of nature and animals, she was led by her spiritual calling to rescue, save and nurture exotic birds. This prompted her to create an extraordinary legacy: Under My Wing Avian Refuge, a bird sanctuary she founded and lovingly managed in Wantage, NJ. As the CEO and heart of the sanctuary, Paula, along with her late husband, Scott, dedicated countless years to providing care and refuge to exotic birds, earning the admiration and respect of the bird community. Her compassion, warmth, and boundless kindness touched the lives of many, both feathered and human alike.

Paula was a remarkable woman of resilience and grace, facing her battle with cancer with unparalleled strength and an unwavering fighting spirit. She embraced each day and never gave up. If you knew her, you would know she was not a quitter by any means. In her free time she loved dancing with joy or embarking on new adventures with her grandchildren, Paula's zest for life was infectious. She was a profound source of inspiration to all that knew her.

Paula was predeceased by her devoted husband, Thomas "Scott" Ashfield, on November 27, 2023, with whom she shared a deep and enduring love. She is

survived by her beloved son, Giovanni Terracciano of Hamburg; her loving daughter, Lidia Udrija of Morristown; her treasured grandchildren, Javan Moore and his wife Shalie, Amethyst Moore, Vincent Terracciano, and Adriana Terracciano; her cherished great-grandchild, Massai Carter; and two brothers, three sisters, and countless dear friends who will forever hold her memory close to their hearts.

A private celebration of Paula's beautiful life will be arranged by her family.

Condolences may be sent to the funeral home for Mrs. Paula N Ashfield.

Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online

condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Paula's indomitable spirit, selfless dedication, and boundless love for her family, friends, and the natural world will forever be remembered. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy of kindness and inspiration will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I volunteered at UMWAR many years ago. Paula's dedication to her feathered babies was inspirational. Paula was an amazing, strong, kind and selfless woman. Rest in peace, dear Paula. My deepest condolences to Paula's family.



Lauren Bax - January 15, 2025 at 12:02 PM



Thank you for sharing your memory & your support.

Lidia Udrija - January 25, 2025 at 01:31 PM

AF

“ Aunt Pat and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paula N. Ashfield.



Aunt Pat and Family - January 15, 2025 at 08:51 AM

AF

“ Aunt Pat and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula N. Ashfield.

Aunt Pat and Family - January 15, 2025 at 08:51 AM

ML

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Paula. She was an amazing woman and meant so much to so many people. We will never forget her and her kindness. She will be very missed by everyone!

Marie & Miguel Ley - January 14, 2025 at 12:30 PM

 Lidia Udrija

We are grateful for your prayers, love, and thoughtfulness as we navigate this heartbreaking loss.

Lidia Udrija - January 25, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paula N. Ashfield.



January 14, 2025 at 10:26 AM

AT

“ Lydia, my prayers are with you and the family Paula is in a better place where there's no more pain.

Love uncle Alfred ❤️

Alfred Townsel - January 13, 2025 at 09:03 PM

RL

To Lydia & family. My deepest heartfelt condolences to you during this difficult season. May God give you all the strength & love you need during this time. Sending my love & blessings.

Love Rachael Lawrie 🙏❤️

Rachael Lawrie - January 23, 2025 at 05:57 PM



Lidia Udrija

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Your support has been light in our darkest days

Lidia Udrija - January 25, 2025 at 01:35 PM

SJ

“*My Dear cousins Lidia & Johnny, our heartfelt condolences to you and your families during this time of mourning. There are never easy goodbyes however, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God cover you all.*



Love, Stefania & Darreb

Stefania Johnson - January 13, 2025 at 08:36 PM

CD

So sorry for your loss. Your mom had the biggest heart and I remember the sacrifices she made for those birds. She helped me find a home for my beautiful bird Sunny. May she rest in peace.

Carole Duffy - January 14, 2025 at 03:14 PM

DJ

I was the friend/Realtor that found Paula and Scott the Wantage location for the bird rescue with my dad. I felt very attached to them with the rescue they had for the birds. So sorry to hear of Paula passing. I just went in Facebook tonight to say hello. God bless

Dawn James - January 27, 2025 at 10:29 PM