



Pauline Strawser

December 21, 1933 - August 18, 2025

Pauline Strawser of Towanda, age 91, passed away peacefully to live with her Lord on August 18, 2025. She was born as Pauline Haupt on December 21, 1933, in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. As a child and youth, she lived in beautiful Irish Valley. In 1952 she married Fred Strawser. Pauline had a very busy household, bearing four wonderful children in 6 years. Then in 1966 she and her family moved from Sunbury to Towanda. She joined Evergreen Christian Church, where she was an active member for the rest of her life. She was especially active in the Awana program for the church youth. She was well-organized, quick with numbers, and had an impeccable memory. So, in 1983 when H & R Country Store on U.S. 220 came up for sale, she saw an opportunity. For over 35 years under her ownership and management, she offered fishing gear, ammo, Carhart clothes, clothing alterations, and work boots – all at a fair price. But H & R was more than just a store. Because Pauline was the smiling “Good morning!”, the trusted attentive listener, and the giver of level-headed advice. In 2020 she sold the store but continued her many church activities until the very end.

Pauline is survived by brother Jim (Janey) Haupt of Irish Valley; daughter Sue Vegors (Bob) of Jackson, Tennessee; son Fred Strawser (Linda Rebbel) of Bradley Beach, New Jersey; daughter Mrs. Judy Haire of Neath, Pennsylvania; daughter Karen Arnold (Jack) of Frederick, Maryland; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

The family is grateful to Dr. Joyson Poulouse and the Guthrie Oncology

Department for an unexpected extra 3 years of life; Guthrie Hospice; her Evergreen Church family and Pastor Michael Dodd for nourishing her faith; and her very kind neighbors Dick and Chris McGuire, Alice and Gene Lehman, Kathy and Chopper Benjamin, and Terry and Cissy Vaow for lovingly and unselfishly giving themselves so that Pauline could for the last few years remain living independently at home. Until now, when she is finally truly home. The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Christian Church with a funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Michael Dodd officiating. Interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Pauline's memory be directed to Evergreen Christian Church, 23 Szemple Lane, New Albany, PA 18833. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery, Albany Township, PA

Previous Events

Receive Friends

AUG 27. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Christian Church
23 Szemple Ln
New Albany, PA 18833-8951
(570) 363-2074

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Christian Church
23 Szemple Lane
New Albany, PA

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ To Pauline's family, we are so sorry for your loss. We will Cherish the memories we had with Pauline from going to the store or visiting at the house, what a fine lady. We have a hunting camp across the street since 1965 to the present, 2&3 generations knew Pauline
Sincerely
the members of Wits End
hunting & fishing club

Leo Wismer Jr. - September 06, 2025 at 11:09 PM

TG

“ The children of Ruth & Harlin Gessner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Pauline Strawser.



The children of Ruth & Harlin Gessner - August 25, 2025 at 12:02 PM

SM

“ To Pauline's family,
So sorry for your loss. Pauline was an awesome lady. I usually visited her store one a year for purchases . She always had a smile. A great lady. She will be missed by those that knew and loved her . A bright light is gone from the world , but it shines up in heaven. God bless her and her family . 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️

Sue Moore - August 24, 2025 at 04:40 AM

RV

“ What a blessing to have had acquaintance with this wonderful lady over the years. Always a smile and a laugh. Her joy in and love for the Lord were so evident. Pastor Rich Vieldhouse

Richard Vieldhouse - August 22, 2025 at 09:46 AM

RH

“ Robin Hutchins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pauline Strawser.

Robin Hutchins - August 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

RH

“ Robin Hutchins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pauline Strawser.



Robin Hutchins - August 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

DM

“ Thanks for all of the friendship, and help, for many years.. -- We'll miss You - R I P -- Pauline.

Dick, and Chris McGuire - August 22, 2025 at 06:17 AM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Pauline. She was a wonderful Mom, Christian, neighbor. Spent many hours at her house with Susie. She opened up her home for me to stay a couple nights when Shirley passed away. I wish I lived closer to give you a hug Susie. Know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sylvia Silver - August 21, 2025 at 11:20 AM

DM

“ *Pauline was like a Saint to Us, for many years. - We enjoyed the visits, at The H&R Store, and at Her house. -- R I P -- Pauline --- Dick, and Chris McGuire.*

Dick, and Chris McGuire - August 21, 2025 at 10:53 AM