



## Paula Stinson

June 5, 1953 - September 13, 2020

Paula Ellen Stinson, age 67, peacefully passed away on September 13th, 2020 with family by her bedside. Paula was born on June 5, 1953 to Betty Smalley and the late James "Bud" Alfred Smalley Jr., in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Dear sister of Vivian Pytleski, Randall Smalley and Cheryl (Richard) McKinnon. Beloved aunt of Sarah (Matt) Byington, Caryn Bo James, Michele Pytleski, Janet (Josh) Brydon and Ian McKinnon. Sweet great aunt to Joseph and Matthew Byington. Special friend to Jo (Bill) Storch and family and Stephanie (Matt) Gauthier and family. She was "Grandma Paula" to Drew, Rhett, Addison, Emma, Jase and Lily. Paula was previously of Rochester Hills, Michigan; retired to Presque Isle, Michigan; after working 25 years at the Macomb Literacy Partners as a student coordinator and administrative assistant. Paula was an avid reader, gardener, and nature lover. She enjoyed walking in the woods behind her cottage and at Holland Ponds in Shelby Township, Michigan. She also volunteered for several years at Shadbush Nature Center, Shelby Township, Michigan. Paula was a firm believer in recycling to save our environment for future generations. Paula was an accomplished seamstress and crafter. She bestowed family and friends with her lovingly made hats, scarves, doll clothes, and crocheted animals. She was a fan of the Iron Man movies and Robert Downey Jr. She is preceded in death by her two sons: Jeremiah Stinson and Josiah Stinson. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. A Celebration of Life gathering will take place on June 5th, 2021. Location and times to be determined. Please share a memory with her family at <http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com>

# Events

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## **JUN** **Celebration of Life gathering**

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# Comments

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“ Some people could be given a field full of roses and only see the thorns in it. Paula could be given a single weed and see the wild flower in it. Perception is the key component to gratitude. And gratitude is the key component to joy. Paula was a joy to all of us and will be deeply missed.

**Jo Storch** - September 25, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ You said it perfectly! So many things were learned and shared with a truly beautiful woman. It was a privilege to have her as a part of our family. We love you Paula

**Stephanie Gauthier** - April 08, 2021 at 10:08 PM