



Paula Egolf

February 17, 2025

Paula Egolf died Monday, the 17th of February, after a full and well-lived life. She was an artist - in practice and spirit. Color, light, texture, and moments of wonder! Many of her paintings were inspired by travel, capturing the beauty of the land and moments of connection. She also held dear her time living in Europe and her travels in other parts of the world. Paula was grateful that her paintings live on, dotted around the country, continuing to bring color and joy to so many.

Paula embraced life and read voraciously. Above all, she was a maker - of art, food, knitted hats, wisecracks. True to her Virgo nature, she revelled in a job well done in all areas: in her former profession as a CPA, in her artwork, her teaching, parenting, and volunteer work in Lancaster.

In her words, she felt lucky “in having such a supportive, brave, clever, brilliant husband and children - all so talented and accomplished and who taught and showed me so much.” Paula passed on her love of the arts to her grateful children and grandchild. She was strong of intellect, will, opinion, and soul, and strived to embrace uncertainty. There were tough times. There were so many beautiful times. Her friends and family will miss her dearly and continue to be inspired by her memory. Paula is survived by her loving husband and partner Gary, daughter Gretchen, and granddaughter Orla. She was predeceased by her son, the writer Tristan Egolf.

At her request, no service will be held; instead, run through a sprinkler in her honor. This story never ends...

Tribute Wall

RL

“ These are a few of our paintings created by Paula. I met and Gary over 30 years ago at the Manayunk arts festival and went back each year. The reached three more times to add paintings for new homes. The paintings always take me away and bring me joy. And now my daughter Ellie enjoys them in her home. Beyond that Paula was an amazing person and I enjoyed our conversations. We are both so sorry for your loss and feel terrible about it. Gone too soon. May her memory be a blessing.



Rick Lichtenfield - April 01 at 04:43 PM

EL

“ I grew up with Paula's beautiful paintings all over our house. Each time we moved my father would go meet Paula and collect more of her beautiful work. Now in my own home, I get to enjoy her artwork on my walls and have the chance to view the world through her lens. I am so sorry for your loss, and I feel grateful for the chance to enjoy her paintings every day.

Ellie Lichtenfield - April 01 at 03:00 PM

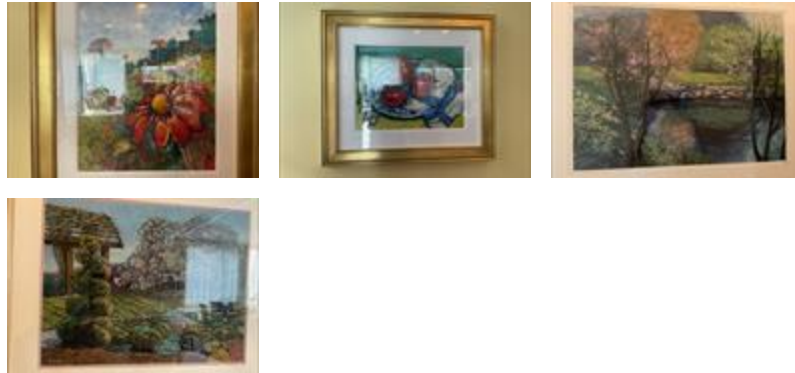
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“ I want to tell Paula's family how sorry I was to learn of her passing. Paula was a major talent and a lovely woman. I am proud to have her paintings all over my home. Priscilla Goldsmith, DE

Priscilla Goldsmith - September 27, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LL

“ I googled Paula to see what she was doing these days and sadly saw her obituary. My late husband and I loved her work and her delightful personality. I have four of her works on my walls. How amazing it must be to create beautiful art and have it live on after you are gone.



Linda Loftin - June 12, 2025 at 07:33 AM

BG

“ Gary - years ago you and Paula were friends of mine at Central Market (I worked at Viv's flower stand.) I was just thinking of you both earlier today and now I've seen this. Please know that friends - both far and wide - are keeping you in their thoughts. It was a true pleasure to know Paula (and to know you!) ~ Brett Gerlach

Brett Gerlach - February 27, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JJ

“ Paula's artwork will always grace my home. Her loving and giving soul radiates from every one of them. I will be forever grateful for her friendship and honored by her choosing my garden to cut her flowers from. Imagine the excitement I experienced when she created so many masterpieces with them. I would like to send my LOVE to Gary, Gretchen and Orla.

With all of my blessings, Jo Jaikes

Jo Jaikes - February 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM

CG

“ Paula - I will miss you so much. My heart is with you Gary and Gretchen and Orla. I have in my memory so many smiling tomes and sometimes sad days. I am so luck to have known you. I will hVe te and think of our visits and when sprinkler weather comes, I will run through it and laugh. ❤️ i will see you later. Love love love Claire and Bill.

Claire Giblin - February 24, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JS

“ Gary- thinking of you!
So glad I knew Paula; a friend, volunteered with her, learned from her- she will always be a part of so many of us in Lancaster.
Judy W Smith

judy W Smith - February 24, 2025 at 11:20 AM

EN

“ Gary and family, I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Paula. I have very fond memories of seeing Paula and Gary at various art events in Lancaster - the Long's Park show, art walks and First Fridays - and enjoying Paula's beautiful paintings. What a wonderful talent and lovely woman. I'm very proud to have one of her works - "It's Spring!". I'll continue to remember her whenever I look at it. Peace and love to you all, Beth Netscher



Elizabeth Netscher - February 24, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ I met Paula when she volunteered at Hospice of Lancaster County (Hospice & Community Care) Inpatient Unit. She was delightful. I appreciated our times together so very much. My sympathies to her family.

Kathy Trowbridge - February 24, 2025 at 07:37 AM

MB

“ I knew Paula only through her wonderful children, Gretchen and Tristan. What an incredible family she created! Her physical presence may be gone, but I know her legacy lives on. My deepest sympathy to Gary, Gretchen, and Orla.



Melissa Byers - February 23, 2025 at 01:41 PM

CS

“ We have fond memories of Paula and Gary back when the children were young, and river tubing on a hot afternoon was the best! May memories of Paula's amazing life help ease the times when you miss her the most. Steve and Cyd Stayrook

Cyd Stayrook - February 23, 2025 at 01:14 PM

GW

“ To Gary and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Paula was a light and am so glad that our paths had crossed. It's been years since we spoke, but will never forget her work or spirit. Sending you comfort and healing. P.S. I love running through a summer sprinkler! Kelly and Gini Woy

Gini L Woy - February 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album Paula's Art



Christine Bunce - February 23, 2025 at 11:02 AM

CB

I love Paula's art and this is one of my favorite pieces. The picture doesn't do it justice! I loved visiting her and Gary at the Art shows. Was one of my first stops. Her sunflower painting is now with my nephew. His mom, my sister, loved sunflowers and she is gone but he loves having that painting in her memory. So Paula's work is like ripples in the water, touching many.

Christine Bunce - February 23, 2025 at 11:07 AM

HH

“ *Paula was an amazing person and her light will shine for ever in the beautiful artwork she created and friendships she created. Sending my deep sympathies to her beautiful family and all who loved her.*

Henrietta Heisler - February 23, 2025 at 08:16 AM

GE

Thank you very much Henrietta

Gretchen Egolf - March 03, 2025 at 12:49 PM

CR

“ *We always enjoyed visiting Paula's booth at Long's Park, purchasing her beautiful art, and talking to Paula and Gary. Rest in Peace, Paula.*

Claire Ritterhoff - February 20, 2025 at 12:07 AM

GE

Thank you Claire

Gretchen Egolf - March 03, 2025 at 12:49 PM