

PAULA D. FREYER

Age 58, of Fombell, PA, passed away on March 1, 2024, at UPMC Passavant Hospital - North Hills. Born on June 10, 1965, Paula was the daughter of Emil and Dorothea (Keally) Freyer. Paula attended Riverside High School and then Penn State University where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nuclear Engineering and a Master's of Science in Metals Science and Engineering.

Paula was impressive in her professional achievements, with unique expertise in the irradiated materials sector of the nuclear power industry. Paula began her career as a nuclear engineer at the Clinton Nuclear Power Station in Clinton, Illinois. She then returned to the Pittsburgh area and worked over 25 years with Westinghouse/Siemens, where she rose to the rank of Fellow Engineer and managed the irradiated materials lab at the Westinghouse Churchill Site. In her most recent role with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy as a Consulting Engineer, Paula applied her years of technical expertise to support the development of novel reactor designs. Her career contributions are extensive, as evidenced by her impressive portfolio of patents, journal articles, technical reports, and presentations to various stakeholders within the industry. Beyond her professional achievements, Paula brought tremendous enthusiasm and passion to her work. Colleagues found her not only to be a reliable collaborator but also a source of inspiration. She was a cherished friend and mentor to many.

In her personal life she was dedicated to her horses, Fairhill and Tony and loved and cared for many farm dogs. Paula was a most creative person who loved to decorate her home and barn with fantastic landscape designs in plants, flowers and hand-painted stones. She built many stacked stone walls from materials she collected in her fields and tree lot.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents and an older sister, Dorothea Kress of Lake Worth, Florida.

She is survived by five brothers and sisters: Albert Freyer of Wadsworth, OH; Edward Freyer of Windsor, CA; Elizabeth Culver of Fombell, PA; Teresa Freyer of Evans City, PA; and Leanne Freyer-Clifford of Reisterstown, MD.

Private funeral arrangements were entrusted to **BOYLAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 324 E. Grandview Ave., Zelienople, PA 16063. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.boylanfuneralservices.com.

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