



## Mrs. Paula Jean Christensen

August 18, 2011

CHRISTENSEN, Paula Jean, 56, of Thonotosassa, Florida, went to be with her Lord on August 18, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 39 years Charles "Chuck" Christensen; daughters Leslie Christensen and Kelly Benzrihem (Steeve); parents James "Red" and Ann Hicks; siblings Bonnie Sampson and Joyce Smith; and 4 grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 26 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 2:00 P.M. at Cork United Methodist Church, 4815 W. Sam Allen Rd, Plant City. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Memorial contributions may be made to LifePath Hospice, 12973 Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace 33637. Expressions of Condolence at [ww.hopewellfuneral.com](http://ww.hopewellfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Celebration of Life

**AUG 27.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Cork United Methodist Church  
4815 W. Sam Allen Rd  
Plant City, FL

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ It's hard to believe it's been 25 years since I first met you Paula. You were one of the happiest and kindest people I have ever known. You welcomed me, my first day on the job, and made my transition to a new job incredibly pleasant. You were always delightful to be around. You had a generous spirit and shared both your wit and your heart with the people that were drawn to you because of it. You will be remembered always for being the classy lady that you were.

Connie Buyens

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Connie M. Buyens - August 26, 2011 at 09:40 AM

CS

“ Momma Paula, I cannot express enough how grateful I will always be to have had the chance to have you in my life. You and Poppa Chuck have always been so gracious, and you didn't hesitate for a second to help me when I needed someone. Thank you for being such a loving, warm, funny and thoughtful second mom. Thank you for random little gifts like St. Patrick's Day socks and Valentine's Day pajamas : ) Thank you for letting me hear what the sweetest laugh sounds like. Thank you for lovingly making fun of me when we went on a road trip to see Kelly and I forgot to pack pants, leaving me with only my grey pajama sweatpants that were 6 sizes too big - and still being seen in public with me anyway. Thank you for RV trips to Daytona, even the forest fire year - adventures! Thank you for the time you gave me, and thank you for giving birth to the best friend I could ever hope for. You're among your kind, with the other angels, and I just know heaven's going to smell like fresh laundry from now on :) I love you so much. - Carrie

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Carrie Sullivan - August 24, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ *Paula, You were always such a sweet and joyful person. Thank you for being such a good second mom to Jodi and being a good role model. She loved you and even though we didn't see you as much these last few years, you were always in our thoughts and prayers. Say Hi to Jacob if you see him.*

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**Judi Groom** - August 22, 2011 at 05:30 PM



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**Kelly Benzrihem** - August 22, 2011 at 12:45 PM



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**Chuck Christensen** - August 21, 2011 at 12:27 PM



“ *Paula, I love you so much. Chuck*

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**Chuck Christensen** - August 20, 2011 at 05:17 AM



*You are loved and missed very much.... Thank you for being such a wonderful role model in my life... xoxo!*

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**Jodi Groom Anderson** - August 20, 2011 at 07:20 AM

DA

*Faith*

*When you walk to the edge of all the light you have  
and take that first step into the darkness of the unknown,  
you must believe that one of two things will happen:  
There will be something solid for you to stand upon,  
or, you will be taught how to fly*

*Love, Esther, Rick, Jan & Jimmy*

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**Dardens** - August 20, 2011 at 10:22 AM

CD

*Mr. Christensen,*

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. You have been a  
great example of a loving husband.*

*Sincerely,*

*Clint and Becky Dame*

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**Clint Dame** - August 20, 2011 at 11:02 AM

GH

*Chuck, I met Paula for the first time when Larry and I got married and  
we traveled to Miami for a visit on our honeymoon almost 45 years  
ago. Paula was such a sweet person and had a beautiful smile and  
laugh. I will never forget her sweet personality and that beautiful laugh.  
You guys were the greatest cousins one could have. We love you, Gail  
and Larry Hicks*

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**Gail Hicks** - August 20, 2011 at 08:35 PM



*My Mama, Paula Jean Christensen, is the most beautiful mama in the world- both inside and out! She loved me through everything, no matter what. She taught me so much, and i am sure that i will continue learning from her for the rest of my life. She helped me to understand what real love is. The things she has given me are priceless- i used to sit by her side on the piano bench as a little, little girl while she played, and was mesmerized by the beautiful music she made. I wanted her to teach me how to do that too, so she did. Her support in fostering my love for music from the beginning has been instrumental in my life to this day. She has set the example for me of what a good woman of God is like- a Godly wife, mother, friend, etc. Genuine and true. Patient and faithful. Mom never gave up on me, even at the times in my life when i had given up on myself. This is REAL LOVE... she has taught me how to love- truly. I could go on forever about her, so i guess i'd better try to wrap it up; but before i do, i want to make sure to declare loud and clear to all who read this, what the most precious gift of all is that Mama has given me in my lifetime. It's the gift of the knowledge of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, and the knowledge of His Holy Living Word. She taught me from a real young age that i could have a personal relationship with my Father God, and pray to Him anytime. God bless my Mama!!! I love her forever, I'll like her for always! As long as i'm livin', my Mama She'll be!!!*

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**Leslie Christensen** - August 21, 2011 at 01:03 PM

SH

*Chuck and family, Doug and I are so sorry for your loss we pray that God will comfort you in knowing she is a angel in heaven now smiling down upon all of you .I remember many times setting with her at the races and having a great time watching our guys battling it out, we will miss her too! May God BLess all of you and help you through this sad time in your lives.*

*Sherry and Doug Heveron*

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**Sherry and Doug Heveron** - August 21, 2011 at 05:52 PM

LH

*Dearest Chuck and family,  
I have had the privilege of having been Paula's friend when we were still young ladies. I was proud to be a bridesmaid in her wedding. And although years passed us by and we lost touch, I never forgot my dear friend, fun things we did together as teen agers, like going to Hialeah Speedway, and having my first taste of wild hog sausage,...oh, and how we would 'run like crazy' past the chicken plant because it smelled so bad, whenever I went to Paula's house after school in Jr. High. And how many pennies did we put on the railroad track so the train would flatten them!  
Rest in peace my dear friend. Linda H.*

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**Linda Hartman** - August 23, 2011 at 03:57 PM

CH

*Chuck, Leslie, Kelly and family! I am sorry for the loss of your wife, mom. and grandmother. Paula was a special person to me. I am going to miss her dearly. I do get comfort knowing that she is no longer suffering. RIP Paula and we will all see you again one day.*

*Cathy Hogue*

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**Cathy Hogue** - August 23, 2011 at 07:29 PM

JC

*Chuck,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Paula's passing. She is in a better place now and at peace.  
Thoughts and prayers out to you and your Family.*

*Jay Catalano*

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**jay catalano** - August 24, 2011 at 07:01 AM

KB

*We are sorry to hear of your loss. God bless.*

*Roger, Kellie, Josept & Casey Barnes*

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**Kellie Barnes** - August 25, 2011 at 09:42 AM

MH

*Our condolences on your family's loss. We will keep you in our prayers.*

*Michael & Kathryn Hartman*

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**Michael A. Hartman** - August 25, 2011 at 10:52 AM

DG

*Chuck you have been in my prayers. I pray for your comfort from the Lord. You have been an outstanding husband and caregiver to Paula and that is to be admired by everyone. The Promise is that you will see her again and the exciting thing about that is she will be 100% well! Praise God for that. We hope to see you Saturday if all goes as planned.*

*Love, Debbie & Craig, Aunt Erma and Uncle Jack*

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**Debbie Grant** - August 25, 2011 at 05:54 PM