



Paula Stroud Stanley

September 17, 1962 - November 29, 2007

Funeral services for Paula Stroud Stanley, 45, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2007 at Lakeview Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Don Purvis will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Friday, November 30, 2007 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Lakeview Baptist Church Music Ministry, 202 Lakeview Blvd., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Stanley died Thursday, November 29, 2007. Born in Conway, SC, she was a daughter of the late Alton Ernestine and Pauline Elizabeth Elliott Stroud. Paula began her adult life in Hartsville 23 years ago when she was called as the interim music minister at Lakeview Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Dr. Donald C. Purvis, Lakeview welcomed Paula with open arms - as did the community. Paula's heart of gold and love for Jesus Christ is evident in her many accomplishments during her short life. Paula was the creator, director, and producer of the very successful HARTSVILLE EASTER FESTIVAL and the SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE. She was a recipient of the James F. Byrnes Scholarship award, Shaw Fine Arts Award, and a 1999 recipient of the Belle of Courage Award. She was also chosen as an Outstanding Young Woman of America, served as a trustee of Anderson College, graduated in 1984 from Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and also graduated in 1986 from Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Surviving are her husband, Billy Stanley of Hartsville, SC; son, Noah Stanley of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Hannah Stanley of Hartsville, SC, Mary Rion (Dave) Spangler of Hilton Head, SC; brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Tammy Stroud of Nichols, SC.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church
202 Lakeview Blvd,
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ I was shocked to see Paula's obituary. We had lost touch through the years and yet so many memories started flooding into my mind. Reading the entries from so many, it is easy to see that as time moved forward, one thing stayed the same and that was Paula and her unwavering faith and love for the Lord. I remember telling her once that sometimes things weren't always black and white, there had to be a gray area. She never bought into that idea and stood tall. She was truly a wonderful person who shared her love of music and love for God with everyone around her.##imported-begin##an old friend##imported-end##

March 11, 2008 at 04:15 PM



“ wxcdi zcmojy pabzq pnvaqxwk ufybled idmfntsy
aujvizch##imported-begin##ughtyl ubrx##imported-end##

February 16, 2008 at 04:03 PM



“ *Billy, Noah, and Hannah*

Paula was a dear friend and a wonderful person. She impacted my life in more ways that I can count. I will never forget the Christmas parties we used to have at her apartment as a youth group. I will never forget gathering around her piano and singing "Silver Bells" in four part harmony!!! She taught me to love music and I look forward to the day I will see her again in heaven. Who knows maybe we can gather around piano there as we sing praises to God.

My prayers are with you,

*Rodney Sprayberry##imported-begin##Rodney
Sprayberry##imported-end##*

December 11, 2007 at 05:56 PM



“ *Almost a week since Paula went to be with our Lord. We still grieve for what our earth has lost. Oscar and I are so very thankful for her friendship with our son and his wife and daughters. We look forward to hearing her sing again when we all get to heaven.##imported-begin##Sarah Ellen Jones##imported-end##*

December 06, 2007 at 06:28 AM



“ *Dear Family,*

Please know that you are in my prayers during this season of loss. Paula sang at my ordination service many years ago. With her passing a beautiful voice has been temporarily stilled. May God keep you in His everlasting arms.

+##imported-begin##CDR Ted M Fanning, USN##imported-end##

December 05, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. paula was an inspiration to our family. she was such a wonderful person to everyone she knew.continue to remember the wonderful memories and what a wonderful person she was!!!##imported-begin##charlene malloy##imported-end##

December 04, 2007 at 06:26 PM



“ Billy and children I am so sorry to hear about the loss of paula she was such a great woman who had the love for Jesus and everyone else we Definatly know she is in heaven singing with all the other angels God bless you all Love in christ Jo Lynn.##imported-begin##Jo Lynn Bradshaw##imported-end##

December 04, 2007 at 12:28 PM



“ Our prayers are with you at this time.
Paula will be missed by thousands. Her beautiful voice was a gift from God that she used so well.

Sharon Barry Moon##imported-begin##Sharon Moon##imported-end##

December 04, 2007 at 08:43 AM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Sorry we could not make it but we were out of town. The eight years we were at Lakeview Paula was such a blessing to us. There is a new angel in the choir now so that is just one more reason for us to want to go to heaven. We love you and may God continue to comfort you. David and Evelyn##imported-begin##David and Evelyn Talbert##imported-end##

December 04, 2007 at 08:32 AM



“ I will never forget when my mother died in 2001 as Paula sang at my mothers funeral. She did not hesitate to help me . I will never forget that she came to my rescue.... She made a lasting impression on me .Always remember the wonderful caring person she was. My prayers are with you and your family##imported-begin##Margaret Tingen##imported-end##

December 03, 2007 at 04:15 PM



“ Dear Billy,

It was with great sadness that I heard last week of Paula's death after her long fight with cancer. It says much about you that I had over 8 friends in different areas, ranging from Scott Ferguson in Hartsville, to Daniel Higgins in Jacksonville, to Dawn Cook and Jackie Smith in Florence, all send me the sad news. You have many friends who care about you deeply and are mourning, with you, your loss. I've had you and your kids in my thoughts and my prayers all through this past week. Having just lost my older brother a few weeks ago, I'm still only a tiny bit closer to understanding how hard it must be to lose your love and your partner. It seems with some people you kind of hedge your bets and say, "I'm sure he's in a better place," but part of you is wondering. Yet with Paula, there's no hedging, no doubt, just faith like a mountain that she is with God and is looking down on us. But while knowing this gives comfort, there sure is a lot of human stuff that we, who are left behind, still have to work through. I ache for you and the kids and I pray that God stays close to you and touches your heart and soul and lightens your burden. You and I were both lucky enough to marry well "above our heads" and ended up with great girls. Every day we share is a blessing. And Paula was so special and touched so many people's lives (yes, even my adopted daughter before I even knew her!) that I'm sure you'll frequently and for the rest of your days have the bitter-sweet experience of having people approach you to tell you how special she was to them. What better living memorial can you have than people whose lives were made better by Paula's all-too short time here.

Be strong, Billy. Take care of your kids and yourself. And know that many of us out here are thinking of you, praying for you, and are ready to be there in any way we can to help out.

If there's anything I can do - even if it's just sit down with a glass of wine (or 5) and talk... about what you're going through or about anything except what you're going through... just say the word. I'll

be there.

With love and deep sympathy,

Tag##imported-begin##Tag Gallaher##imported-end##

December 03, 2007 at 12:49 PM



“ *Billy, Hannah, and Noah. I had the pleasure of meeting Paula when Billy sang in my wedding in 1990. I really got to know Paula on a personal level when I was in the nail business and she was a client of mine. She was a sweet and wonderful person. She was always upbeat and had a positive attitude about everything. I can't say enough good things about Paula. She will be greatly missed!##imported-begin##Nicola Parker##imported-end##*

December 03, 2007 at 11:05 AM



“ *Billy, Hannah, and Noah, I was so saddened to learn of Paula's passing this morning. We were both Byrnes Scholars and Windell knew her parents well. We worked together for several years on musical presentations for the Scholars' annual meetings and Paula had a lovely voice. She is surely directing an angel choir in Heaven now and helping them to make beautiful music. Windell and I send our heartfelt sympathy and love in your loss and we will keep you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Johann and Windell McCrackin##imported-end##*

December 03, 2007 at 10:44 AM



“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. I know she is now in heaven, a better place. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

RS###imported-begin##Richard and Margaret Stabler##imported-end##

December 03, 2007 at 10:26 AM



“ Billy, Hannah, and Noah. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, and have been for some time now. Paula was fortunally for my sake, a great inspiration in my life. However, she never wanted to take any credit for her great work in so many lives. She is a person that no one can ever forget. There are so many good memories that I will be able to cherish that date back to children's choir! I want you all to know that Paula was one of the people that I give credit for pushing me and being such a great influence during my adolescent and young adult years. Paula's personality was one of which; that I could never ever tell her No when asked to do something, weather I wanted to or not! I valued her decision so much, that surely it must be the right one if she thought so. Paula was a unique and self-motivated person that will be missed by the entire community. Now is the time to realize that she is not suffering any longer and that God must have needed another angel in heaven, because she was definitely an angel among us. With Love, Chad Howle###imported-begin##Chad Howle##imported-end##

December 03, 2007 at 08:05 AM



“ Paula was an extraordinary person who always gave us a reason to smile, and will truly be missed. To Billy, Hannah, and Noah my family’s prayers are with you. I hope that knowing she meant so much too so many people you can celebrate her life and what she meant to us. She was a significant part of not only Lakeview Baptist but the Hartsville community. With her angelic voice and leadership so many lives were touch and saved. She was a woman that I could never tell no; when she asked me sing, lead in prayer, or even behave as a youth of the church I would without hesitation. She always brought out the best in us.##imported-begin##Brent Tiller##imported-end##

December 02, 2007 at 08:04 PM



“ Billy,Hannah and Noah, I had the wonderful priviledge of having Paula sing at my wedding and will always cherish the time that I knew her.She was such a wonderful God-fearing lady.She will certainly be missed by all but I'm sure we will her again as she sings" I've just seen Jesus".May the Lord you all. Shannon Lyerly##imported-begin##Shannon Lyerly##imported-end##

December 02, 2007 at 06:33 PM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah, we were so sad to hear of your loss, but we know what a glorious day it must have been for Paula to walk onto those golden streets in heaven and to be healed from the sickness that she battled with for so long. Paula was a special person to all and will always be remembered for all that she did and for the person she was. What an exciting day when we will get to see her face to face! You all will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. May God's blessings and peace comfort each of you during this time.##imported-begin##Mitch, Kelli and Marley Ingram##imported-end##

December 02, 2007 at 03:50 PM



“ to paulas family sorry to hear of your loss paula was a wonderful person and will not be forgotten she will always be a shing light many thoughts and prayers gail peavy wal-mart hartsvillesc##imported-begin##gail peavy ##imported-end##

December 02, 2007 at 09:55 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Paula will surely be missed. Even though we lost an Angel here on earth, Heaven sure gained a bright and shining new Angel. God's Blessings and comfort.##imported-begin##Rusty and Cindy Shoemaker Family##imported-end##

December 02, 2007 at 12:05 AM



“ Our prayers are with you. God has added a flower to his garden of angels. Take comfort in knowing that she is with him.

*With Our Deepest Sympathy
Andy, Christy, Marcie, Candice, & Josh Sumner##imported-
begin##Christy Sumner##imported-end##*

December 02, 2007 at 12:04 AM



“ Billy, Hannah, and Noah,
Paula was so special in many ways. She meant so much to Jane,
Forrest, and all the boys. She touched my life in a special way as
well. I, like all who knew her was blessed by her presence in our
lives. She will be missed here on earth but rejoices in Heaven.
Jan Saxton##imported-begin##JAN SAXTON (JANE PUTNAM'S
SISTER FROM SHELBY)##imported-end##

December 01, 2007 at 11:50 AM



“ We bowed in prayer after reading Paula Stroud Stanley's name in
the First Presbyterian church prayer column.
Her presence will be greatly missed by so many loved ones: by
family, PC alumni, Lakeview Baptist members and community of
friends, and all those who knew her talents by attending
performances under the directorship of Paula. All those who
"believe" will one day see their Lord and Saviour, and Paula again.
Praying we'll be worthy of that privelege now and always. In Christ,
Charles and Miriam Dixon, Society Hill, SC##imported-
begin##Charles and Miriam Dixon##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 11:31 PM



“ Billy,Hannah and Noah.I had the priviledge of Paula singing in my wedding.I will always remember her smile and wonderful christian attitude.Please know our prayers are with you all.I know she is singing as she enters the gates of Heaven! God BLESS, Shannon Lyerly###imported-begin##Shannon Watkins Lyerly###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 10:56 PM



“ Stanley Family,

Paula was a great person and she touched alot of hearts. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. She will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Buffy Clements###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 10:46 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about paula. She was a very good lady. I know that she will be missed by all who ever met her. Just the family will always be in my thoughts and pray.###imported-begin##geri allen###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 10:20 PM



“ Dear Billy, Hannah, & Noah,
Our hearts and sorrows are with you. Paula was such a beautiful person and she had the voice to go with it. I know the angels are rejoicing to have Paula now sing in their choir. We will all miss her. The only pain she feels now is your pain for her and we pray to God that he will ease that for you.Take care.###imported-begin##Rick, LouAnn, Jennifer & David Dayton###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 08:51 PM



“ Dear Stanley Family,

It was with great sadness that we heard of Mrs. Stanley's passing. Although we are not members at Lakeview, we did enjoy so much the treasures she and her musical family gave to the town of Hartsville at Christmas and Easter, among other times. We never left one of her musical treats without feeling exhilarated, moved, and feeling so close to the Savior. What a legacy for one person to leave. God bless you all as you go through this very sad time, and know that many more like our family, hold you up in our prayers. Raymond and Teresa Fisher and Family###imported-begin##Teresa Haywood Fisher###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 07:11 PM



“ Billy, You and the children will be in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead. With heartfelt sympathy--Rachel###imported-begin##Rachel Doyle Medlin###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 06:39 PM



“ Dear Billy, Hannah, and Noah,

Our hearts ache for you in your loss of your wonderful wife and mother. We are at a family wedding in Williamsburg, Va and unable to come to the visitation or funeral....BUT you are each in our prayers and we KNOW Paula has gone on to her REWARD. May God bless and keep you every minute. With sorrow and love, Donna and Curtis###imported-begin##Donna & Curtis Chapman###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 06:34 PM



“ *Bill and family - We are so saddened to hear about Paula. She was a great inspiration to a lot of people. Please know that we will be thinking and praying for you during this difficult time. Laura & Sean Campbell from Blythewood###imported-begin##Laura & Sean Campbell###imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 05:10 PM



“ *We were so very sorry to hear about Paula. Such a sweet and Godly lady, second to none. She will be missed by all of us in the community. She was one our angels here on earth. Our hearts are heavy and our prayers many for you her family. It must comfort you to know that she has no more pain and is with our God. May he wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace. May God Bless you all. Wayne and Kathy Hopkins###imported-begin##Wayne and Kathy Hopkins###imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 04:43 PM



“ *Billy,Hannah,&Noah
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time in your lives. Paula was so special to all of our family. She is such a blessing and touched so many people. We all feel blessed to know her and love her.We will miss her.She will not suffer anymore. God Bless You All###imported-begin##Wayne & Teresa McGee & Mildred Cassavaw###imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 04:08 PM



“ Billy, Hannah, and Noah,
Words just aren't adequate enough to express the sadness we feel right now. Paula was truly a gift from God for us. She was more than a friend, she was family. Whenever either of us was down, just looking into those gorgeous eyes of hers made things better. Her words were always heart felt and guided by Godly wisdom. Just knowing she was around somehow made life better. Adjusting to her absence here on earth will be hard, but don't you know how much more glorious heaven is with her there. We are comforted by knowing someday we will see her again. Please know that you are all in our prayers. We love you and are here for anything that you need.

Jane & Forrest Putnam##imported-begin##Jane & Forrest Putnam##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 02:43 PM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah...Rachel and I want to offer you our most sincere condolences in the loss of Paula. She was and continues to be an inspiration to me and, I am sure, an entire generation of Lakeview children and youth. She was blessed with not only an amazing voice, but a beautiful heart. And let's not forget about that wonderful laugh we heard so often. There is one thought that keeps coming back to me. Yesterday, Paula heard those beautiful words "Welcome home, you good and faithful servant." Paula was a good and faithful servant to the end, and a model for all of us who are left. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and comfort you in the coming weeks. Brad and Rachel Griggs##imported-begin##Brad and Rachel Griggs##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 02:31 PM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah, I am truly saddened for each of you at your loss, as I have been there; but even as Paula is no longer with us, God is always right there, always doing what He knows is best. Look to Him to help you through this time and know that Paula does not want you to be sad, because she is in a far better place, with no more sadness or sorrows and we will be there with her one day and will hear that beautiful voice again. Paula had as wonderful a laugh as she did a singing voice. Paula was such a beautiful person and I have so many memories of her, particularly on the many youth trips we took, and all the choir practices she directed. I can still see Coy, Rodney and Paul Stephen giving her a hard time, but she took it all in stride. When you begin to feel overwhelmed, just thank God for the time you had with her and that he placed such a wonderful lady in your lives. My prayers are with each of you and I pray that God will continue to bless each of you.##imported-begin##Beth Sansbury Gainey##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 02:11 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers our with you all. May God Bless and comfort you.##imported-begin##Robert and Rose Steen##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 02:01 PM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah. Know that our prayers are with you. Paula has been a partner in ministry for so many years. She was always a joy who shared her amazing gifts for God's glory. As well as enjoying those gifts in music too many times to count, She blessed me so many times with words of encouragement. God has a new leading voice in the heavenly choir, and we have a friend and dear sister in the Lord who will be missed. I am thankful that her fruits will continue on through her wonderful family and countless others she has touched. May God bless!##imported-begin##Gary and Nita Anderson##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 01:55 PM



“ Billy, Hannah, Noah. Our hearts are sad but so happy that she is now in heaven with our Lord. She will be there to great us now and sing us into heaven. I had requested that Paula sing at my funeral, O Holy Night. She said you aren't going to die at Christmas and I said, No, but it doesn't make any difference when, just sing it for me, so I know what I will hear when my time comes. I love Paula and she has been an inspiration to me for a very long time. Every time I plan my sunflowers now I will plant a row for Paula. God be with you and we love you all.
Lucia and Terry##imported-begin##Terry & Lucia Robertson##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 01:28 PM



“ Dear Billy, Hannah and Noah, we are mourning for you but rejoicing that Paula is at last healed and at home with Jesus! What a merry Christmas she will have this year! We have a very special memory of Paula---In January it will be 13 years since she sang at our wedding. She had a beautiful voice and a beautiful spirit. She will be missed so much. Love in Christ, Jeff, Caroline, and Matthew Privette##imported-begin##Jeff and Caroline Privette##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 12:12 PM



“ WORDS CAN NEVER DESCRIBE MY LOVE FOR PAULA. HER WORK WITH LAKEVIEW WILL BECOME A LEGEND. MY SISTER SAID MAMA CAN NOW HEAR PAULA SING ALL THE TIME. PAULA TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES. MY HEART TO YOU BILLY, NOAH, AND HANNAH. LUV RON##imported-begin##RON MARTIN##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 12:05 PM



“ On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Agape-Helping Hands Hospice, I just want to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find strength, hope, and encouragement in knowing that God is able to carry you through and He knows just how you feel. At this time just rest in His peace.##imported-begin##Doris B. Smith##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 11:45 AM



“ *Billy, Hannah & Noah;*
Our hearts are saddened to hear about the lost of Paula, but at the same time we know that she is in heaven rejoicing. She was such a loving, caring and giving person and touched so many lives in the short time that she was here on this earth. We will keep all of your family in our thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ.
Martin & Lee Davis###imported-begin##Martin & Lee Davis###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 11:00 AM



“ *Dear Billy, Hannah and Noah – I just wanted you all to know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. To say that Paula was an enormous inspiration for my family and me is an understatement and words cannot begin to describe what a difference she and all of you have made in our lives. Paula inspired me from the first time I met her. This was long before you 3 came in to the picture. Both Susan and I knew then that she was truly a very special and unique person in so many different ways and I have been truly blessed to know her. Her will and determination will never be forgotten because she never gave up on anything including me. She is truly the most Christ like person that I have ever known and her faith above all else always took center stage. No matter where she was you always knew that she was living her life to glorify God and God alone. I place her right up there with Billy Graham. There will never be a time that I will not think of her when I am singing, or just listening to music in general.*
So many memories we shared from her days on Swift Creek Road to Power Street and all the musicals she directed. My family along with the entire community has suffered a great loss. We love you all and are here for you any time for any thing.
J Fred Jones and family###imported-begin##J Fred Jones###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 10:45 AM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah, Paula was one of the first people we met from Lakeview when we moved here 2 years ago and from that first moment we knew what a special person she was. God sure picked an awesome leader for his heavenly choir. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and she will be missed more than words can say.

Steve, Shari and Sam###imported-begin##Shari & Shari Davis and Samantha###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 09:53 AM



“ What a joyous day it was in Heaven yesterday when Mrs. Paula met our Heavenly Father. I can only imagine her beautiful face and the songs she must be singing. My heart is so heavy with emotions. I have such fond memories growing up at Lakeview with Mrs. Paula. I was in the youth group and sang in her youth choir. What a time that was! We sat in the youth section during morning and evening services and she kept her eye on us making sure we were not misbehaving and passing notes. I can still see her giving us "the look" if she caught us. She kept up with me as I grew older and it means so much to have known her. My life is richer and even more meaningful due to the impact she has had on me through the years. She is the lady everyone strives to be like and I will never know another like her. This community has suffered such a great loss but I know I along with so many others find peace in that she is no longer suffering. I pray God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort and peace. Hold on tight to all the wonderful memories. God Bless you all. Much love, Lisa Horne

Grantham###imported-begin##Lisa Grantham###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 09:44 AM



“ Bill I am so deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children at this difficult time. Please find comfort that she is with Jesus and looking down upon you now.

Sincerely,

Theresa Hanna - old friend from PMSC days##imported-begin##Theresa Hanna##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 09:04 AM



“ Dear Stanley family: We grieve with you over the loss of Paula. Her lovely personality as well as her beautiful voice blessed us all. I will always appreciate how she stepped in at the last minute to help out with Thomas Hart's graduation ceremony one time and then she donated her financial compensation back to the school. What an example! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ben and Laura Crouch, Caroline, Halliburton, and Claibourne##imported-begin##Laura Crouch##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 08:46 AM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah. Our hearts are heavy and filled with sorrow. Paula was a very Godly Woman and she was an inspiration to so many people. Our prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Greg and Carol Smith##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 08:43 AM



“ *Bill & family,*

I was shocked and saddened to see Paula's write up in today's newspaper. My thoughts & prayers are with ya'll at this time.

Love,

Beth###imported-begin##Beth Lee Almiron###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 08:41 AM



“ *Billy, Hannah, and Noah, We will truly miss Paula so much. We have known her since she came to Hartsville right after Jeff did. We have wonderful fond memories of singing, playing the piano together, and ministering at Lakeview and at other churches that we served. We cannot tell you how amazing it has been for us to have been able to work closely with Paula at Lakeview for over a year. She has been such an inspiration to us! We grieve with you in your loss but we have the glorious assurance that we will see her again and we will all be together singing our Lord's praises in heaven. Love, Jeff and Carolyn###imported-begin##Jeff and Carolyn Sifford###imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 08:40 AM



“ *Billy, Hannah, & Noah,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our family has always thought so much Paula and the three of you. We will miss her dearly. Let's remember that our earthly loss is Gods heavenly gain. We need to rest in the comfort that, one day we will join her and celebrate in Heaven together. We will continue to pray for your family.*

In God we trust!!

The Johnson Family,

*(Dave,Dana, Jeff, and Mac)##imported-begin##The Johnson Family
(Dave,Dana, Jeff, and Mac)##imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 08:35 AM



“ *Billy,Hannah and Noah, I just finished reading the online condolences and agree that Paula was such a special woman and an inspiration to all. Words cannot express all that she meant to us and to all that knew her. We are so sad for your loss but we can rejoice knowing she is in Heaven now, in no more pain. She is happy and healthy and probably leading the choir with her beautiful voice. We will miss her so much. Keep trusting in the Lord and He will comfort you in the days and weeks ahead. If we can do anything for you, please let us know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Scott and Debbie Weaver##imported-begin##Scott and Debbie Weaver##imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 08:21 AM



“ Dear Billy, Hannah & Noah,
I am so sorry for your loss. Paula was a true angel, she lit up a room by just walking in. She was a wonderful lady and a real inspiration to all that had the honor to know her, and I'm glad that I had that honor. She will be missed greatly. Hannah and Noah, I've loved you both since the day you were born and I'm here if you need anything at all, I will continue to pray for your family .

Love,

"Aunt" Karen, Jessica & Adam Tyner###imported-begin###Karen Tyner###imported-end###

November 30, 2007 at 08:12 AM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah..My heart aches for each of you. Paula was a wonderful person and inspired so many lives. I can hear her singing with the angels in heaven with that beautiful voice. May God continue to bless each of you. Love in Christ###imported-begin###Janelle and Walter Britt###imported-end###

November 30, 2007 at 07:58 AM



“ Billy, Hannah, Noah & Ryan. My heart aches with yours. Paula was such an inspiration to all of our lives, and although she was here for such a short time, the Lord used her to influence so many people and so many lives were changed through her. We know that she is with Jesus now, singing the Hallalulah Chorus with Heavens Choir. I love you all and will miss her very much... God bless all of you###imported-begin###Letty Smith###imported-end###

November 30, 2007 at 07:38 AM



“ *Billy, Hannah & Noah,*
We are so sorry to learn of your loss. We loved Paula so much! She was an awesome person. We will keep you in our every prayer. Love, Scott, Lee & Grant Young##imported-begin##Lee Young##imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 06:24 AM



“ *Billy, Hannah and Noah,*
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Paula was such a special person. Paula had such a wonderful voice that we loved to hear very much. We will miss her very much. Please know that you are in our prayers and our thoughts during this difficult time. I know that during our lifes journey, God puts special people in our lives for a reason. Paula was a special person who touched so many people lifes. She would often put others before herself. Paula is up in Heaven now singing with the angels. We will see Paula again one day. Let us know if we can ever help you out in any way.##imported-begin##Chris and Rhonda Norton , Katie, Erica And Rachel##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 11:37 PM



“ Billy, Noah, Hannah, Words cannot express the love I had for Paula as a Friend, being a Music Director myself I know what she enjoyed the most, I have seen the beautiful programs that she So Graciously Directed under God's Leadership and anointing. She has done her best for the Master, and everyone who has come in contact with her can definitely agree with me and say a heartfelt "AMEN" to that. Paul touched so many lives, I will never forget when I have to do Weddings, and I do not have the music that was requested, all I had to do was say, "Let me call Paula, she can help me." and she did just that, I could name the song, and if she had it she'd say come, and get it. She lended a helping hand. I have heard her sing in early Church there at Lakeview Baptist Church, and in Funeral ervices, She had the most beautiful voice anyone would want to sit and listen to for hours. She was like a Sister to me in Music Ministry, And it gave me Great pleasure to be her friend. Billy, Noah, Hannah, God picked a beautiful Angel to sing in His Heavenly Chior. We at Helping Hands Hospice, Now known as Agape' have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May God's loving arms wrap around all of you.##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal- Hartsville Office Helping Hands Hospice##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 10:35 PM



“ Dearest Billy, Hannah, and Noah,

Words are never enough to express our sincere sympathies during this time of tremendous loss. You know that Paula (wife, mom, friend) was a well-loved person in our community. We lift you up in prayer, knowing that the Lord will comfort and console your hearts in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. Our love is with you, and we mourn along side you. Always know that Jesus is the ultimate comforter, as well as the ultimate healer.

With love to you all,

Mark, Becky, Bethany-Grace and Hannah Bowers##imported-begin##Mark and Becky Bowers##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 10:30 PM



“ Billy, Hannah, and Noah,

My heart is so heavy for you. I have so many fond memories of Paula during my years at Lakeview. I saw Paula two weeks ago at the Hartsville Christmas Open House and was able to talk with her in The Village Shop. She asked about our Living Christmas Tree at Florence Baptist Temple. I will not be able to be with you as we be performing at 3:00 on Saturday. I will be dedicating our performance to Paula as she helped cultivate my love of Christian music. I would love to think she entered Jesus presence singing, "I've Just Seen Jesus....."

*Mike, Angel, Jana and Catie Wilson
AKA "Michael's sister"##imported-begin##Angel Smith
Wilson##imported-end##*

November 29, 2007 at 10:28 PM



“ Dear Billy, Hannah and Noah,

There are no words to express the love and sadness we feel for you. We will miss Paula so very much. She lived a life of such beauty and strong, unwavering faith. Our family has been so blessed just to have known her. What joy she must be experiencing now to be with Jesus in Heaven and I think of how glorious her song must be there. Our family will continue to pray for each of you daily. We love you.##imported-begin##Merrill, Anne and Lori Sprayberry##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 09:48 PM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you tonight. Paula was an enormous inspiration for me and my family. She loved God, her family, her church, her friends and her walk in life reflected that love. May you find comfort with God, as He surrounds you with His loving arms and the wonderful love Paula left within each of you. Please allow God to carry you through these days. Our hearts are heavy but God's amazing grace will never leave you. God bless you all now and always. The Warr Family, Jake, Edna Faye, Peggy Jo Jordan and Mary Jane & Preston Cole##imported-begin##Edna Faye Warr##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 08:47 PM



“ Dear Billy & family, I have recently found that words are never sufficient when dealing with the loss of a loved one. I pray God will hold each of you in His arms during this time. My grandmother as well as all my family found Paula to be a true inspiration. God has added an amazingly beautiful voice to his heavenly choir. She can sing without struggling to breathe now. May God give you comfort and peace during this time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##April Jordan Burns##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear Billy, Hannah and Noah, my heart goes out to each of you at this most difficult time. I like many others drew so much inspiration from Paula's will and determination. She was truly the most christlike person I have ever known. For me there will never come a time that I will not think of her when I am singing in church. She truly made us all strive to be better singers, church members and Christians as a whole. I cannot express to you how much Paula meant to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know God has a special place for her in heaven.##imported-begin##Dwayne ,Christy and Lauren Gainey##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 08:14 PM



“ *Billy, Hannah and Noah,
My heart breaks for you all and the sorrow that I know you feel right now, but I can't imagine how wonderful it was for the Lord to see such a devoted, loving, and Godly woman enter through his gates today. You all have been in my constant prayers for a long time, and I will continue to pray for you daily. May the Lord wrap you all in his LOVING arms, and may you find comfort in knowing that Paula will forevermore be singing praises to the Lord.*

*Love you all,
Jessica Tyner##imported-begin##Jessica Tyner##imported-end##*

November 29, 2007 at 08:00 PM



“ *Billy, Hannah, and Noah...there is not enough words to say about Paula. Our hearts are so heavy over the loss of her. What a blessing to have known such an inspiring, courageous, God loving lady. She was so special to us all. She has touched the lives of so many people through her life with our Lord. She has been a blessing to our family. We love her and we will miss her. Our prayers are with you all. Janice & Mike...Deut.31:6##imported-begin##Janice & Mike Smith##imported-end##*

November 29, 2007 at 07:49 PM



“ Billy, Hannah, and Noah,

Enormously gifted, Paula did many wonderful things for so many people. Just as an example, a local businessman just conveyed to me how much our presentations at Center Theater meant to him.

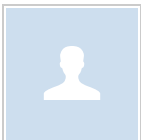
Vicki and I pray God's gracious comfort for you and for all affected by her homegoing! We will grieve, but not as those who have no hope! (I Thess. 4:13)##imported-begin##Clyde Smith##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 07:41 PM



“ From the Huckabee family. Billy, Hannah, and Noah I pray the Lord will bless and keep you all, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May he lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Thank God for Paula and what she meant to all of us. Blessed be the name of the Lord.##imported-begin##Gene Huckabee##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 07:23 PM



“ Billy, Hannah, Noah,
Paula was a very special person. She touched so many lives. I feel so bless to have to have known her. She meant so much to me and my family. She was always there when you needed her. She was the light of our church. She will be missed. She is with her God in heaven. Our prayers are with you. God Bless You & your family.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Rebecca Clark##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 07:18 PM



“ Your family is on our hearts and in our prayers. Harold and Tracie Jacobs##imported-begin##Tracie Jacobs##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 07:18 PM



“ We prayed so hard for you and your family. . . and will continue. We'll miss you very much. There will be a "special" place in Heaven for you. God Bless##imported-begin##Christensen##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 06:40 PM



“ Billy, Hannah and Noah, Our hearts are filled with sorrow over the loss of Paula. Paula was a very special lady that compelled one to love her. We rejoyce to know that she is no longer in pain and is with our Lord singing his praises. Our prayer are with each of you. To God be the glory.##imported-begin##Wayne & Edna Sims##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 06:29 PM