



# Paula Ann Poupore

November 6, 1957 - May 24, 2021

In Loving Memory  
Paula Ann Poupore

Born: November 6, 1957

Died: May 24, 2021

Education: 1980 BA Central Michigan University

1983 MA-Education Eastern Michigan University

Owner/Director: 1997-2016 Kidstown Learning Center

It is with a sad heart that we report that Paula Poupore passed away in the early morning hours of May 24, 2021, surrounded by her loving son and husband. Paula was such a beautiful soul; a loving wife and mother who will forever be remembered, loved, and missed.

Always a private person, she still managed to foster relationships with the wonderful children, devoted parents, and the loyal employees of Kidstown Learning Center throughout her nineteen years in business. Even years after the sale of her business, those bonds have never yielded.

Paula always held dear her deep love for her family and thoroughly cherished the last conversations she was able to have with her sisters, sisters-in-laws, and a few friends and family members.

Paula is survived by her husband, Charles R. Orlando, her son, Charles M. Orlando, her sisters, Patricia (Richard) Austin and Pennie (Dave) Bowman. She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Poupore, father, John L. Poupore, sister, Pam Taucher, and brother, John Poupore.

Paula asked to be cremated and preferred no funeral services. Instead, she would have loved for her friends and family to spend more time with their children/grandchildren and purchase them an educational and entertaining book. And for anyone who has posted something to Facebook, she would have loved to see it here too. Please know she loved you all.

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ *mrs.paula, i never thought i would be writing this any time soon but god had other plans and has gained such a beautiful, kind hearted angel❤️ thank you for always loving me and my sibilings like we were your grand children, thank you for always being so welcoming and so lovable to us! you were like a grandma to us, but so nice, loving, and caring... you will be missed so much by all of us, you seen us grow into who we are today, till we meet again sweet angel ❤️ - mrs. victoria's kids (aalajiah, victor, & saniyah aka your chinadoll)*

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**Aalajiah Gonzalez** - May 27, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CO

*Thanks for those kind and heartwarming words, Aalajiah. Paula thought the world of you and your entire family and your folks have been so supportive of our family during this time and in the past when you and your family walked for the foundation for suicide prevention for a friend of ours. Thank you for always being there. Sent with love from Charlie and Charlie.*

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 30, 2021 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Paula was my boss for many many years at Kidstown Learning Center. She hired me when I first moved to Florida in 1997. Little did I know that she would not only be my boss, but become a dear friend for decades. She loved my children like they were her own. What's truly special about Miss Paula is that she made EVERYONE feel that way. Her caring , compassionate, loving nature will leave a mark on the many lives she touched. I'm a better person for having met her and honored to call her my friend. Paula was an avid fan of my cooking. Her absolute favorite was my Pasta Fagioli. She always requested it at Kidstown gatherings. I made it for her on her birthdays too. She was so excited when I wrote my cookbook that she asked for the first copy and that I sign and deliver it to her. 😊. I will miss her immensely and hold her close in my heart always. Rest In Peace Miss Paula. ❤️*

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**Christine Kuethman** - May 26, 2021 at 03:31 PM

CO

*Christine, you were little Charlie's first teacher at Kidstown and taught him so much to start his educational life. Thank you for your service. Hours before Paula passed I asked her what her favorite meal of all time was. She said it depends on who's making it. She said if it's Christine, her Pasta Fagioli 🤔👍 I said well if you're going to the gas chamber and it's your last meal, what would you want it to be? "A Whopper!" OMG 🤔 I told her I guess I'm gonna have to go revisit the Whopper to see what it's all about. But that's what her dad would always bring her home whenever she was sick. But you definitely were her lead chef in the Italian food department. Thank you for all the kind words of love and condolences and for you and Walter's friendship with her over the years.*

*Sent with love from Charlie & Charlie 💔*

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 26, 2021 at 04:39 PM

LL

*It's true, Paula loved a Whopper! I can attest to this! When we came home on weekends to Corunna, we often went out to lunch on Saturday and sometimes on Friday nights if we got into town after dinner time at my parent's house. We either went to Burger King or Big Boy, depending on what my mother was serving for dinner. She always got her Whopper loaded with everything! This is where I learned to order a Whopper cut in half, because that's how Paula always ordered hers! She said it was so much easier to handle and didn't cause such a mess. To this day, I always request that my Whopper be cut in half. I'd forgotten this until I read this post! It made me smile and a little teary eyed. (P.S. if we went to Big Boy, she always got a Slim Jim, because the Big Boy sandwich didn't compare to a Whopper! I always got the Big Boy sandwich, because, well, it was delicious!*

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**Lori Lamb** - May 26, 2021 at 07:32 PM

CO

*One of the things I miss most about Michigan. I always make a point to stop in for two Big Boys when I'm back in the state.*

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 26, 2021 at 07:54 PM

LP

*“ I first met Paula in 5th grade when we went to Cass Elementary together. Even at that age she had a desire for teaching and an ability to listen as no one else. So I am not surprised to hear she chose a profession to work with children. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. We who knew her were truly blessed.*

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**Lauralee (Mohr) Palarchio** - May 26, 2021 at 09:31 AM

CO

*Wow!! Lauralee. You really went far back with Paula! Cass Elementary School. It was right behind our home, corner of Grove & Fairlane. Paula would certainly have been impressed and flattered to have been remembered so fondly as you did. Thank you for your post and being her lifelong friend.*

*Sent with love from Charlie & Charlie Orlando.*

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 26, 2021 at 04:49 PM

VG

“ Another Angel has received their wings. I met Paula when she took a leap of faith & hired me in 2011.. kidstown wasnt just a job, but a place I considered home, A place where I grew this bond with an Amazing boss(Paula) & the Ladies there..A place my children were able to & felt the love & support. She took me in & showed my Family & myself love. Paula had a heart of GOLD, she was so loving and caring, always put others needs 1st. She was always that mom figure, that kept us all in check, but was always there for us, to cheer us up in time of need & give us the best advice.. Your up there Flying & looking down upon us with ur smile that lite a room... We will meet one day again. Till than we will keep your memories alive & know that you are still looking over us. Fly high my new Angel..We love you so much Paula, and we Will miss you so much.. Fly High Beautiful Paula💕Victoria, Victor, Aalajah, Jr, China Doll.

Victoria Gonzalez - May 26, 2021 at 08:31 AM

CO

Victoria, thank you for your years of devoted friendship to Paula. You, Victor and your children have been so dependable and supportive of her over all the years. We were so appreciative of your early morning visit the morning Paula passed. She wouldn't have expected anything less from you. And I had never heard the story you related to me about how you were hired by Paula but it was so beautiful and endearing. Thank you for sharing that and for being there always.  
Sent with love from Charlie & Charlie

Charlie Orlando - May 26, 2021 at 04:45 PM

VG

Thank you Charlie! Her love & the way she wanted to help everyone was so beautiful & words cant explain how thankful we are to have met You Charlie & Paula.. I appreciate the love & support I was given at Kidstown and thur our Friendship, a place alot of people called home. I'm glad I stopped by. Paula sent me a sign that day through her cat & I'm gonna cherish that forever. I'll keep in touch & we will always be here! We love you. & pray for you & Lil Charlie!

Victoria Gonzalez - May 27, 2021 at 09:49 AM

TA

“ My heart still aches with sadness, and many tears still flow. Paula Poupore your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure. You treat me and my kids like family. Always give me the best advice. I Will never forget the time we spent together. So rest my beautiful angel, be at peace and let your soul fly free. Until we meet again. We will miss her deeply in our hearts because she was the gentlest soul to us. Our prayers and love are with you Charlie and your family. Please accept our deepest condolences. healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family, friends, and Kidstown crew! 🙏💕🐑❤️💕🙏

Thania Adolphe - May 25, 2021 at 09:34 PM

CO

*Thank you Thania for your beautiful and meaningful words about Paula. We hope her soul does fly free as you've written. She would have deserved that. Your friendship was precious and dear to her.*

*Sent with love from Charlie & Charlie 💔*

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 25, 2021 at 11:03 PM

LL

“ *I am devastated reading this and knowing that Paula has passed away. We were best friends and roommates for 3 1/2 years at CMU, and although we have been many many miles away from each other since the move to Florida all those years ago, we've stayed in touch via Facebook. She was the most amazing person I've ever known.. funny, beautiful, kind, caring and generous. I loved her then and have always loved her. When I told my sister that Paula had passed away, she said she was sure that Paula was dancing with the angels. I think she's absolutely correct! Much love to husband Charlie, son Charlie and her family. You're all in my thoughts and prayers...❤️😭*

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**Lori Lamb** - May 25, 2021 at 05:46 PM

CO

*Lori, I first met Paula in 1975 at CMU and she eventually became the president of the Little Sisters to our Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. She was the most beloved person then and never changed from the beautiful woman she was. Thank you for remembering her during this time after all these years. Your thoughtful words mean the world to us.*

*Sent with love from Charlie and Charlie*

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 25, 2021 at 11:09 PM

SS

“ My heart was sadden yesterday when I received the news that you passed away. I want to thank you for taking a chance with me and giving me my first real job that I loved even though I was young mom. You loved my children as if they were your own. I became apart of the Kidstown family. I made new life long friendship because of you. You encourage me to strive for my dreams, you inspired me to live up to my potential and you knew one day I would become someone that I needed to be. You saw me at my lowest point and even when I was hitting rock bottom you were still there for me. You saw me cry, you made me cry, we cried together and you cried for me but you were always there. So today I shed my tears for you, not because you passed away but because I never truly thanked you for everything that you have done for me. I am grateful for all the love you showed me and never giving up on me when sometimes I gave up on myself. A few of us were together about a month ago and Genita was just saying we should have a Kidstown reunion. To reminisce about the past, to look back how young, dumb and fun we were and show you what we have accomplished over the years. I know you would be proud of all of us. Heaven gained a beautiful Angel who is funny, smart, kind, and compassionate. Thank you for everything and I will always hold a special place in my heart for you. No goodbyes, just see you later Paula Poupore



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Shanna Senior - May 25, 2021 at 04:16 PM

CO

Shanna, your story made us laugh, cry and mostly proud of our beloved Paula. Thank you for posting this and I'm sure it will resonate with many others who had similar experiences with Paula. We love your thought of a Kidstown reunion. Those bonds have never been broken from the most beautiful, loyal crew Paula could have ever dreamed of.

Sent with love from Charlie & Charlie 💔

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Charlie Orlando - May 25, 2021 at 11:19 PM

TB

“ Paula has been my friend and neighbor for 30 years. Being neighbors for so long, our kids grew up together. We watched eachothers kids, homes and pets whenever needed. We also passed food to eachother. Paula was a wonderful cook! She made the best meatballs! She also made us a LOT of chicken soup. She had a Tupperware bowl so big you could put a spare tire in it. It was enough soup to feed the entire neighborhood! One day, we didn't know we were going to be getting one of these deliveries and we heard "oh shit" . She had dropped this huge bowl on our front porch! She actually went back home and got some more for us!

We also lovingly called her Mrs kravitz from the old show bewitched. She knew everything that was going on on our street.

When our boys were young, she was the helmet police. She would go running outside to tell them to put on there helmets while riding bikes and scooters. I can still picture her when she didn't follow her own advice when trying one of the scooters! She wiped out really bad and was scraped and bruised in a lot of places!

Her favorite holiday was halloween. She loved to decorate and see all the kids. One time she took my kids and little Charlie to fright nights at the fair grounds. What was so funny was that she thought the kids were going to get scared, instead all the zombies and scary people chased her around!

Paula was a funny, opinionated lovely woman whom I am so glad that I had her in my life.

I will miss our talks and her laughter, but am so grateful for the times that we had. It's over too soon. We never did get to have our Vegas trip, but I will continue to think of her when I do.

Big hugs to big and little Charlie, I'm sure you know how special your wife and mom was.

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**Trudy Barus** - May 25, 2021 at 03:05 PM

CO

Trudy, you and your family have been a pleasure and godsend to be neighbors with since 1990. Loved your memories of Paula that had us laughing aloud in our own recollection of those same events. Thank you for personally delivering the food you did today. We've put a pretty good dent in it already. 😂👍

Sent with love from Charlie & Charlie 💔💔💔

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**Charlie Orlando** - May 25, 2021 at 11:27 PM