



Paulette Marie High

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Paulette M. (Pritts) High, 82, gained her heavenly high heels on Sunday, May 4th with her daughter and son-in-law by her side. Her visitation will be held on Monday, May 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 10 AM. The funeral Mass will follow the visitation at 11 AM. She is being interred at Star of Hope Mausoleum at Graceland Fairlawn.

Paulette was born to Paul and Frances Pritts on February 10, 1943. Paulette was a graduate of Eisenhower High School, Millikin University, and Illinois State University. She married Robert L. High on November 23, 1967. She and her husband adopted two children, Ryan (Susan) High of Knoxville, TN, and Betsy (Lucas) Crockett of Peoria, IL.

Mrs. High was a kindergarten teacher for Decatur Public Schools for 35 years. She taught the bulk of that time at Baum Elementary. Being a teacher was her calling and she enjoyed many activities with her students such as chasing a giant gingerbread man around the building, throwing elegant tea parties, and a game called "find Mrs. High's reading glasses". She would dress up as a witch on Halloween and tell her students that she was the "wicked witch of the North, South, East, and West" (all in good fun, of course).

Paulette was known for her taste in fashion and extensive wardrobe. She loved finding a good sale and wearing her pantyhose and high heels. Not one to settle down, she worked at Shop on Main after she retired from teaching. She had a vast array of reading glasses she bought from the dollar store and would lose them frequently.

Surviving are her children, grandsons Reesse Heckman and Eli Crockett, granddaughter Cailyn (Lyn) Crockett, brother-in-law Stephen (Patricia) High, sister-in-law Margery Kane, and many nieces and nephews. She is greeted in Heaven by her parents, husband, and beloved cousin, Jim Creighton.



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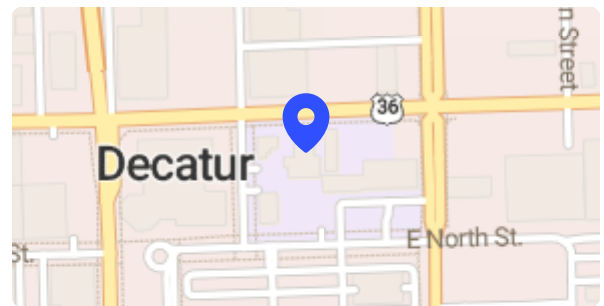
The family would like to thank the staffs of Randall Residence, Imboden Creek Living Center, and Hands of God Hospice for taking care of her during her final days. They would also like to thank Sharon Dillow, Kevin Ogelsby, and Father John Burnette for their kindness and help. She will be missed by many friends and neighbors and probably many clothing retailers. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Cailyn Crockett for her Eagle Scout project, or Birth to Five Illinois.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.






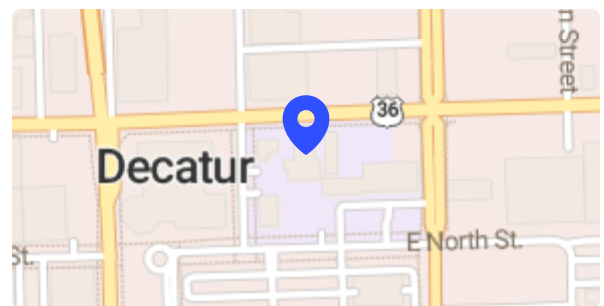
Visitation

-  **Monday**, May 12, 2025
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **St. Patrick Catholic Church**
407 E. Eldorado Ave., Decatur IL 62523





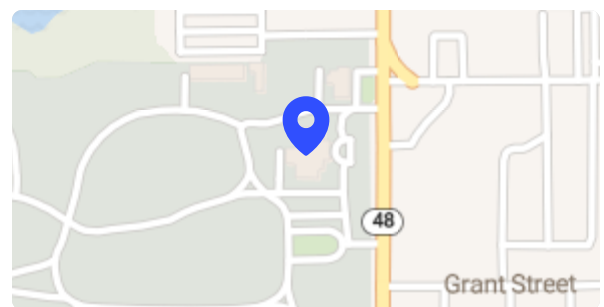
Funeral Mass

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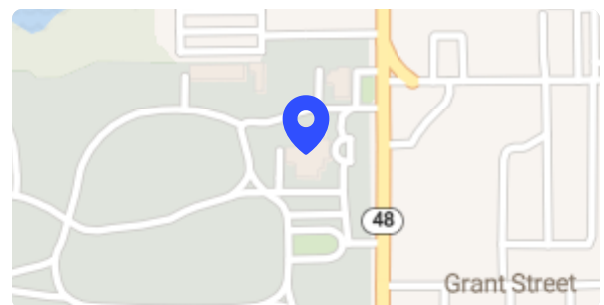
Entombment

-  **Monday**, May 12, 2025
-  **Star of Hope Mausoleum / Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur IL 62526



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Fred Polowatski lit a candle in honor of Paulette.

She was my teacher...I became a soldier, who went on to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers...Thank you Ms High....-J

May 9 at 3:14 PM



Tykevia Taylor posted:

She was my teacher, 27 years ago at Baum, to this day she crossed my mind often, she made my childhood worth while. I will never forget this lady. She has ALWAYS been my favorite teacher. And will always hold a special place in my heart, when I began working for the school district I came looking for her, to find out she had retired. I hope you know how much you were loved Mrs. High

May 9 at 2:11 PM



Bethany Dowdy posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. She was my kindergarten teacher, 1988-1989. I have such fond memories of those days and of spending time with her. She was always so kind and loving, even as I got older. When I was in high school, I'd stop by Baum to say hi to all my former teachers and I loved seeing her and talking with her. I have no doubt she touched the lives of many. She was truly one of a kind. ❤️

May 9 at 9:03 AM



Steven Beck sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the High family.

May 8 at 10:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the High family.

May 7 at 7:13 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paulette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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