



## Paula Mary (Downs) Broten

January 10, 1957 - August 10, 2024

Paula Mary (Downs) Broten, age 67, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan died on August 10, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault. She was born on January 10, 1957, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Edward and Mabel (Stone) Downs.

Paula grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, where she met and married her husband David Broten on July 8, 1977. Together they had three children, Joe (Lindsey) Broten, Amy (Gary) Nolan and Teri (Thomas) Sharp. She is also survived by many adopted children; and sixteen grandchildren,: Dakota Nolan, Taylor (Jayden) Nolan, Jeffrey Sharp, Ashley Pettit, Kylie Broten (Douglas Maclean) Anjeli Latour, Thomas Sharp Jr. (Daysha Jackson), Jade Sharp (Ethan Thompson) Elena Stuart, Elijah Stuart, Ava Stuart, Joey Broten Ryder Broten, Keira Broten, Easten Broten; great-grandchildren, Lily Nolan, Caroline Olsen, Dean Pettit, Izayah Smith, Damon Sharp-Thompson, and another baby on the way; siblings, Sandra Geatches, Kenny Downs, Phyllis Causley, Dennis (Pansey) Downs, Ron (Karen) Downs; brothers-in-law, Dean Broten, Dale Broten; sister-in-law, Diane (Butch) Blight; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will all miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Sr. and Mabel; sisters, Shirley Downs, Beverly (Fred) Logan, Betty (Wayne) Bumgardner, Judy (Bob) Miller, Lorraine Fyke, Margaret (Tom) Horton and twin sister, Carla Downs; brother, Ed (Shirley) Downs, Jr.; in-laws, Donald (Janet) Broten, brothers-in-

law, Jerry Causley, Donald Broten, and Ron Geatches; granddaughter, Anna Stuart; and best friend and cousin, Carol Vos.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM. at the First Free Methodist Church, 505 W 4th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 1:00 PM (Est)

First Free Methodist Church  
505 W 4th Ave  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Reno lit a candle in memory of Paula Mary (Downs) Broten*



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**Crystal Reno** - August 15, 2024 at 02:49 PM



*Love you Ma you were one amazing woman who helped anyone in need if you could and if you couldn't you would make phone calls and find someone who could help them! I only met you a few times but you became family from day one! You will be missed by many! Rest Easy Ma!*

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**Crystal Reno** - August 15, 2024 at 02:52 PM

TP

“ *The Peterson's purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Paula Mary (Downs) Broten.*



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**The Peterson's** - August 14, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paula Mary (Downs) Broten.*



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August 13, 2024 at 07:56 PM

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“ Trent & Tania (Brotten) Dutcher purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paula Mary (Downs) Brotten.



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**Trent & Tania (Brotten) Dutcher** - August 13, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CA

“ Paula was a very caring lady who had a big heart



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**Cassandra** - August 13, 2024 at 04:12 PM