



## Paula Jane O'Nan

August 15, 1953 - February 22, 2026

Paula Jane Poynter O'Nan, 72, peacefully passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2026, following a brief illness.

Born August 15, 1953, in Frankfort, Kentucky, to Raymond Y. Poynter and Lela M. Eastman Hartman. Paula married her high school sweetheart, William Robert O'Nan. They would have celebrated their 55-year anniversary in 2026, and together they raised two children, William Todd O'Nan who passed in 2021, and Amy G. O'Nan. Together, Billy and Paula built a life centered around Billy's bridge Company, family, farming, raising and showing Tennessee Walking Horses, for which she was rewarded with many blue-ribbon prizes, and the family love of primitive antiques.

While Paula made a career as vice-president and secretary of W.R. O'Nan, Inc. and a homemaker for many years, her true passion was working with her primitive antiques and crafting. For more than 20 years, she and her family traveled to surrounding States to various shows and markets with their vast primitive antique collection. Small in stature, Paula was known for bringing the largest cupboards to these shows. Well-known and respected throughout the primitive antique world, her friends in the business described her as a true character, full of life, who was funny and unpredictable because they never knew what she would say next—but as honest as the day is long and a heart of gold.

In addition to her husband, Bill, and her daughter, Amy, Paula is survived by her grandson, William Coleman O'Nan, who was her pride and joy, and whom she never failed to let him know just how special he was to her and how much she loved him. She also leaves behind two sisters, Wendy Poynter, and Diane Yancey. She was predeceased by her son, Todd, and her twin brother, Paul Wayne Poynter.

Pallbearers will be William Coleman O'Nan, Terry Amburgey, Casey Poynter, David Price, Eric Sherrow and Mark Ripley.

A Graveside service will be held at Midway Cemetery in Midway, Kentucky, on Friday,

February 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Mike Napier officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Midway Cemetery

258 West Stephen Street  
Midway, KY 40347

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Lacy Hall lit a candle in memory of Paula Jane O’Nan



Lacy hall - February 26 at 05:57 PM

RP

“ Ruth P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jane O’Nan.

Ruth P. - February 26 at 01:00 PM

TA

“ Tammie lit a candle in memory of Paula Jane O’Nan



Tammie - February 26 at 06:23 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry to learn of Paula's passing. I grew up just a few house away from the Poynters on Evergreen and spent many hours with her and her family in our younger days. My greatest sympathies extend to her family! Taylor Manley

TAYLOR MANLEY - February 25 at 12:19 PM

RP

“ Larry & I have known Paula for well over 20 years aside from her love of antiques her family was always no. 1 . She truly was a caregiver to those she loved.

ruth proffitt - February 24 at 05:39 PM

RH

“ I met you at the Kentucky Roots Show and we hit it off!! I always loved being around you and Amy. Momma Paula...you are sure going to be missed. Big hugs to you Amy.

Robin Harrison - February 24 at 05:38 PM