

Paula Lee Bird

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I never got to meet Paula but I know that her daughter Trisha is one of the sweetest people ever. Trisha, I'm sending you and your family lots of love and prayers, I know your hearts must be hurting so much right now. Your mom sounds like an amazing woman and I'm sure you made her very proud.

- Chelsie Arevalo

Jodi, Dallin, Jason, Ruth, and Trisha, I just want you all to know how sorry I was hear about your mom's passing. I can't imagine how your hearts must ache. However, I hope it brings comfort to you to know that she is in a beautiful place where she is free from pain and suffering. I'm sure you'll all see and feel signs of her helping you from the other side. Her service was very touching to watch as you and your kids celebrated her life. Please know that you are in my prayers.

- Rob Sabey

So sorry to lose such a unique and talented friend. Paula, you will be sorely missed.

- Laurisa Reyes

To all of Paula's family. We love you and are sad that you had to say goodbye to your momma, grandmother and sister too soon. We know she will be missed! I love my sweet cousin. She was always very kind to me. We pray for you to feel the comforting arms of our Savior around you until you can see her again. We love you all!

- Jane Redd Gunnell

Our condolences to the Bird family . She will be missed by so many of us who were influenced by her passion, discipline, and love. She taught all four of our kids to play the piano many lessons beyond just music like hard work, speaking and presenting in public, math, and other life lessons. I'm sure she is "doing and not stewing" in Heaven.

Love, The Hanamaikais

- Royce Hanamaikai

We offer our deepest sympathy for your loss. Paula was one of the friendly faces who greeted us when we emigrated to Canada. It was so great to find her again in California. She left a beautiful legacy. We hope that the void in your hearts may be filled with wonderful memories.

- Julie and Liep Tan

I loved walking into the chapel and listening to her play the organ, she was so talented and I will treasure my memories of her beautiful music. She definitely magnified her calling and shared her talent. Love to the family.

- Karen Campbell

Paula, Im so so sad that I did not keep in touch with u after I moved to San Diego. Shame on me :(U were a great friend and I miss u. I know u will be deeply missed by your children and many friends. You were always a pleasure to sit and talk with, always so warm and genuine and so very wise. I also appreciate what an incredibly talented and patient piano teacher u were to my daughters Kelly and Megan. I look forward to seeing & spending more time laughing with you in eternity together. Until then .... A big hug & much love Angie

- Angie Linneman (Perez)

Paula was an amazing blessing to our ward. Beside her incredible musical talent, Paula had a quietly giving soul. When my mom unexpectedly passed away, Paula brought honey and English muffins to my home for May family to eat the morning of the funeral. That was so thoughtful, and appreciated. When we found her house flooding that Christmas morning a few years ago, we were so concerned for Paula’s well-being. When the firemen broke in and found out she wasn’t there, we were so relieved! Paula tool all that in stride. Having a flooded home did not break her spirit. My family is very sorry for the loss of Paula from this world, but we know with certainty that she is accompanying the angels above in songs of joyous celebration!

- Patty Egetoe

■Thinking of you and your family. I loved hearing stories about your mom from you, Ruth and Trish. She is an inspiration to many on how she lived each day by putting others before herself. She is your foundation and her character qualities radiate off of her family ■

- Shelby Shaver

May the Lord bless and keep you during this brief span of time that you are living apart from each other. Aunt Theodora and her family have so many fond memories of spending time with your family. Paula was a spunky child, an adventurous teenager and a kind, generous and talented adult. She was an exceptional daughter of God. We will miss her until we meet again. All our love. Hugs and prayers coming your way.

- Beverly stevenson

Mrs.Bird has been an integral part of our family imparting her love for music to our three children for the last 11 years. We will miss her. May her sweet soul rest in peace and may God comfort her family.

- Kemi John

Paula, was always willing to share her talent at playing the piano for our Singles 31+ group. I will always remember Paula playing the piano before church starting and loved walking into church during the week and hearing someone playing and finding it was Paula practicing. I will also remember the time the Singles rented a van and drove to conference and Paula hitched a ride so she could spend time with her family. Paula will be missed dearly. Theone Paras

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I absolutely loved Paula and her ability to make me smile the moment I walked into Dr. Jones dental office. I was always terrified (still am) of the dental "drill" but Paula always made me feel so comfortable by the way she greeted me and always let me know that I'd be "in and out quickly!". Walking into church and hearing her beautiful prelude music is a fond childhood memory of mine! Beautiful woman! Beautiful spirit! Love the entire Bird family!!! ~ Til me meet again ~ Jaime Oshita

- Jaime Oshita

Sending all our love and prayers to the entire Bird family. Miss Paula taught my daughters how to immerse themselves in a world of art. Their love of music and discipline of piano molded them into who they are today. Miss Paula demonstrated life lessons, about character, about living a life of grace, love, and generosity. She was the most generous. Generous with her knowledge, generous with her time, and with her spirit. She played the organ at my own mother’s funeral, a beautiful moment I hold onto. She is no doubt someone who left many people with memories cherish forever.

- Marijana Maric-Hordov

Your talented mother will be sorely missed by the ward and stake...she added so much to any meeting she played the organ or piano for. She was a perfectionist at her skill, of playing the organ or piano. Many young people benefited from her skills as a teacher of piano. Our son Colby was a benefactor of her knowledge and skills. He in turn has blessed many lives with his ability to play the piano and organ on his mission, school, and wards. The Wilsons send our love to the family and pray the Lord will send you comfort and peace during this time. Love The Spencer Wilson Family

- Janine Wilson

This woman here was my piano teacher. My parents paid her to give my sister and i lessons from the ages of approx 10-13? I can’t quite remember. Either way, I actually did not like the lessons at the time. She was strict. However, as time went on, once I reached high school (after I had stopped lessons for a few years) I went back to playing piano to help find solace during difficult times and found that it’s the only place I can spend hours at and not realize where time goes. My gift has brought me peace and comfort and has touched my heart in a way nothing else can/will. It’s something I’ll never let go of and something I will never get tired of. This woman taught me to read music, to hear notes with my ears, to understand tunes and counts, and countless other skills associated with being a musician. These skills have also proven to help me in many other atmospheres, and it has been my own form of

therapy. I’m certainly not perfect or at the musical stage I want to be at, but without my years with Paula, I wouldn’t have the ability to sit down and do my absolute favorite thing in the world. Rest In Peace, and thank-you for believing in me when I didn’t believe in myself (at the time). ❤■ ■

- Megan E. Perez

Paula will be greatly missed. She blessed my son as a fledgling organist and selflessly helped him as he learned a new skill. She had a way of seeing potential in others and encouraging them. I was blessed by her support when learning to improve my skill as a music teacher to children. She made an impact even though our acquaintance was brief.

- Jennifer Keller