



## Paula Reiner Cohn

September 24, 1929 - October 24, 2018

PAULA REINER COHN (September 24, 1929–October 24, 2018)

Paula Cohn was born in Hartford, and lived in the area for her whole life, mostly within a two-mile stretch of Bloomfield Avenue. Her father William Reiner was a lawyer, and her mother, Sophie Goldberg Reiner, owned and operated Betty's dress shop in Bishop's Corner with her sisters Betty and Grace Goldberg.

Paula attended high school at the Northfield School in Northfield, MA, and received her bachelor's degree in English from Barnard College in New York City. After her kids went to school, she returned to school and earned a master's degree in psychology at the University of Hartford (also on Bloomfield Avenue!) and for a quarter of a century worked in the Hartford Public Schools, helping students and their families get the specialized attention they needed.

Paula was an avid skier, tennis player, swimmer, and reader. She loved to travel, visiting the major cities in Europe as well as far-flung locations like Indonesia. She was a wonderful cook and loved entertaining. At the River Ridge senior living facility where she spent her last 6 years, she continued to be very active, frequently seeking suitable challengers for bridge and Scrabble and participating in all social activities. She set her watch by River Ridge's 4 o'clock happy hour.

Paula was a devoted mother who attended any and all school performances

or sporting events that involved her boys. She continued as a super-fan for her grandchildren Maxwell, Charlotte, Benjamin, and Julia; they all brought Paula great joy. Beyond her immediate family, her cousins H. Darr Beiser and Margo Warren of Bethesda, MD considered her to be a “second mom”, a sentiment shared by others in her wide network of friends.

Paula was known for her quick wit, prodigious energy, big smile, warmth and generosity. She will be missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her sons Frederic R. Cohn, and his husband Bob Bowe of New York City; William H. Cohn and his wife Susan Dahl of Lexington, MA; Jonathan R. and Lynda Cohn of Farmington, CT; and the aforementioned grandchildren. Her sister Ann Reiner Bien of Anaheim, CA preceded her in death earlier this year. Services will be Friday at 2 pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. W. Hartford.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Fred, Bill, Jon and families,

*We will always remember the wonderful times next door at the beach. Your mom was a fabulous cook and hostess, and we loved our beach games, card games, cocktail hours and tennis together. Our very sincere condolences.*

*Peggy, Ruben and family*

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**Peggy Shapiro** - October 26, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.



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October 25, 2018 at 09:52 PM

LM

“ Paula and I were new moms at the same time and I loved bringing my Jonathan to play at the little brown house in Bloomfield. Good friends for many good years. Sorry not to be able to be with you all at her memorial. My condolences to all of you.

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**Leta Marks** - October 25, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.*



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October 25, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.*



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October 25, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *I send my sincerest condolences to Fred Cohn, and other grieving members of Paula's family, her children, in-laws, and grandchildren. May you be guided by peace as you suffer through this loss and cope with the emotions of these difficult days.*  
*Jim Standard*

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**Jim Standard** - October 25, 2018 at 03:09 PM

JR

“ Dear Fred, Bill, and Jon,  
The first memory that came to mind was when I was very little, maybe 6 or 7 in New London CT, I used to wake up very early and walk several houses down the sea wall to your house. She was always awake and greeted me with a nice warm smile. We would be the only ones awake and the house was very quiet and she didn't have to say a word she knew the reason I was there was to eat a bowl of forbidden surgary cereal. Usually Capt' n Crunch. We would pass a few moments together as she drank coffee and I slurped down the last of the milk, watching the shimmer on the water. May her memory always be a blessing to all of you and the whole extended family.  
With much love,  
Judith Ribicoff

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**Judith Ribicoff** - October 25, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.



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October 25, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ Anne Burrows purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.



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**Anne Burrows** - October 25, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.*



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October 25, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ *Margo, Darr, Peter, and Franky purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paula Reiner Cohn.*



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**Margo, Darr, Peter, and Franky** - October 25, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *Dear Fred, Bill, Jon & family,  
Paula was our neighbor at Steeplechase for 20 years where we shared planting flowers in the spring, wonderful holiday gift exchanges & her warm hospitality at cocktail & dinner gatherings. She was the consummate hostess.  
May she rest in peace & all of you find solace in happy memories of your Mom & Grandmother who was so proud of you .  
Fondly,  
Bob & Pat Gargano*

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**Bob & Pat Gargano** - October 25, 2018 at 06:18 AM