



Warren and Paula Everett

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EVERETT, Paula (Donegan) and Warren

Of St. Augustine, Florida passed away within hours of each other on January 25th and January 26th. Paula, age 66 died after a short illness and Warren, her beloved husband age 76 died of what doctors termed a broken heart, hours later.

Paula grew up in South Weymouth MA, she graduated from Laboure College School of Nursing in 1984. She started her nursing career at Boston Children's Hospital before moving to Key Largo, Florida where she met her future husband while taking scuba lessons and continued her nursing career at Baptist Hospital of Miami. Paula and Warren were married in 1992 enjoying their love of the ocean in the Keys before moving to St. Augustine in 1997 where they lived for the past 26 years. Paula continued her nursing career at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville FL, specializing in Oncology and where she spearheaded many educational programs that are still in place today. Because of her dedication and knowledge and unparalleled commitment to patient care, she was awarded the prestigious Mayo Karis Award before she retired in 2021. Paula was always the one that anyone called when they had a medical concern or question or needed assistance.

Paula was predeceased by her parents Francis Xavier Donegan and Claire

(Martin) Donegan and her nephew Joshua O'Brien. Paula is survived by her sister Kathy O'Brien and her husband Eddie of Whitman, MA, her sister Elise Desmond and her husband Richard of Dover Delaware and her brother Mathew Donegan of Mashpee MA. She adored her many nieces and nephews and her grandnieces and grandnephews.

Warren grew up in Washington, North Carolina where he made lifelong friends. After graduating from high school he joined the Navy and served in Vietnam. He attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina where he received a degree in accounting. Warren moved to California in 1970 where he worked for Capital Records and Southland Distributors as assistant controller and account manager. Warren had a love of the ocean and from early on he took many courses and among his many achievements was his certification by PADI as a scuba diver and dive master.

In 1990 he moved to Key Largo, Florida, changing careers and where he became training director and staff manager for Ocean Divers, and it was here where he met Paula. After getting married in 1992, he and Paula moved to St. Augustine in 1997 where Warren worked for Kinco windows as an accountant before starting a new venture, Coastal Windows where he was a partner and CFO. After retiring, Warren became involved with the St. Augustine Historical Society giving tours to school children and portraying historical figures at various historical sights and events. He also gave presentations to the Roads Scholars groups detailing the history of the local area. One of his greatest joys was portraying Santa Claus downtown St. Augustine during the holidays. Warren was a great listener, soft spoken and a true southern gentleman.

Warren was predeceased by his parents, Warren Edward Everett and Esther lone Godley Everett and his sister Winnie Everett of California.

Paula and Warren were devoted to each other, had many great friends and family whom they loved dearly. The both loved to travel and visited many

islands and places around the country. Paula and Warren both loved the ocean, scuba diving, swimming with dolphins, feeding the manatees and working to protect the ocean resources. Their love of the water led them to be married in a hyperbaric chamber at Ocean Divers in Key Largo. They loved their pets, including many dogs and cats that they adopted from local shelters or took in strays. Paula and Warren loved their yard, installing a koi pond and waterfall shortly after moving to their home. They both loved to garden and were always planting and enjoying the beautiful tropical trees and shrubs throughout the year. All of the people and animals whose lives were touched by Paula and Warren were certainly blessed.

They will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing them.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations can be made to Charity of your choice in Paula and Warren's memory.

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Warren & Paula when they called me to discuss designing & installing an ornamental pond in their backyard. We came to an agreement, and scheduled the work. They wanted to be involved in the project. It was truly one of the best project experiences in my pond building career. In their travels, they had collected considerable nautical & diving paraphernalia which were used liberally to adorn their new pond. Warren & Paula graciously invited my wife & me to their home for dinner shortly after the project. Warren shared with me a picture he took of Paula floating, face down in their beloved pond. She had her scuba mask on, and was photographing their fish. Though it's been many years since our last contact, I always had great respect, and fondness for these fine folks. Their love, dedication, and devotion to one another was remarkable.

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