



## Paulette Pierce

January 25, 1951 - October 2, 2023

Paulette Pierce (nee Wildes), age 72 passed away October 2, 2023, onto a better place after a long illness. She was born in Gary, Indiana to Charles and Mary Wildes. Paulette lived in Chicago since 2000 where she married her second husband, William “Bill” Shaw. Paulette was preceded in death by her younger sister, Suzie Daneen. She is survived by three children, Harry Pierce, Thadeus and Molly Wilkerson; daughter-in-law, Angella Pierce; three siblings, Terry (Janice), Tim (Sue), Kevin (Sherrie) Wildes; brother-in-law, Danny Daneen. Paulette has five grandchildren. She spent quality time with Bill’s children, Stephanie English, Jeffrey Shaw Samantha Shaw. A devoted friend Nadine Derrick who supported Paulette on her journey.

Paulette was part of the 1969 Class at Andean High School in Merrillville, IN. She attended Purdue University.

She was an entrepreneur, artist, health care consultant, golfer, and a good wife who knew NYC better than most as she supported her husband’s mother who had declining health- she was a great inspiration.

Her passion for animals became full bloom as an Ambassador at Lincoln Park Zoo, which was the passion of her life. Wherever we visited Bronx Zoo, Our Nation’s Capital, SF, San Diego, Detroit, Arizona, Potawatomi, and Aquariums too she was there (Atlanta, Chattanooga). This was a great chapter in her great life.

Donations in her memory to Lincoln Park Zoo, which she loved, will make her smile and she had a great one! Donations to Lincoln Park Zoo at [www.lpzoo.o](http://www.lpzoo.o)

rg or Gilda's Club Chicago at [www.Gilda'sClubchicago.org](http://www.Gilda'sClubchicago.org) or [rainbowhospice.org](http://rainbowhospice.org). Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bernadette lit a candle in memory of Paulette Pierce*



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