

To Midwife Colleagues of Noreen McManus CNM:

Perhaps you are or are not already aware. I am sorry to let you know that Pauline Buckley, my mother, died on December 21, 2011, peacefully at home after about three weeks of home hospice care. She had fractured her hip in May, 2011, and while she recovered from that, there was a cascade of other health issues that followed. She did not have the reserve to get her strength back after her fourth hospitalization following the hip repair. My sister Rosey and I were with our mother when she died, and other siblings who had gone home just hours earlier, came to join us shortly after her death. Our family of twelve siblings, along with our spouses, children and grandchildren, enjoyed some special moments with Pauline in her last days as well as loving care and guidance throughout life.

Pauline Buckley worked full time up until April, 2011, officially retiring on August 31 with 100 days of unused vacation time. She was honored on October 24, 2011 for 36 years of service in the finance department of the Archdiocese of Newark. To read the obituary of my loving mother Pauline Buckley, please go to NJ.com/obits and look for Star Ledger obituary of December 23. Celebration of the life of Noreen's mother was on Pauline's 84th birthday, December 28, 2011. Please pass this information to our midwife colleagues.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Noreen McManus, CNM