



## Paula Domurat

September 5, 1928 - April 30, 2026

Paula “Bolcia” Domurat who lived a full and joyful life, passed away on April 30, 2026 at 97 years young. She was born in 1928 in Augustów, a lake town in northeastern Poland.

At the age of twelve, her father was arrested and taken as a political prisoner in Russia. Following the Soviet occupation of eastern Poland, during WWII, Paula, her mother, sister, and younger brother, were exiled to labor camps in Siberia. After Germany attacked the Soviet Union in 1941, the USSR signed an agreement with the Polish government-in-exile, resulting in amnesty for hundreds of thousands of Polish citizens who had been imprisoned or deported to Siberia. Paula and her family began their journey to freedom—traveling through Persia and India before eventually settling in Tengeru, Tanzania, where they lived in a Polish refugee camp established by the Catholic Church. There, over the course of six years, Paula continued her education and was active in scouting.

After the war, the family was reunited with her father in England. It was there that Paula met Eric (d. 2011), a Polish officer, whom she married. Their first daughter, Anna, was born in England and then they emigrated to the United States. They settled first in Baltimore and later in Lawrence Township, New Jersey, where they built a home and raised their children—Anna, George, and Barbara.

Paula worked at Westinghouse, the New Jersey Division of Taxation, and the New Jersey Lottery Commission in Trenton. She was a woman of remarkable talent and generosity. She was an expert seamstress, created beautiful needlework, and taught her family how to make the best pierogi and chruściki as well as many other Polish traditions. She gave generously of her time even well into her eighties, knitting dozens of blankets for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia along with supporting women through her volunteer work with People in Transition at Rowan College South Jersey. Until a few weeks ago, she played a mean game of both Rummy and War.

Above all, Paula was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was cherished by her grandchildren—Christopher, Matthew, and Veronica — who held a special place in her heart. She also cared deeply for her son-in-law Victor, future son-in-law Patrick and her daughter-in-law Laura. Her love expanded to include her large and close-knit extended family, including her siblings, nieces, nephews, their children, her step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the many “adopted” family members who lovingly called her “Babcia.”

A Catholic Mass and celebration of Paula’s life will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 12:30pm at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA 18901. The mass will take place in the Barn Chapel at the back of the cemetery.

Interment immediately following in the Our Lady of Czestochowa cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that memorial contributions be made to the Rowan College of South Jersey Foundation to help students build brighter futures. Contributions made by mail may be made payable to the Rowan College of South Jersey Foundation and mailed to:

Rowan College of South Jersey Foundation  
1400 Tanyard Road  
Sewell, NJ 08080  
Attn: Foundation – Paula Domurat Scholarship

For condolences, please visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery

654 Ferry Road  
Doylestown, PA 18901

# Previous Events

## A Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 3. 12:30 PM (ET)

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
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# Tribute Wall

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Marcela Savelski - May 14 at 02:40 PM

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Marcela Savelski - May 14 at 01:18 PM

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“ MY Ciocia Bolcia was just a wonderful person to know and was so caring towards others. Whenever I saw her on our visits to Trenton NJ, her smile went from ear to ear. Then came the cheek squeeze, the cheek kiss and the warm caring hug.. I always looked forward to seeing my cousins and going fishing with my brother Larry.. My CIOCIA always made for me her special " Franus' cake". I called it " Ciocia Bolcia cake"..Every time we would meet, My CIOCIA would make, just for me, my special delicious dessert.. So thoughtful... I'm going to miss My CIOCIA. I'll see you some day in Bosia's arms.. Your the Best....

Nephew FRANUS' ♥ - May 07 at 01:09 PM

DF

“ We will always remember Bolcia for her kind nature, winter visits with Regina and especially for her card playing. “ What’s the “ Bolcia” is a standard when we play Pinochle with our grandkids as they , like her, seem to forget what is Trump? What’s the “ Bolcia” is forever etched in our hearts and minds. Prayers and grateful for her in our lives. She led a full and loving life. David and Krysia

David Ferguson - May 07 at 12:45 PM

JL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jeannie and Bob LaBuz - May 07 at 12:29 PM

JL

“ So many great memories of being with Paula. We loved her spunk and sense of humor. Thank you for helping the women in People in Transition, and thank you for all your great stories from your past. We will miss you. Sending prayers, love and support. 💜🙏💙  
Jeannie and Bob

Jeannie and Bob LaBuz - May 07 at 12:24 PM

JC

Not just my favorite aunt, but one of my favorite people. Her smile..... Warm and sunny and her laugh was musical. And wonderful memories of trips to Florida with Ciocia and my Mom in the backseat singing Polish songs from this little blue book and arguing about the melody. She always made me feel special. I think her greatest gift was that she made everyone feel special. I love her and I will miss her always. ❤️

jean conley - May 07 at 07:07 PM