

Brittany Crockett

Vignette: Paulette Kellerstedt

Paulette Kellerstedt is a woman who has her own thoughts and principles and will never let any one else tell her otherwise. She's funny, sweet and not afraid to bluff a little to get the point across. At 83, Paulette is one of the hardest working woman I have ever had the pleasure of getting to know. She is also one of the most caring.

Working hard in the sewing mills of Massachusetts to the industrial factories in New Britain, like Landers, Frary, and Clark, Paulette earned the title of the first woman supervisor in the company. She constantly fought for better wages for the intense amount of work she had to do, trying to even the playing field between genders a bit.

Paulette helped the her factory set up down south in Tennessee when they moved and helped to close it down when it failed. She drove the replacement workers across the lines during strikes and always found a way to make a task more efficient. But at the end of the day her thoughts were always focused on “her girls” and how she could empower and better their lives. Whether it was through pushing and pulling to get them certified with a higher classification for better pay or helping them get hired at another factory once their's shut down or moved, Paulette always took care of her work family.