



Helena Fidele Potter

September 29, 2010

Helena Fidele Potter, 92, of St. Ignace died early Wednesday, September 29, at Sierra Adult Foster Care Home in Grand Haven. She was born August 17, 1918 in St. Ignace. Her parents were Louis & Elvina (Burkhardt) Bellant. She graduated from LaSalle High School in 1936. She married David A. Potter on January 18, 1941 in St. Ignace, and they made their home on Boundary Road in Moran Township all their life. She attended the St. Ignace Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband, David; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Saturday, October 2 at 2 p.m. at the Dodson Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Williams officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in Gros Cap Cemetery, near her parents. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helena Fidele Potter*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Helena Fidele Potter*

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“ *What a wonderful ride in life having Aunt Fidele, My mothers younger sister, as part of our travels in this life. Just seeing her loving reactions with my mother, especially the last few years before her last living sister left this side of life, was just great. She surely made one feel warm inside. As a member of the Tribe, Aunt Fidele (Father Louis Goudreau Bellant) she now is consider"walking on". What a wonderful way of remembrance. I will miss my last contact with the Tribe and Aunt Fidele, and the "no longer use of my limited tribal language". She tried but never succeeded in teaching me the proper indian dance. Never could catch on to the footwork. In times past she worked with Grampa Bellant calling the Barn Dance Style of Square Dancing.*

I could go on and on about the wonderful things that Aunt Fidele accomplished during her life time. She will be greatly missed by all. Good by for now. Love you. Bob, Darlene, Merodie and Rene'e

Bob and Darlene Ogle - October 19, 2010 at 09:13 AM

MP

“ My fondest memory is when Uncle Dave started telling us the story of WWII and how he was injured during the war, receiving the Purple Heart. He choked up, and without skipping a beat, Aunt Fidele took over the story and brought out old scrap books and the metals Uncle Dave so proudly earned. Great Grandma Ogle, Grandpa and Grandma Ogle, Mom (Renee Ogle Page), Aunt Merodie Tlachac, cousins Dan Tlachac Jr and Nicole Tlachac and myself sat and listened for hours. Aunt Fidele told us the next day that Uncle Dave sharing these stories with us was truly remarkable, and I know we all feel honored to be part of this family. Love, Matt

Matthew Page - October 08, 2010 at 05:31 PM

JB

“ I remember visits to Grandma Boscacci's house with Aunt Fidele, Uncle Dave & Aunt Min. Sitting around the table eating, of course! Lots of food & laughter! Aunt Fidele always had a smile on her face, she was small but mighty! May you rest in peace, you will be missed. Love, Jackie

Jackie Boscacci Barry - October 08, 2010 at 06:17 AM

MO

“ No one can say enough good things about our wonderful Aunt Fidele. The memories of walks thru the sugar bush, bread and butter pickles with homemade cookies being served at the most welcoming table. Seeing her on her tractor in the yard wearing her straw hat. Listening to the stories of their younger days. :) The fish fries out in the garage, where I swore I didn't like fish until they made me taste it. Cookouts and picnics. Thanksgiving in the basement. So many (too many to even list) of my favorite memories come from our trips "up north" both as a child and bringing my own children to meet this very precious person. You will be remembered and missed forever. Love you Aunt Fidele.

Merodie Ogle-Tlachac - October 07, 2010 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ I will always remember the many trips up to see Aunt Fidele & Uncle Dave. When the 5 kids were little, Uncle Dave cringed a little to be surrounded by so many little ones, as he wasn't used to all the commotion. We loved to hear their stories about their fruit cellar & how they dug out the basement, what fun. Aunt Fidele, Uncle Dave & Aunt Minerva will always be remembered with fondness & happy thoughts in St Ignace.

Jay & Betty Boscacci - October 07, 2010 at 12:46 PM

J(

“ Aunt Fidele, I will always remember the visits to St. Ignace with sheer joy. As I picture you right now, I can see that warm smile that was so welcoming and sweet anytime we were there. Coming up with Mom and Dad, when we were kids, and then when I was married with Mike and my kids was always a treat. You always had home made canned jams, or applebutter and served them with homemade bread. You will forever be a wonderful memory for me and my family. Love, Janet and family

Janet Hannewald (Boscacci) - October 07, 2010 at 12:16 PM

NG

“ Aunt Fidele, you will be greatly missed by everyone! I loved being able to come and visit you whenever Bob & I traveled to the northern part of the state for his annual meetings. You always welcomed my friends that came with me to visit you, Uncle Dave and Aunt Min. There are just so many things to say about you! You always welcomed everyone who came to visit. I remember the picnics we'd go on whenever I'd bring the kids up there to visit. In the later years the times we'd go down to the boardwalk so you and Uncle Dave could show us the new walkway. You telling us not to peel the bark off the trees or you would peel our fingers back so we could see what the tree is feeling! So many memories to hold onto! Thank you for them all! You will be sorely missed and we love you dearly! You will always be in our hearts and memories!

Norma Glennie - October 06, 2010 at 11:25 AM

NT

“ As a young girl I remember the warmth and welcoming nature of visiting "the Potters" whenever my family would take our annual trip to the UP. Whenever we would make the venture to Aunt Fidele's and Uncle Dave's house there were a few things you could be certain to find "" a welcoming warm hug, fresh baked molasses cookies, amazing bread and butter pickles and a good time with wonderful people. Not only did she continue to amaze me with her hospitality in entertaining guests, but in her love and devotion to my Uncle Dave. Although in the more recent years, I admittedly, looking back, did not visit nearly enough, the memories of the many trips to St. Ignace will forever hold a special place in my heart. I couldn't have grown into the woman I am today without the influence of my Aunt Fidele. You will forever be missed and forever be remembered. May you now find rest in the arms and the love of Jesus "" Love, Nicole

Nicole Tlachac - October 06, 2010 at 06:49 AM

RP

“ Aunt Fidele, the quiet strength of our family, will be greatly missed. Aunt Fidele always had a friendly smile, a warm hug, and a signature sense of humor that was ageless. She demonstrated daily her belief in God, marriage and family, showing patience and kindness to all. Whenever I think of Aunt Fidele, of course Uncle Dave must be included, they complimented each other and together weaknesses became strengths. I'm thankful for having a strong female role model, showing wisdom, humor and compassion. I'll miss you forever, Love, Renee

Renee Ogle Page - October 06, 2010 at 05:26 AM

LA

“ A very sweet lady who was always hospitable and loved to share her home canned food. She will be greatly missed by all.

Lorna Allsworth - October 05, 2010 at 04:47 PM