



Emma Jean Fowler

May 28, 1928 - March 29, 2010

Emma Jean Fowler, 81, of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan peacefully passed away on Monday, March 29, 2010 at War Memorial Hospital. She was born on May 28, 1928 in Saginaw, Michigan to Alethia (nee Crane) and Willoughby Sadler. In 1933, the family moved to Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. Emma Jean attended McKinley School through her eighth grade graduation; and graduated from Sault High School in 1946. She was a graduate of Lake Superior State College with a BA in Sociology and a BS in Criminal Justice (1973). She was also a graduate of Michigan State University, where she obtained a Master's of Social Work degree (1985). Upon graduating from high school, Emma Jean entered the U.S. Waves. She served in the Waves from 1948 through 1950. She was active in the U.P. Waves organization; most recently serving as the Chapter President. She married Charles Fowler in Long Beach, CA in 1949. Together the couple had three children: Daughters Pauline and Kate; and son, Willoughby. Upon her husband's death in 1969, Emma Jean returned to Sault Sainte Marie, MI. Emma Jean was employed by Bay Mills Indian Community as a social worker, E.U.P. Mental Health as an outpatient therapist, E.U.P. Home Nursing as a medical social worker and supervisor, Vietnam Veterans social worker, and by the E.U.P. Veterans Center as a social worker and client advocate. She was an active member of the Algonquin United Methodist Church, E.U.P.A.R., Gold Star Wives, Waves National, and the American Legion. Her parents, Alethia and Willoughby Sadler; and her husband, Charles Albert Fowler, predeceased her. Surviving

her are daughters Pauline (Scott) Badenski of Key Largo, FL; Katherine Kelley of Tucson, AZ; and son, Willoughby Fowler of Sault Sainte Marie, MI. She is also survived by her brother, William Sadler of Sault Sainte Marie, MI; grandsons Trevor Gray of Everett, WA, Stanley Badenski of Sault Sainte Marie, MI, and Nathaniel Kelley of Tucson, AZ; special cousins Robert Garrett, Laura Vann, Marie Vann, George (Sue) Vann, John Vann, Troy Vann, all of Sault Sainte Marie; Beth Conway of Petoskey, MI; C.J. Conway of Harbor Springs, MI; sister-in-law Edie (Cole) Dresen of Puyallup, WA; special niece Melissa Elliott of Seattle, WA; special nephew Micheal Cole of LA; and special friends Bernice Sage, Grace Rousseau, Louise Adams, and Lynn Rousseau all of Sault Sainte Marie, MI. Emma Jean also loved her three cats dearly: Sassy, Piggy, and Lulu Marlene. Contributions in memory of Emma Jean may be made to Algonquin Methodist Church, Chippewa County Animal Society, or the charity of one's choice. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2010 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Algonquin Methodist Church. Her memorial service shall begin at 12:30 p.m. with Rev. Rodney Clark officiating; a pot luck luncheon will follow the service at the church. Internment will be in Alanson, MI following the luncheon.

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Emma Jean's family. I knew your Mom a few years ago when I did my internship at the EUP Mental Health Center. Emma Jean trained me during my time there and I enjoyed her spirit and her enthusiasm... I still have Emma Jean stories! She was a bright light and a beautiful heart!!! When I left she gave me a nice pink ink pen that I have to this day. God bless her!

Sue Ellen Nolan - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Emma Jean was one of the most courageous people I ever knew. Once when a group of boys were making fun of a girl when we were on a bus on a class trip, she stood up and gave them a tongue lashing. She made them realize how mean their behavior was. The culprits were ashamed and sat down and shut up.

She was always honest and did the right thing. She was fun to be with. She made jokes but did not hurt other people's feelings. Emma Jean was very intelligent. She will be missed by many people.

I have a few pictures of her when we were in Soo High. If one of her children would like them, send me an address and I'll mail them to you.

*Ardith (Ploegstra) Heemskerk
Bradenton, Florida*

Ardith Heemskerk - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I will miss our daily conversations and the love and encouragement she gave me through our 20 year friendship. Emma had more wisdom in her lil finger then most people will have in a lifetime. Emma showed such unconditional love to the needy, indegent and mentally ill and was a true inspiration to me.A perfect example of Christs love. My sympathies to her family.

jeane lambert - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Pauline, Katie, and Will - you have my deepest sympathies. Your mom was such an active member of our church and her presence will be sorely missed! She was also a great neighbor...may she rest in peace.

Jeannie (Atkins) O'Connor - April 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM