



Paulina Florine Bialek

November 11, 2012

Paulina Florine Bialek, 78 of Rudyard passed away early Sunday morning, November 11 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She was born on December 1, 1933 to William and Louisa (VorderLandwehr) Shoup at home in Custer, the second eldest of eight children.

Florine was educated at Weldon Creek School, Custer High School, Ludington St. Simons, and graduated Valdictorian at Scottville High School, class of 1952. She graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and taught at Ricky and North Amber rural schools in Mason County and Forest Hills Elementary in Grand Rapids. She then joined the Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters and completed her Masters Degree, teaching in Parochial Schools in Traverse City, Muskegon, Portland, Bay City and Taylor. She later moved to Germany and married a widower Hermann Bialek, and continued to teach at U.S. Army bases. They retired in the mid-1980's and moved to a farm near Rudyard, and she resumed teaching in public education as well as Catholic Religion education programs. She was very active in the Rudyard Senior Citizen Center. She has been a very active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rudyard since moving to the area and active in music, liturgy, education and the St. Joseph Womens Group.

Florine was the eldest of the Shoup Family Singers, a popular singing family of the 1940's and 1950's in Western Michigan. They had a weekly radio show, and were on numerous TV Shows and regulars at gatherings in the area. She played violin for the Grand Rapids Symphonette in the late 50's,

and after years of absence she resumed playing weekly with several Rudyard area musicians. She was also a devoted member of the Grand Rapids Dominican Association.

Upon her husband's retirement in the mid-1980's the couple often visited the Custer area for family activities. Yet, following her husband's passing in May, 2000, she continued living in the UP area they loved, and that included winters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hermann, parents, William and Louisa Shoup, a sister, Floretta, and brother in law, John Smedley.

She is survived by step sons, Armin and Berndt (Antja) Bialek, in Germany; 3 step grandchildren in Germany; 3 brothers, William (Sherry) Shoup, North Muskegon; James (Donna) Shoup, Custer; Daniel (Janet) Shoup, Traverse City; 3 sisters, Mary Shoup (Jim Allison), Custer; Margaret Smedley, Traverse City; Bernadette Lykins, Lakeview; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and one great great niece.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, November 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rudyard at 11 am with Visitation one hour before mass. Fr. Joseph Vandannoor will officiate. A memorial Mass will be on Saturday, November 17 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer at 11 am with Visitation beginning at 9 am. Dodson Funeral Home, St. Ignace is handling arrangements in Rudyard and Wyman-Stevens Funeral Home, Scottville is in charge of Custer arrangements,

The family asked for contributions to be directed to the Grand Rapids Dominican Association; 4H club of Chippewa County or a charity of your choice. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery, Custer.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paulina Florine Bialek*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Paulina Florine Bialek*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Paulina Florine Bialek*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I always remember loving when her & brothers & sisters singing at family gatherings, espeially singing "The Happy Wanderer" and their Valderi & Valdera's. I play that song on the piano and think of the Shoups! Love'Sympathy & Prayers to all the family. Denny & Mary Ann Maki*

Mary Ann (Wilberding) Maki - November 15, 2012 at 05:13 AM



“ *Another Paulina in Heaven!! There will be singing and visiting there!! I always enjoyed a nice quiet visit with Florine at any family gathering. She just made one feel so warm inside! I have such nice letters that I have received from her over the years. She will definitely be missed! Sympathy, Love, & Hugs to her family! Cousin, Angela (Wilberding) Maki*

Angela Wilberding Maki - November 14, 2012 at 05:16 AM

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“ Dear family - life is more fragile than we even realize. Love endures, memories prevail; Florine's wit is rooted in my mind forever. She loved so easily and so sincerely. My plan was that there would be time to get close, like our dad, Gerald is close to her. She laughed so easily and I know her charm and ease of story telling gave dad so much joy. I miss her. You miss her. She WILL around - we just have to be vigilant and watch.....when we least expect, we will know she is near... LOVE YOU

Lynn [Landwehr} - November 13, 2012 at 06:24 AM