



Wilma Florence Paulus

August 4, 1930 - April 24, 2016

Wilma Florence (Kinyon) Paulus, 85, of Marshall and formerly Ludington, died April 24, 2016. Wilma was born on August 4, 1930, to Charles W. Kinyon and Theresa E. (Apary) Kinyon, in Gladwin, Michigan. Wilma graduated from Beaverton High School, and went on to obtain her Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, and her Master's degree from Michigan State University. She taught at Ludington High School and Walkersville School system, where she was also a Guidance Counselor; retiring in 1991. Wilma was a valued member of the American Association of University Women, the PEO Sorority, and a retired Mason County Mental Health System Board Member. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, and, in previous years, downhill and cross country skiing. Wilma married Albert R. Paulus on December 29, 1956, in Lansing, and together they raised two sons.

Wilma is survived by her sons, Steven (Gail) Paulus, of Northville, and Mark (Bill) Paulus of Marshall; and her sister, Margaret Hughes of Lansing. She is predeceased by her husband, Albert Paulus, and her sister, Betty Millard.

Family services will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington later this summer. If desired, memorial contributions are suggested to Mason County Historical Society or Harbor Hospice of Ludington. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Wilma on her tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Mark, Steve and family,
Ski trips with you boys, Beaver Island, and trips to the Bahamas,
Canada, and Wisconsin were all memorable. But what I miss most
was Wilma's zest for life and her ability "to go with the flow".
"Something will turn up at the most critical moment" so "If life gives
you lemons, eat the darn things" seemed to be her motto.
With her mentoring I hope I can adjust to life's challenges half as
well as she did.
Fondly, Sue and Jim Baker*

Sue Baker - June 05, 2016 at 02:40 PM

BC

“ *Mark and Steve,

Just came across this obituary. Our family so appreciated Wilma's
friendship with my dad. She was a big reason he was able to stay in
Ludington for as long as he did in the house he loved so much.
They made a great team. Their trips to the store and then the bagel
shop were something he talked about all the time. We will be
forever grateful.*

Blair Claflin - June 04, 2016 at 02:01 PM

LI

“ *Mark & Steve - just came across the obituary, and sorry to read the
news. You & your families are in my thoughts.
Lynne (Johnson) Ingraham*

Lynne Ingraham - May 18, 2016 at 04:38 AM

DZ

“ Mark and Steve, we are so very sorry to read that your mother has passed away. She was always such a gracious person. Whenever we saw her at church or around town, she always had a kind word and a hug. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.
Diane Castonia Zack and Ron & Yvonne Castonia

Diane Zack - April 30, 2016 at 09:02 PM

AR

“ Steve and Mark - Your mom encouraged me to apply for a job with the newly founded Community Mental Health program in Ludington. I had some of my happiest working years in that program as it grew. I retired from that agency over 20 years ago and moved away from Ludington. I have fond memories of our association and have thought of her often over the years. She was so very proud of you and very proud to be your mom. Adele Royce

Adele Royce - April 30, 2016 at 06:57 AM

LD

“ Mrs. Paulus was always gracious and kind. After my own mother died, she would check up on me and give me encouragement. When a recognition of me at my college was published in the paper, she was the first to get a nice note into the mail.

Having the Paulus family live just across the alley was wonderful. They let us watch Star Trek on their color (!!!) television in the 1960's. That was almost as good as being able to share swimming pool time.

Perhaps ironically, my family owns a Malamute named Sam that is furrer & fluffier than Sam, their Samoyed, was. The Paulus' Sam was a challenge to take on walks when we watched him. 4 mph was a modest clip for him :)

Lisa Dains - April 28, 2016 at 08:07 PM

RM

“ We lived across the alley from the Paulus family. There are many fond memories of Steve and Mark playing with our three children, Lisa, Tim and Brian, sharing their swimming pool and having games together. They were part of the group helping Lisa on the bus to school in Hamlin while Lakeview was being rebuilt. We laughed as their dog preferred cold weather and tore the sides off the dog house so that the icy wind could blow through at night. Wilma and Al were most loving parents and neighbors, a role she continued after Al's death at a very young age. Their loving sons reflect this upbringing and have been a great credit to their parents.
Ray Mayer

Ray Mayer - April 28, 2016 at 03:02 PM

VT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Wilma Paulus. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,

V. Thompson - April 26, 2016 at 08:03 PM

SW

“ I will never forget Mrs. Paulus (and her two wonderful sons, Steve and Mark) attending my father's burial in Ft. Custer. To have the three of you at my mother's (and my) side was truly an honor. My mother and I loved Wilma Paulus. My favorite memory of Steve and Mark's mother is a session that I had with Mrs. Paulus when she was my high school counselor. When I thought of my future after H.S. I went to her and asked her what vocation I should pursue after I graduated. Her reply was "Well, looking at your SAT scores, you can do anything." THAT was not the answer I wanted. I wanted a direction pointed out to me as I found EVERYTHING interesting. It turned out that this reply was so prescient. I went to 5 colleges (I thank God that they didn't cost me anything because I was awarded academic scholarships BECAUSE of my SAT scores.) I went on to complete majors in both Bus. Admin. and Economics, I worked the white-collar world for a few years and then made a rather drastic change and turned to the blue-collar world, building and fixing elevators for the rest of my working years. Again, Mrs. Paulus was right!!! and again, I'll never forget her or her two wonderful sons.

Steven Walley - April 26, 2016 at 12:33 PM