



Paula Jean Greene

July 21, 1945 - August 17, 2013

Paula Jean Greene of Cadillac passed away Saturday morning, August 17, 2013 at her home. She was 68. She was born on July 21, 1945 in Camden, Arkansas to Leon and Leona (Reimann) Nugent.

Paula graduated from Cadillac High School in 1963 and went on to graduate from Michigan State University in 1966 with her Bachelor's degree. She would then go on to Wayne State University and graduate from there with her Master's in Education in 1982 and in 1988 her Education Doctorate in Early Childhood Education. Paula's first employment was teaching in Big Rapids from there she went to Mount Pleasant and later to Troy where she taught at Meadowbrook Nursery School. Later she worked for the Troy Public Schools and then on to be Principal of Pierce Elementary in Birmingham and during that time the school was awarded many state and national awards. Paula also taught college courses at Wayne State University and Saginaw Valley State University.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren as well as hiking, golfing, reading, skiing, boating and traveling. Paula was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac and many years ago she played the organ there and was a member of the choir. She was a volunteer for Wexford County Habitat for Humanity, was past President of Cadillac Welcome Club, member of the Cadillac Garden Club, member of the Cadillac Country Club and sang

in the Cadillac Philharmonic Choir.

On October 7, 1995 in Troy, Michigan she married Robert F. Greene and he survives her along with her children: Paul (Jennifer) Nystrom of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Alisa Martin of Novi; grandchildren: McKenna Martin and Ethan, Drew and Davis Nystrom; two sisters: Margaret (Leonard) Kalcher of Manistee and Sharon (Claude) Lemmer of Shepard; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leon Nugent and Leona Nugent Breen.

The Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Friday, August 23, 2013 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Msgr. Francis Murphy as celebrant. Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Thursday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Missaukee County Humane Society, or www.cholangiocarcinoma.org, a non-profit foundation funding research for the early detection and treatment of bile duct cancer. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ *May time and love bring you peace. Hoping these words of sympathy will comfort you during this difficult time.*

Christina Novajosky - August 25, 2013 at 08:22 AM

KH

“ *Words cannot say how saddend by the loss of such a wonerful women. she had a wonderful heart and sole and cared so much for others my deepest sympathy go' s out to bob and they kids for such a loss. May God Bless you all in your time of sorrow*

kathy Hannum - August 23, 2013 at 11:18 AM

GR

“ *On behalf of the Birmingham Board of Educationband Superintendent Dr. Dan Nerad, we would like to express our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Paula Greene will always be remembered for her outstanding leadership as the Pierce Elementary school principal and her loving and giving concern for the well being of the entire Pierce community. Her service to the students and staff was exemplary. The Pierce school community will forever be grateful to Paula for the years she spent at BPS ,for all her contributions and dedication to our district. Sincerely, Steve Scheidt, Michael Fenberg, Lori Soifer, Rob Lawrence, Susan Hill, Chris Conti, Geri Rinschler and Dan Nerad.*

Geri Rinschler - August 22, 2013 at 08:29 PM

IC

“ Alisa and McKenna, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Ilyssa Cimmino - August 22, 2013 at 11:50 AM

DC

“ My sincere sympathy is expressed to all those who knew and loved Mrs. Paula Greene. While I did not know Mrs. Greene, her obituary reminded me of what a small world this really is and how we all directly or indirectly touch one another. I, a country bumpkin, from Luther, attended Pierce El. School in Birmingham as a fourth grader in 1950. I also noted that Mrs. Greene was a faculty member at Saginaw Valley State U. which is just down the road from Delta College where I was a professor for 30 years. Dr. B. Campbell

Dr. Barry Campbell - August 21, 2013 at 03:24 PM

JS

“ Bob, so sorry to hear the tragic news about Paula. The love that both of you showed my mother will always be remembered.

Jim Sandelius - August 21, 2013 at 07:58 AM

LC

“ Bob, Paul, Alisa and family-
What a remarkable and loving lady. I thank you for pleasure of knowing Paula and for such dedicated care and love you all provided!

Laurie C - August 20, 2013 at 08:23 PM

TC

“ I am so saddened by your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Alisa, McKenzie and your family.

Tina Conlon - August 20, 2013 at 11:04 AM

BL

“ I'

m so sorry for your loss. Alisa and McKenna are the best examples of what a wonderful Mother you were.

Betty Lou Lowenthal - August 20, 2013 at 10:57 AM