



Donna Mae Pollard

June 4, 1932 - October 29, 2016

NORWAY- Donna Mae Pollard age 84 of Norway, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many went to be with her Lord, Saturday, October 29, 2016 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Donna was born June 4, 1932 in Norway, daughter of the late Clarence and Mary (Paul) LaFreniere.

She was a lifelong resident of Norway and graduated from Norway High School in 1950. Donna went on to receive her teaching certificate at Northern Michigan University, a Bachelor of Science in 1966 and later earned her Master of Arts in Education in 1970.

Donna married Weldon Pollard on April 5, 1952 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway. They settled in Norway and raised four children.

She was an elementary teacher for 34 years, working in Hermansville, Vulcan and Niagara Schools, retiring in 1993. Her love for her children and community involved her in 4-H Teen Leaders, St. Mary Church, Holy Spirit School, CCD, Relay for Life and other activities.

Donna is survived by her children David (Patty) Pollard, Renee Pollard, Greg (Tamie) Pollard and Marybeth (David) Negro; eight grandchildren, Adam (Katy), Ryan (Katie), Tanya, Tony, Catherine (Fiancée Ben Gendron), Jordan, Christina, and Lexi; two great grandchildren Veda and Griffin; four brothers-in-law Richard (Toni) Pollard, James Pollard, Marvin (Marion) Pollard, Thomas (Suzanne) Pollard all of Norway. She had a special place in the hearts of many nieces, nephews and friends as well.

Donna was preceded in death by her brother Paul LaFreniere; sister Bernice LaFreniere Hartman; brother-in-law Wm. Denton Pollard; sisters-in-law Dorothy Pollard, Ruth Pollard and Merle Pollard; and niece Collette Pollard.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding. A luncheon for friends and family will follow the burial in the church hall.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Holy Spirit Catholic School where her children and grandchildren attended.

Interment will be held at Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

ND

“ Renee, my deepest condolences on the loss of your mom. We never quit missing them.
May you be comforted by her memory and the loving care you gave her.

Nancy Daley - November 10, 2016 at 11:35 AM

CH

“ Carol Hamacher lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Pollard



Carol Hamacher - November 08, 2016 at 02:57 PM

JU

“ Mrs. Pollard was such a treasure to my family, especially my mom! May her family find strength and joy in knowing how many lives she touched! God bless the Pollard family! Julie Ottoson Wills

julie - November 05, 2016 at 12:47 PM

CY

“ Mrs. Pollard, after all these years, was may favorite teacher. She taught our 1st grade class in Hermansville. I remember her kindness and being the prettiest teacher in school. Throughout the years while passing thru Norway, I often wondered if she still resided in the area. My sincere condolences. Carol Yale-DeLoughary

Carol Yale-DeLoughary - November 05, 2016 at 12:25 PM

Taylor
Morris

“ Aunt Donna, Uncle Weldon, Renee, MaryBeth, David, Greg, Bernice Hartman (Donna's sister) Michael, Peter, Maryann, and Dog Buster. I love the memories of Aunt Donna coming to Bernie's house and our visits to DC, Inner Harbor, the Falls and picnicking, as well as swimming. I remember getting tomatoes ready to be canned for summer. Also, a wonderful memory was us sharing close birthdays together. You were not only my GodMother, but you became such an inspiration after Mom died; You were a great influence. I dearly loved all of the cards for every holiday, event, and celebration. You meant the world to me, and I thank you for all of the phone calls. I'm going to miss you so much, and I love you dearly.



Taylor Morris - November 04, 2016 at 10:02 PM

TA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



taylor - November 04, 2016 at 09:48 PM

MW

“ Renee and family, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know what you are all going thru. One of my first teaching positions was to fill in as a long term sub for your mother in Niagara. She was a great hard working lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this time of sorrow. Mary B. Williams

mary williams - November 04, 2016 at 02:59 PM

LJ

“ Love, Julie and family Don, Kenny, Ed and Janette purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Mae Pollard.



Love, Julie and family Don, Kenny, Ed and Janette - November 02, 2016 at 11:37 PM

GC

“ *What a delight and pleasure to have known Donna since the early 1950's! Her genuine enthusiasm, outgoing and effervescent personality captured the essence of a most remarkable, like-able person that everyone knew Donna to be. It is with sincere condolences I offer the family of Donna Pollard. She will indeed be missed in all of our tomorrows.*

Gene Cudnohufsky - November 02, 2016 at 08:33 PM

SL

“ *To the Pollard family -
One of my favorite hymns includes the following:*

*"Gentle woman, quiet light
Morning star, so strong and bright
Gentle mother, peaceful dove
Teach us wisdom, teach us love"*



This SO describes your mom and grandmother. I am so glad I got to know her better as an adult and she became so much more than my friend Renee's "mom, but she became my friend. I will miss her but I am sure she is reaping her joyful reward from a life well-lived. My deepest sympathy and May God Bless you all.

--Sheri

Sheri LeBombard - November 02, 2016 at 11:57 AM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and Prayers go out to all of the Negro and Pollard Families. Donna was a sweet caring woman!*

Dawn & Kyle Lindstrom

Dawn Lindstrom - November 02, 2016 at 11:52 AM

KZ

“ *My prayers go out to the family I knew her well growing up in Norway and knowing the Pollard family very well may God be with you all*

Kim Zimmerman - November 01, 2016 at 08:42 PM

TF

“ *The Glanville Family lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Pollard*



The Glanville Family - November 01, 2016 at 09:16 AM

BP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you all! I was so glad I got to see Donna this summer as she will always hold a special place in my heart. Not only as a favorite teacher but also a good friend to my mom. I will always hold fond memories of Donna in my heart. Watch out heaven she still has a lot to teach!*
Brenda Ponzio-Thiry

Brenda Ponzio-Thiry - November 01, 2016 at 07:28 AM