



## Paulette Mary Powell

June 26, 1953 - February 26, 2024

Paulette beloved wife of Michael of 47 years

Dear daughter in law of Pierina

Beloved sister of Cheryl (Patrick) Donovan

and sister in law of Gerard (Linda) Powell

Loving aunt of Kaitlin, Jason, Jessica

Mrs. Powell will lie in state at St. Mark church Friday March 1st from 12:30 pm until time of mass at 1:00 pm

In Lieu of flowers please donate to National Federation of the Blind at [nfbmi.org](http://nfbmi.org)

# Previous Events

## Instate

MAR 1. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark Catholic Church  
4401 Bart Ave  
Warren, MI 48091

## Mass of the Resurrection

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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4401 Bart Ave  
Warren, MI 48091

# Tribute Wall

KN

“ Karen North lit a candle in memory of Paulette Mary Powell



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**Karen North** - March 11, 2024 at 09:16 AM

KN

*I have known Paulette since 1984. We used to work together @ Meier Metal. She was a great person. My most sincere condolences to Mike and her family.*

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**Karen North** - March 11, 2024 at 09:19 AM

PC

“ *Some of the memories I cherish with Paulette were when I was alot younger. Many Christmas Eve parties at Paulette and Mike's house on MacKay in Detroit. Lots of family, aunts, uncles and cousins all gathered. Many weekly visits to their house as well with my mom and brother to visit Aunty Virgie, who lived with them for a time. I still say I was one of the first people to play Atari because Paulette had that video game console when it first came out (late 1970s?). I remember drinking many Pepsi's, playing Atari and listening to her bird swear. As a 12 year old it was the funniest memory of their swearing bird. So glad I got to see her this past Christmas season and share some laughs with Mike and Paulette. You will be missed, cousin!*

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**Paul Cesulski** - March 01, 2024 at 07:41 PM

DK

“ My fondest memories of Paulette were the Christmas parties she had when I was a young boy. Many members of the family were there. There was always Christmas music playing in the background and lots of delicious Polish food! Those were great times! Thanks for the memories Paulette and all that you did for us!

*Dave Kliss*

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**Dave Kliss** - March 01, 2024 at 07:46 AM

SF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of Mrs. Paulette Powell who truly loved her. She was a servant like no other, and they'll never ever be another! Her courage, tenacity, perseverance, strength and spirit will be her legacy. May her soul rest in eternal peace. She fought a good fight and definitely stayed the course. From Earthly Labor to Heavenly Reward! Welcome Home Good and Faithful Servant!



*Blessings*  
*Sheila Fulmore & Family*

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**Sheila Fulmore** - February 29, 2024 at 11:47 PM

MP

“ Paulette was the most genuine person I have ever had the pleasure to work with, she always made sure everybody in the shop got exactly what we had coming to us as far as payroll and vacation time. She definitely took care of us all very well she will be dearly missed.

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**mark paschen** - February 29, 2024 at 09:53 AM

CD

“ *What can I say my dear sister you left us to soon. You will be so missed by everyone and we won't know what too do with out you. Who am I going to argue with. My heart is empty with out you. I love you so much. You are in good hands know. Your sister always and forever.*

Cheryl Donovan - February 29, 2024 at 08:00 AM

KS

“ *Karen Sweet lit a candle in memory of Paulette Mary Powell*



Karen Sweet - February 28, 2024 at 07:20 PM

LH

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know her personally but when she would sing along side Mike it was like two Angels along side of each other. God Bless this family with healing and comfort.*

lisa hicks - February 28, 2024 at 06:01 PM

LS

“ *My condolences go out to Mike and the extended Powell family, as well as to Cheryl, Kaitlin and Pat. In our childhood, our family spent a lot of time with Paulette and Cheryl, and I will always remember Paulette would get us all involved with singing. That was a gift which she continued for a lifetime. I think her expression of "Hey cuz" was used for many of us (I hear ya Cathy!). Godspeed Paulette. Larry Skoczylas*

Larry Skoczylas - February 28, 2024 at 01:09 PM

G(

“Heartfelt condolences go out to Mike Powell and Cheryl, Kaitlin and Patrick Donovan in Florida (Paulette's younger sister) on the passing of Paulette Powell. She sure spread a lot of love in her 70 short years and the world feels a little smaller and lonelier without our family's beloved "Pauldy."

Gotta say, growing up in Hazel Park and Warren, Mich., in the 1970s, my father Hank was 15th of 16 siblings so the "Skoczylas" Polish clan always seemed to overwhelm the presence of Paulette / Cheryl / Mother Virginia Wojnarski wing of the families. Yet, my mother Dorothy, Aunt Virginia came from a family of 9 total Lewandowski siblings all the same.

A couple memories to share:

-- When Paulette and Mike first got married back around 1977, maybe, their wedding reception was actually in Hank and Dorothy's back-yard in Warren. Hank's house was located on a curve, creating a back-yard with a curve, and a total of about 1/4-acre of backyard space. Paulette and Mike's wedding reception was well attended that they got sent off on their beautiful life together in a fine fashion.

-- Decades later, when my mother Dorothy passed away in 2003, Paulette sang "Ave Maria" inside the church at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Warren and it was as moving a rendition of that great spiritual song, for me and my brothers Larry and Bob, and our father, Hank, who was still alive then, when Paulette belted out "Ave Maria" and in echoing Paulette's similar performance for Aunt Wantda (nice salute from Cathy Cesulski here online about that, I hear you cousin-Cathy).

-- Speaking of the wonderful Walter & Wanda Cesulski family in Madison Hts., it may not be known that Paulette's last job as Senior Accountant for a local auto supplier put her a 2-minute-drive away from the Cesulski household there on Miracle Drive in Mad Hts., Paulette was able to look in on Walter in his aging and declining years on an almost daily basis, giving comfort and security to the extended Cesulski sibilings including aforementioned Cathy, Chris and Paul, whom we all grew up with. Paulette looking in on Wally almost every day for a couple of years there was an incredible act of kindness and love and spoke well of her endlessly generous heart

*and sharp-eye for filling life's needs and family's needs without being ordered or asked to participate. It was an act of love on Paulette's part, not a labor.*

*Finally, I gotta remind everyone that when I was baptized at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck, Mich., back in August of 1958, when I was 8 months old (born in Dec., 1957), that my spiritual Catholic godfather was Paulette's father, Eugene, and Paulette's aunt, Wanda Cesulski (Walter's wife and my Mom's sister), was my spiritual Godmother, too.'*

*Score this Love Letter to Paulette as an endorsement for what the Lewandowski / Wojnarski side of our extended family contributed to my own life and career and all.*

*Thank you, Paulette, for spreaing all that glorious love you did in your 70 busy years and your extended, Polish-Catholic family thanks you here in public for all that you GAVE in life to the rest of US.*

*God bless you, Pauldy and always be well, now and forever more.*

*With love from Cousin Gerry in Florida,  
(birth name Gerald Skoczylas, now Scott)*

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**Gerald Skoczylas (Lewandowski) - February 28, 2024 at 07:27 AM**

CB

“ I will miss her calling out “Hey Cuz” whenever she saw me or whenever she called me on the phone. She always insisted on introducing me as, “this is my cousin Cathy from California.” She even came to visit me for a week a few years ago and we became tourists trapping all over NorCal having a grand old time.

One of my very favorite memories of Paulette was when she sang Ave Maria a cappella at my mom’s funeral. She had the most beautiful voice in the world and there was not a dry eye in the church. She always said that was one of the hardest things she ever had to do because it was hard for her not to cry.

I was lucky to spend a month in Michigan this past December/January, and much of that time we spent with Paulette and Mike. I am grateful for that time.

She was the most loving, kind human being with a wicked sense of humor. She loved to laugh at Mike while he imitated all the family members, no matter how many times she heard it.

I will miss you, my dear sweet Pauldy. Mikey, you have my number, I am always there to talk to you. Love “Cousin Cathy from California.

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**Cathy Bourland** - February 27, 2024 at 10:22 PM

AN

“ Dear Michael,  
I am so saddened to hear of Paulette’s passing. She was a beautiful person and had a wonderful soprano voice. It was a pleasure to have been part of the music ministry with her at St. Mark’s. May the angels welcome her to paradise.

Condolences,  
Annette Wright

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**Annette** - February 27, 2024 at 08:38 PM

KS

“ *Michael, we were shocked and saddened when we heard about Paulette. We are very sorry for your loss. She was a loving, caring person and she will be missed.*  
*Randy and Karen Sweet*

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**Karen Sweet** - February 27, 2024 at 06:58 PM

RS

“ *So sorry for your loss, Mike. We were happy to be able to get together with you and Paulette on Christmas Eve to keep the tradition alive. Also glad we could see Paulette last week. We will miss her, and her sense of humor and her great love of getting together and having a good time. Bob & Andrea Skoczylas*

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**Robert Skoczylas** - February 27, 2024 at 03:51 PM

KD

“ *Dear Michael and Family,*  
  
*We were so shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Paulette.*  
*We are so very sorry for this devastating loss to you, Michael, and the rest of the family. Know that all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Karen and Paul DeJager*

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**Karen DeJager** - February 27, 2024 at 03:45 PM

NP

“ Noah Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Paulette Mary Powell



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**noah powell** - February 27, 2024 at 02:52 PM

KL

“ Michael,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Paulette was a wonderful singer for St. Mark's. We will miss her leading us in song at the masses. May God be with you, always.  
Dave & Mary Klonowski

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**Klonowski** - February 27, 2024 at 12:47 PM

JM

*Paulette sprit will be forever at St Mark. Mike and Pauletple sang with true love for the Lord.*

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**JULIE A MOSKAL** - February 29, 2024 at 08:51 PM