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Decatur-Margaret Anne Brady Pondelick, 83, of Decatur, Illinois passed away Thursday, December 25, 2014 at St. Mary's Hospital from Pulmonary Fibrosis. Her husband of sixty-five years Leo Joseph and her daughter were by her side.

Anne was born December 21, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, the second child of Charles Angelo and Elizabeth (Bertrand) Brady. She attended Marywood School for Girls in Evanston, Illinois, and received her B.A. from Elmhurst College, with a major in German. She did advanced studies in the German language at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal and at the University of Vienna in Austria. Anne taught German at MacArthur High School for over twenty years. During five summers she accompanied MacArthur German students to Vienna, where they also studied German.

During her teaching career, Anne served as a Board member and President of the Illinois Foreign Language Teachers Association. After her retirement in 1991, she served on the Board of the Lincoln Square Theatre, the Millikin Homestead, and the Historic Decatur Foundation. Anne was appointed by the Mayor of Decatur to serve on the Historical and Architectural Sites Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

For many years Anne volunteered as "Commodore" for the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, receiving the "Distinguished Volunteer" award in 1996.

Anne leaves behind her husband Leo, daughter Lisa Anne Pondelick Olson and husband Curtis of Webster, Minnesota, granddaughter Laura Elizabeth Olson, and younger brother John Patrick Brady of Chicago.

Services to celebrate Anne's life will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with Rev. John Biedler and Rev. Miley Palmer officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County



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for the Leo and Anne Pondelick Charitable Fund.

The family of Margaret Anne Brady Pondelick is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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Julia Wittig shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Brave teacher 1973

July 2 at 5:06 PM



Julia Wittig posted:

The trip in 1973 summer to Germanspeaking countries in Europe with many teen students MacArthur High School from Decatur, Illinois. A brave teacher to take us there .

July 2 at 5:03 PM



Michelle Ferraro posted:

Mr. Pondelick and Anne, I just heard about Frau's passing. I am so sorry to hear about Frau Pondelick. I think she was my favorite teacher. I remember well the trip she took us to Austria on after I graduated. I also let my parents know. I will really miss her. The next trip to Decatur I will try to stop by and see you. Michelle Hesler Ferraro

February 27 at 3:24 PM



Julie Maxedon posted:

Leo and Lisa, I did not know of Annes passing until just a few minutes ago. I will miss our "over the fence" conversations and her lively spirit. I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you and I will keep you in my prayers. Again, I am so sorry. She was a very lovely lady and friend.

February 15 at 7:35 AM



Erika Kramer posted:

Liebe Lisa, ich habe heute an die Klasse gepostet, weil ich wissen wollte, wie es deiner Mutter geht und habe so von Ihrem Ableben erfahren. Ich wünsch dir viel Kraft und Zuversicht in dieser schweren Zeit. Deine Mutter hat mich sehr beeindruckt, ich werde sie in guter Erinnerung bewahren. Meine herzlichsten Grüße aus Wien, Erika

January 14 at 10:07 AM



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TS

Tina Loury Strickland posted:

Lisa-I just learned of Frau's passing, and I am so sorry. I was in her class from 1979 – 1982. She was a wonderful teacher, and I really learned to appreciate the German culture in her class. I was skeptical of being able to converse fluently in German, but by the end of third year I was pretty good. I remember the soccer games in the Fall and Spring; learning to waltz; and singing Christmas caroles in the halls.I also remember bringing my daughter to her class. Ashley was two months old. Frau took Ashley, and sang to her in German while waltzing in the room. It's one of my most fond memories.You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.Tina Loury Strickland (Class of 1982)

January 14 at 8:23 AM

TS

Tina Loury Strickland posted:

I just learned of Frau's passing, and I am deeply sadden. I was a student in her class for three years. I remember our soccer games, learning to waltz, and singing German Christmas caroles in the halls. She was a wonderful teacher. I also remember returning to her classroom after the birth of my daughter. Frau took Ashley into her arms, and sang a German song to her while she waltzed.Lisa, my sincerest condolences to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.Tina Loury Strickland

January 14 at 8:02 AM

LO

Lisa Olson posted:

We didn't know each other well, but I remember you. thank you.

January 5 at 9:14 AM

JD

Jeff And Cindy Denning posted:

Lisa,You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Nothing stands out more in my memories from high school than my four years in "The Frau's" class. I certainly wasn't her best student, but I learned a great deal, and I even took a couple semesters of German in college. I don't think I completely appreciated The Frau until much later. Even my wife, who took French at MacArthur, knew and respected Frau Pondelick. My wife even remembers the various things we did in German class, like singing Christmas songs in German throughout the school building. My wife and I have both lost our mothers within the past year, and know how you are feeling right now. Lisa, you were in the same class as us but we didn't know each other very well. Jeff and Cindy (Coble) DenningClass of '81

January 1 at 1:44 PM



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KR

Kyle Scot Reynolds posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Margaret Anne Pondelick

January 1 at 6:13 AM

JM

John Meehan posted:

Dear Lisa and your dad Leo, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers! Lisa, you were such a wonderful student in 6th grade. I remember visiting your home and play piano with you dad playing violin. God bless you and your family. John Meehan

December 31 at 10:37 AM

DW

Duane Werner posted:

I was sorry to read of the passing of Anne Pondelick. She was a gracious and lovely person, and her passing is a real loss to all of Decatur. My sincere sympathy to Leo and his daughter. You shall be in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings

December 30 at 2:23 PM

CP

Chris Parish posted:

I provided landscape services for the Pondelicks. Mrs. Pondelick was firm but fair. She always knew what she wanted done and really appreciated all of our hard work. She would always greet us with a smile and send us off with a cold soda. My condolences to the family. Chris Parish

December 30 at 12:55 PM

SR

Sarah Rombouts posted:

I was reminded how brilliantly extreme my favorite people of the past have been by my momma. A favorite teacher and friend of mine would never use a toilet with men near but would peel off the wallpaper of the same toilet for a nice redooux. Complex people, people with intelligence and creativity are simply gems in my book. I miss, "The Frau", and I wish she could have enjoyed seeing me in Europe, my new homeland and her favorite stomping ground.

December 30 at 8:53 AM



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CT

Christopher Todd posted:

I will never forget her coming in the first day of Freshman year and speaking NOTHING but German, expecting us to know how to answer. I also loved the trips to Chicago and Hermann, MO, the waltzing, the singing of Christmas Carols in German, the soccer matches, the progressive German dinners at our classmates' houses, and the long talk we had when she drove me home one night (we were neighbors – she lived around the block from me). I truly feel she was one of the best teachers I ever had – and I loved my four years of German classes from her....Rest in Peace, Frau Pondelick....

December 30 at 8:15 AM

SP

Sherry S Parriott posted:

Dear Anne – she was a trusted colleague and a caring friend to our family, especially my daughter Sarah Ann. Anne lived her life with an elegant style and with a flair that is uncommon today. Gracious and helpful, organized and willing to share – I will never forget our teaching days in DPSD#61. My last memory of her aside from evenings at Symphony was the one when she and Leo waltzed about the Kirkland stage – beautiful! Blessings for Lisa and her family and for Leo in this very hard time.

December 30 at 3:28 AM

JB

Jeannie Bainbridge posted:

I did some volunteering with Anne a few years ago. She was a wonderful person in every way. She will be missed by many people & many places & many groups. Sympathies, Jeannie Bainbridge

December 29 at 1:57 PM

IC

Illinois Raptor Center posted:

Mrs. Pondelick was very generous to the Illinois Raptor Center. We will not forget her.

December 29 at 11:20 AM

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Illinois Raptor Center posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Margaret Anne Pondelick

December 29 at 11:16 AM



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Ann Eaton posted:

Lisa, the love your mother had for you was so evident in a photo album you showed me years ago. The album was beautifully constructed of pictures of your preschool years in Austria. It is true that a picture can say 1,000 words and all those pictures were your mom's love language to you. My condolences to you and your family. Treasure the memories of your mom, Hugs dear friend >()

December 29 at 8:45 AM



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July 2 at 5:06 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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