



Polly Ann Finney

April 13, 1945 - December 2, 2013

Polly Ann Finney, 68, Akron, died at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, as a result of a fall at her residence Sunday.

Polly was born on April 13, 1945, in Rochester, the daughter of Paul E. and Emelyn Evelyn (Harter) Fites. She married Jerry Finney on Dec. 26, 1965, at her parents homestead.

Polly taught at Mentone Elementary School and Tippecanoe Valley Middle School as an Art Instructor. She retired in 2007 after teaching for 39 years.

Polly graduated from Akron High School in 1963, where she had been a cheerleader for the black and gold Akron Flyers. She attained her bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from St. Francis University. Polly was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi of Akron and was on the Akron Carnegie Library Board. She was the past president of the ISTA for Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation. She enjoyed gardening, decorating inside and out, reading, camping, going to all sporting events, bowling, cooking, golfing with her husband, and spending time with her grandkids.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Finney, Akron; two sons, Tom Finney

and wife Rose, Greenfield, and Scott Finney and wife Shelly, Akron; three grandchildren, Ashley, Sarah and Emmelyn; a brother, Tom Fites and wife Sharon, Akron; two sister-in-laws, Janet Swanson and husband John, Winona Lake, and Donna Mort, North Webster; several nieces and nephews

Polly was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Emelyn Fites; and a brother, Herb Fites.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m., Sunday, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Saturday. Burial is at the Akron Cemetery, Akron.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Area Art League or the Akron Carnegie Library. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com. Arrangements are by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
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P.O. Box 856
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Funeral Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Polly Ann Finney



Hartzler Funeral Services - December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your family's loss. Mrs. Finney was a great teacher. And she taught me a lot as an artist. Without her teachings, my art career wouldn't be as far as it is today--Tabatha

Tabatha Carr - December 13, 2013 at 02:43 PM



“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator, will soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21:3,4 be of comfort as you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead.

D. Johnson - December 10, 2013 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Polly Ann Finney.*



December 07, 2013 at 09:55 AM



“ *Wherever Polly was, her perky, lively, positive manner uplifted everyone. What a fun cousin/friend she was! Randy and Doris Schipper*

Randy Schipper - December 07, 2013 at 09:12 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Polly Ann Finney.*



December 06, 2013 at 01:22 PM



“ *Jerry and Family.
Our condolences to you and your family. Sorry we won't be able to attend. Larry just got out of hospital yesterday. Will keep you in our prayers.
Larry&Pauline (Murph) Sumpter*

Pauline Sumpter - December 06, 2013 at 08:16 AM

KK

“ I knew Polly through ISTA meetings and always appreciated her smile as well as her advocacy for public education. She truly deserves all of the accolades sent in her memory.

Kent Kimpel--ISTA retired

kent kimpel - December 06, 2013 at 06:52 AM

MR

“ Polly was that, just a little older cousin that I always looked up to. What a sweet, talented lady. So many giggles when we all got together at Grandma Fites'. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
Martha Roberts

Martha Roberts - December 05, 2013 at 07:54 PM

WS

“ I always looked forward to art with Mrs. Finney at Burket and the middle school. She was a great art teacher who encouraged us to work hard and taught me so many things! A wonderful lady and one of my inspirations for becoming an art teacher myself!

Wendi (Norton) Sparks - December 05, 2013 at 03:43 PM

JW

“ She was an amazing teacher and will forever be missed! Sending prayers to her family during this rough time!



Jenna Wireman - December 05, 2013 at 09:09 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Polly Ann Finney.*



December 05, 2013 at 05:03 AM



“ *What a sweet lady. Polly will be missed dearly. May you always be surrounded by string art.*

Michelle DeBaets - December 04, 2013 at 05:45 PM



“ *Shannon & Mary Buck lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Shannon & Mary Buck - December 04, 2013 at 03:06 PM



“ *Dave And Marlyn French lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Dave and Marlyn French - December 04, 2013 at 09:37 AM

JB

“ *Jamie Brown lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Jamie brown - December 04, 2013 at 08:23 AM

KP

“ *What a precious lady she was. So much fun to be with. She had a great smile. May God carry you through your grief. Kathy Peas { a first cousin}*

Kathy Peas - December 04, 2013 at 08:16 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Polly Ann Finney.*



December 04, 2013 at 08:06 AM

JM

“ *Jeff And Tami Murphy lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Jeff and Tami Murphy - December 04, 2013 at 07:22 AM

AH

“ *Angela (Earl) Himes lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Angela (Earl) Himes - December 04, 2013 at 06:51 AM

LN

“ *Lesa Newsome lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Lesa Newsome - December 03, 2013 at 11:21 PM

LC

“ *Leann Madeford Carr lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Leann Madeford Carr - December 03, 2013 at 10:27 PM

BC

“ *Polly was a wonderful art teacher! A wonderful lady!! She will be greatly missed!*



Brittany Coughenour - December 03, 2013 at 09:35 PM

Mari
Kate

“ Jerry, Tom, Scott and family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Polly will always have a special place in my
heart,*

Mari Stephen Griffis



Mari Kate - December 03, 2013 at 09:22 PM

RS

“ Ron And Peg Shewman lit a candle in
memory of Polly Ann Finney



Ron and Peg Shewman - December 03, 2013 at 09:22 PM

LH

“ Polly was such a fun person. I've admired her
for years! Jerry Tom and Scott I pray that you
will receive a measure of peace as you walk
through this season of life.



Lisa Harris - December 03, 2013 at 08:43 PM

BH

“ Bea, Gene And Teri Hughes lit a candle in
memory of Polly Ann Finney



Bea, Gene and Teri Hughes - December 03, 2013 at 08:32 PM

BH

And Gene

Bea, Gene and Teri Hughes - December 03, 2013 at 08:34 PM

TC

“ *I remember Mrs. Finney as my teacher! I will be praying for her family*

Tasha Clark - December 03, 2013 at 08:04 PM

MS

“ *Marj Sanders lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Marj Sanders - December 03, 2013 at 07:28 PM

 Ryan Adams

“ *Praying for the Finney family! Polly was an amazing art teacher and very nice person!*

Ryan Adams - December 03, 2013 at 07:24 PM

TM

“ *Polly was my art teacher in 8th grade- even tho I am not artistic she was very patience with. Then she became a good friend, then a sorority member with me. Also a great valley sports friend who we sat by at some of the games. She will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to the family.*

Tracy Murphy - December 03, 2013 at 07:14 PM

JO

“ Always enjoyed talking to Polly. She was always so happy! Loved driving past her house looking at all the flowers! She is now in the Lord's flower garden.



Janet Ogle - December 03, 2013 at 07:02 PM

MR

“ Each time I admire the humming bird that Polly painted years ago, I think of her smile. Polly was a great inspiration to many. She touched so many lives in different ways. What a lady! Our prayers go out to the Jerry, Tom, Scott, and families. May you find comfort in God through this difficult time. Bill and Miriam Ruppel

Miriam Ruppel - December 03, 2013 at 07:01 PM

DT

“also Tammy Chilcutt

Dave, Tammy - December 03, 2013 at 06:46 PM

DC

“ Our prayers are with the family, so sorry for your loss.

Dave, Tammy & Jessica Chilcutt - December 03, 2013 at 06:44 PM

CA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Finney family! I enjoyed having Polly as an art teacher in middle school!

Chaitra Adams - December 03, 2013 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Jim and Shirley Bickel - December 03, 2013 at 06:05 PM

MW

“ *Marilee Wires lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Marilee Wires - December 03, 2013 at 05:42 PM

SC

“ *Susan Criswell lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Susan Criswell - December 03, 2013 at 05:35 PM

MZ

For Polly Finney lit a candle in memory Polly

Marvus Zimmerman - December 03, 2013 at 06:28 PM

RB

“ *Rebecca Flora Ballard lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Rebecca Flora Ballard - December 03, 2013 at 05:19 PM

BB

“ *Bonnie Bickel lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Bonnie Bickel - December 03, 2013 at 05:10 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss...she was a special person. My idol in high school, tho she never knew it. She was to me... just the perfect person. She will be missed.*

Jeannie Eaton Matheny - December 03, 2013 at 04:52 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie Eaton Matheny lit a candle in memory of Polly Ann Finney*



Jeannie Eaton Matheny - December 03, 2013 at 04:49 PM