

## **Paulin, Mary A.**

Mary Ann Paulin, 60, of Marquette and formerly of Pigeon, died Friday, May 23, 2003, in the respite care unit of Marquette General Hospital following an illness of six months. She was born Feb. 27, 1943 in Pigeon to Ervin and Bertha (Baur) Strieter, and was in the last class that graduated from Pigeon High School in 1960. She received her BA, M.A., & Ed. S. degrees from Western Michigan University and retired after 32 years as a school library media specialist in K-12 schools in Indiana and Michigan. She also was an adjunct faculty member at Western Michigan University and Northern Michigan University. Mary Ann was President of the Michigan Association for Media in Education, held four other MAME offices, and was presented a life membership and the Ruby Brown Award for integrating media into the curriculum. She served on the Board of the Michigan Reading Association and the Board of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. She was a member and then Chair of the Newbery committee, the oldest and most distinguished children's book award in the world and in 1994 presented the Newbery Medal to Lois Lowry for *The Giver*. She also served on committees for AASL and YALSA, divisions of ALA, and on the boards of The Marquette Alger Reading Council and Phi Delta Kappa. Mary Ann was named a Woman of Distinction by the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society, was one of 100 Women of Achievement of Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity, and received the MARC/International Reading Association Literacy Award in 1987, 1994, and jointly with her husband in 2002. Mary Ann was the author of three books: *Creative Uses of Children's Literature*, LLP, 1981; *Outstanding Books for the College Bound*, ALA, 1982; and *More Creative Uses of Children's Literature*, LLP, 1992. She also authored over a hundred articles, served as a consultant for several publications, and was currently writing a column for *Media Spectrum*. She gave seminars throughout the U.S., and had presented in ten other countries. Mary Ann was currently the Director of the Superiorland Preview Center that reviews children and young adult books online at <http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/spc>. She was involved in numerous local activities impacting Library Service to children including: designing a school library media center in an old iron mine, serving for 24 years as liaison for the Gift of Reading program, providing workshops to children on such topics as creative dramatics, puppet shows, regional mining, sled dogs, and local Finnish history, and maintaining the young adult display case at the public library. She was a longtime active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Ken, who she married in 1965; her mother, Bertha Strieter, of Pigeon; two brothers, Richard Strieter and his wife, Terri, of Pigeon and Allen Strieter and his wife, Karole, of Sugar Springs; nieces, Heidilyn Haremski and her husband, Neil, and Marissa Strieter; and nephews, Michael and John Strieter. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 30, 2003, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1318 Presque Isle Ave., with the Rev. Tim Bernard officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Swanson-Lundquist Funeral Home, 926 N. Third St., and after 10 a.m. on Friday at the church. This obituary may also be viewed and guest book signed at [www.swanson-lundquist.com](http://www.swanson-lundquist.com). Memorials can be made to the Superiorland Library Cooperative, 1615 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette, MI 49855 or the Peter White Public Library: Children's Collection, 217 N. Front St., Marquette, MI 49855.