



## Paulette Mary LeBost

April 3, 1943 - May 16, 2015

LeBost, Paulette Mary, age 72, of Detroit, MI entered eternity on May 16, 2015, where she was reunited with her father, Paul LeBost (1901-1963); her mother, Irene LaChonce LeBost (1909-1980); and her sister, Sandra LeBost (1944-2007). Paul LeBost was born in New York City in the Bronx, and Irene LaChonce was born in Jennings, MI near Cadillac. Paulette and her sister, Sandra, were born in Detroit. Her father was a developer, and named Paulette Street in Novi after her. Her mother was a school teacher, and Sandra followed in her mother's footsteps. Paulette was raised in Royal Oak, and the family spent summers at their lakefront home in Cadillac where Paulette water skied and went to dances. They spent their winters in Hollywood, Florida where the family enjoyed golfing and deep sea fishing. Paulette attended Marygrove College where she met some of her lifelong friends. Wayne State was opening its new law school and Paulette was able to enroll early. She was among the first graduating class of Wayne State University Law School, a class with very few women. While in private practice Paulette was a strong advocate for women and women's rights. She later served for 25 years as a Referee for Third Circuit Court, Family Division, and Juvenile Section, where she protected and guided our children. She retired from this position in 2004. She continued to champion on behalf of others through her generous donations.

Paulette loved diversity and enjoyed experiencing different cultures around the world. She stepped foot on every continent traveling with family and

friends. Paulette loved travel, sports, reading, remodeling, and gardening. She was a wonderful listener, and a friend and advisor to many. Although we are happy Paulette is reunited with her family, we miss her and will always remember the influence she had on our lives. She will continue to be a part of our families, and live in our hearts and memories. Paulette was among the first graduating class from Wayne State University Law School. While in private practice she was an advocate for women's rights. She later served as a Referee for Third Circuit Court, Family Division, and Juvenile Section from where she retired.

Visitation will be at Perry Funeral Home, 5045 Trumbull Ave., Detroit on Friday, June 19, from 3-7 PM, and Saturday, June 20 from 9:30-11 AM. Memorial service to follow June 9:30-11 AM. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cadillac, MI. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perry Funeral Home  
5045 Trumbull  
Detroit, MI 48208

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JUN **20**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Paulette Mary LeBost*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Paulette was a wonderful and exceptional person who was my friend during a very dark time in my life. She gave me the tools and the encouragement to get through it and remain strong. We lived in the same townhouse community in Lafayette Park and took care of each other's kitties, and spent many evenings having dinner and talking about every topic under the sun. She included me on trips she took to Bailey Island, Maine to spend holidays with her dear friends Mary and Michael, and included me on all-women salmon fishing trips on Lake Michigan, staying in Cadillac. We lost contact with each other years ago and I always regretted that. A truly remarkable woman, RIP Paulette. Sandi Kirkendall*

Sandi Kirkendall - June 14, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *Paulette was my first friend in law school when we both entered in Sept. 1964. Never a harsh word passed from her mouth. I remember her in private practice and as a juvenile court referee. She always had time for me and I shared many evenings with her-- just talking about life. I am devastated that she is gone and will remember her the rest of my life. She was a great, but understated woman and I share her family's grief. ,Albert Holtz 3910 Telegraph ,Ste. 200. Bloomfield Hills Mi. 48302. 248 593 5000.*

Albert Holtz - June 14, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ Thank you for your help and encouragement during the darkest time in my life. You were my savior. Thank you.

Wendy Drinkard-Wojtas - June 14, 2015 at 07:00 AM

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*Paulette Lebst and Clarice Jobes were my attorneys when I tackled the Carl's Chop House sexual discrimination issues back in 1972-1973. They handled the matter successfully and we were friends for life ever since. Paulette was excellent both as a lawyer and in a judicial role with the Juvenile Referees in Wayne County, Michigan. She was a wonderful caring lawyer with a vivacious personality. She will be missed!*

Constance E. Cumbey - June 19, 2015 at 12:51 PM

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*Paulette was my supervisor/boss at Highland Park Neighborhood Legal Services. It was my first year in law school and I was placed there as part of Wayne State Law School's Internship Program. She was warm, generous, encouraging, kind and made it all seem doable. I remember several of us from the office driving to D.C. for a demonstration (don't remember which one) in her black sporty car and all of us having a good time together. I lost contact with Paulette after graduating but always remembered her as my favorite boss. Rosa Naparstek*

rosa naparstek - February 27, 2016 at 01:51 PM