

Paul August Chiodini.
(1904-1963)

Mary Katherine Notari
(1910-1998)



My name is Janet Carole Chiodini Staehling, the daughter of Paul August Chiodini and Mary Katherine Notari. My father Paul was born in Victoria, Texas, one of 12 children, on January 6, 1904, the son of Antonio and Caroline Pozzi Chiodini. My mother Mary was born in Rockford, Il on April 15, 1910 to Guillo and Lisa Lunadarelli Notari. (See Notari history). Paul lived in Victoria, TX until the age of 14, when he traveled by train to Rockford with his parents and 10 siblings. Since his parents were from the Lombardy region in Italy, they settled at 528 N. First St. where other family and friends lived, in the First St.---Madison St area, that were from their same region in Italy. Paul attended St. James grade school and then went to work to help the family and his 12th sibling born in Rockford. He first worked at National Lock, then helped his father in real estate; and also had a tire company on Madison Street. Paul then co-founded ROCKFORD/MILWAUKEE DISPATCH, a trucking firm with his first cousin Adolph Chiodini in 1930. The company was in service for 58 years, continuing to operate with the founder's sons until 1988. It was located at 1318--18th Av in Rockford. Paul also helped develop Park Molded Specialities and 2 subdivisions in Rockford. He was a Knight of Columbus at St. James and belonged to the Verdi and Lombardi Clubs.

Mary lived on First St and attended St. James School and one year at St. Thomas High School. She then attended Rockford Business College and worked before marriage at Johnson Pen Co, Ropers, Sword Bros and General Refrigeration in S. Beloit as a secretary. Paul and Mary met in the neighborhood on First St when she was 18 and then again at age 23. They married on July 18 1937 at St. James Pro-Cathedral. It was 112 degrees. They lived at 1512 Greenwood Av where three of their children were born; Janet--1937; Thomas--1940; and Michael--1942. They moved to 2024 Rural St where Stephen was born in 1943. Mary was a homemaker after marriage. She belonged to the St. James Altar and Rosary Society; Holy Family Church Women's group; Catholic Women's League; volunteered many years at St. Anthony Hospital and was a room mother. Mary and Paul were both PTA members. They moved to 1011 James Av to the house they built. It was there they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They belonged to St. James Pro-Cathedral and were one of the founding families for Cathedral Church, now Holy Family Church. They then moved to 1003 Roxbury Rd where Paul lived at the time of his death on June 29, 1963 at the age of 59. He was survived by his wife Mary, 4 children and 1 grandchild. (continued on page 2)

Mary moved to Brendenwood Rd and then to an apartment at St.Anne Place (now Siena) where she died at age 88, on August 7, 1998. She was survived by four children, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Family was most important to Paul and Mary and also their service to the Rockford Community.

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