

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

Greetings friends and family!

March 7, 1991

FROM NIKKI:

Here I am back in the good ole' U.S.A.--it feels somewhat strange at times, but oh is it wonderful to be able to see and talk to my family and friends whenever I want to. I arrived in the Chicago airport to see Mom and Dad standing there holding huge orange welcome home signs. Mom was literally jumping up and down as I exited customs. The only bad part about this trip was the loss of a suitcase containing all of the clothes I had with me in France. I have since filled out several forms and hope to someday go on a shopping spree with the replacement funds.

I began work at the office the Monday after my arrival. Things are rather hectic as usual, and Dad is buried under the workload. But God continues to bless the practice. It truly is fun to work with a staff of committed Christians, each striving to serve God in his work as well as personal life.

In late February the entire family traveled down to Indianapolis to watch the girls' state basketball finals. This has become a tradition in our family, but this year was definitely the most exciting of all previous tournaments we have attended. Our very own Warsaw Lady Tigers won their way to the final four. Dad was able to obtain beautiful seats only ten rows from the floor and right next to the Warsaw cheer block. From there we watched our team soundly beat Brownsburg in the afternoon game, to get to the state championship game (down to the last two teams in the entire state)! That evening we lost in a close game to Bedford North Lawrence (which is ranked 3rd in the nation in USA Today). Of course we wanted to win it all, but the girls put forth a terrific effort and we were all very pleased and proud. After the game we returned to our hotel, the Adams Mark. This just so happened to be the hot spot for Warsaw fans to spend the night. We had Laura's friends running in and out of our room all evening long, and she enjoyed the social activity tremendously.

The ACTION Kids Praise 10 musical is coming along well. They are half way through practices and are getting the songs down nicely. Of course there is a long way to go yet, but there always is at this point. Dad is once again Psalty, Mom is Psaltina, and Laura sits in front helping coordinate actions to go with the songs and keep order among the kids. It certainly becomes a family event.

I return to Cedarville College to begin spring quarter on March 25. I briefly visited the college while Mom and Dad were in Wisconsin. I went through the process of being re-accepted (I had to withdraw to attend school in France). My international studies major is all set, and I will have absolutely no problem graduating on time next year, even with taking off two quarters overseas. While I was at Cedarville, Leigh Ann and I also presented a report about our trip to the freshman honors class. I don't know that we said anything particularly honorific, but they paid attention and

laughed at the right places, so I was pleased. In fact, since coming home three weeks ago I have given three or four presentations, including an entire day of teaching the Warsaw Community High School French classes. I still don't think I want to be a teacher, but I did have a good time telling stories and answering the classes' questions.

FROM PAUL:

My mom was a strong and dynamic woman. I can easily hear in my memory her robust laugh and see in my mind's eye her gleaming smile. At first her death seemed unreal. Now it is all too real. Please pray for my dad as he grieves and adjusts, and as he presses on without his beloved Marie.

Paul



*And we know that all things
work together for good to them that
love God, to them who are the called
according to His purpose.*

Romans 8:28

MARIE CULP REFIOR
January 10, 1920 - February 9, 1991

Marie Culp Refior, age 71, of 205 North Fremont Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin, suffered a heart attack and died Saturday evening, February 9, 1991, while vacationing with her husband at Epcot Center, Orlando, Florida.

Marie Emma Culp was born January 10, 1920, the eldest daughter of DeWayne and Martha Culp of Nappanee, Indiana. She was married to Everett Refior September 12, 1943, and moved to Whitewater in 1955 when her husband was employed as a professor at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

Marie is survived by her husband; three sons, Gene of Whitewater, Wisconsin, Wendell of Woodstock, Connecticut and Paul of Warsaw, Indiana; one daughter, Donna of Minneapolis, Minnesota; three sisters, Ann Howard of Goshen, Indiana, Ada Bender of Eudora, Kansas and Irene Bellomy of McPherson, Kansas; one brother, Ralph Arthur Culp of Nappanee, Indiana; Six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.