



Phyllis Ann Galloway

November 15, 1923 - November 11, 2021

Phyllis Ann Galloway, 97, of Lake Ann, MI passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions, Traverse City, MI.

Phyllis was born on November 15, 1923 in Anoka, MN. After graduating high school she continued her education in Business College and worked for a bank and title company. She married the late Donald Floyd Galloway on May 12, 1944 and had two children, Robert & Susan Galloway.

She was a devoted and loving mother, heavily involved in the Champlin United Methodist Church & community, while supporting her husband's long career with the Champlin, MN police department. She was kind, straight forward, interested in people and how to help them. She cherished her neighbors and friends.

She moved to Traverse City Michigan in 1999 from Champlin, MN to be closer to her growing family, whom she loved with all her heart. She was a proud and active member of the Grawn United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, embroidery, cooking and was an excellent seamstress. She was always learning new things and embraced change.

Surviving Phyllis is her daughter Susan & son-in-law Joseph Aldrich, grandson Robert & wife Carrie Aldrich, grandson Christopher & wife Gretchen Aldrich, great grandchildren, Katherine, Casey, Koi, Haven, Tanner and Logan Aldrich, niece Karen & husband Tom Houser, nephew Scott & wife Suzie Pipenhagen, great nieces and nephews, Bret, Kyle and Raphaella.

She was preceded in death by her parents Alvin and Anna (Wilson) Pipenhagen, her brother Harold Pipenhagen, her son Robert Galloway and her husband Donald Floyd Galloway.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday Nov. 30th at 3:00 PM at the Reynolds-

Jonkhoff Funeral Home with a visitation held one hour prior.

The family is having another Memorial service at the Champlin United Methodist Church on Dec. 4th at 11:00 AM with a visitation held one hour prior. Inurnment will take place in Champlin Cemetery in Champlin, MN.

Memorial contributions may be directed to either the Grawn United Methodist Church in Michigan or to the Champlin United Methodist Church in Minnesota. Kindly share thoughts and memories with her family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Events

NOV **Visitation for Family and Friends** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

NOV **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 29, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM



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“ Grandma always listened and was interested in what we were all doing. She would open her home and help people whenever it was needed and never brought attention to it.

I lived with Phyllis while going to school and got to know her well. She would always do what she could to help others and made all my friends feel welcome. She fed them wonderful meals and put up with us writing and playing music until all hours of the night. She would do things like help me make cookies to send to (my then-girlfriend now-wife) Carrie or make me tomato soup and grilled cheese when I felt sick.

She was always there for others. Grandma loved people in a quiet yet absolute way. There was never any doubt that she was there for her family. She was free with her advice, opinions, forgiveness, and love.

She helped to build a beautiful family that I'm proud to be a part of. She was a truly good and giving person who loved with all her heart. I love her so much and I'm so grateful to have had her in my life.

Thank you for so many things, Grandma. I love you.

Rob Aldrich - December 08, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Jan & Dave Wycoskie purchased Lavender Reflection Orchid for the family of Phyllis Ann Galloway



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“ This story is one of the times that highlights how incredibly caring my Grandmother was. When I first entered the Air Force, I was stationed in Grand Forks, North Dakota in the early 1990s. I had just married the love of my life (Gretchen) and since we were just starting out, we had very little extra money for emergencies and I really didn't like asking for help. We had a dog and unfortunately there was an accident where he tore his skin near his eye and it cost around \$200 for the surgery. After paying for the surgery we only had about \$40 to make it a week and a half until I was paid again. Needless to say, we were planning on eating a lot of Raman noodles:) Out of the blue, we received a letter from my Grandma and Grandpa (which wasn't uncommon) telling us how things were going and that they loved us. Included with the letter was a check for \$150 or so with a simple but loving comment of something like, "Since we gave Rob (my brother) some money for something he was in need of, we wanted to send you the same amount to make it even." It was such a blessing in disguise and the timing couldn't have been better. Such a simple gesture meant so much to us at the time and saved us from eating rice, beans, and Raman noodles for a week and a half.

Chris Aldrich - November 24, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ My Grandma was the ultimate matriarch of the family. She was the solid foundation of our faith and a beautiful person inside and out. She was always there when anyone needed her and she always was taking care of her entire family! She cared so much for each of us and when I married Gretchen, she treated her as if she was her own granddaughter from day one. Like Gretchen mentioned, she took her into her home only a few years after we were married for a year while I was deployed to Korea. It was such a peace of mind to know she was being loved and taken care of while I was so far away. In addition to being such a great person, she was a wonderful cook and baker :) Everything she made from cookies, to pot roast, to her homemade dinner rolls were something nobody who had the pleasure of tasting would ever forget. It is an honor I get to make her dinner rolls for each major holiday to help pass down a simple but meaningful (and tasteful) family tradition. She will always be loved and cherished - she was simply amazing!

Chris Aldrich - November 23, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ I met Grandma Phyllis for the first time when Chris and I were dating, and to be honest, she intimidated me. I had placed my feet on the wooden bench seat of the breakfast nook at Joe and Sue's house, and she yelled "Get Your Feet Off There!" Little did I know then that she would become one of my favorite people in the world. Grandma spoke her mind that day and every day, but she didn't do it to hurt anyone's feelings, in fact, quite the opposite. You never had to wonder what she was thinking, because she'd just say it, often times with a grin and a chuckle. It was actually refreshing and one of her most endearing qualities. When Chris was deployed to Korea in 1993, she opened her home to me to live with her while attending Hennepin Technical College. It was a trying time for me, being so far away from Chris and having lost my Mom just 2 years earlier. I got to see what an amazing person she was first hand, and genuinely enjoyed my time living there. I have so many good memories of our daily walks around Champlin, our after church breakfasts, shopping trips, and visits to the nursing home to visit her Dad, Alvin and her Aunt Louise. She was a much needed constant in my life then and I'm so grateful to have had that special bonding time with her. I also feel so blessed that my 3 boys (now 22, 20 & 20) were able to grow up knowing, loving and being loved by their Great Grandma, a rare gift for sure. She was very involved in their lives from day one, and that has left a lasting impression on each of them. Grandma Phyllis was real, honest, generous, hardworking, funny and strong and I will miss her immensely.

Gretchen Aldrich - November 23, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ While at Champlin United Methodist Church I got to know Phyllis through a musical partnership with her grandson Robert. I remember spending long hours there recording music with Robert, sometimes until 2 or 3 a.m. She was so tolerant of all the noise we made and always made me feel welcome in her home. She was easy to talk to and was a very open and accepting person. I really liked her.

My condolences to the family. She will be missed and our thoughts are with you.

Stephen Berg - November 22, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ Joe and Sue purchased Peace and Comfort (with 8" Tall) Glass Cross for the family of Phyllis Ann Galloway.



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“ Grandma always made me feel accepted. She never judged me. I can be strong willed, and she always made me feel I was okay as I was, and that she liked me. I think she was honestly interested in people. Her gift for making me feel accepted and part of the family, and never wishing I was different than I was - I just always appreciated that about her. I'm grateful for her. There is no good time to say goodbye, especially for a lady like Grandma Phyllis. I'm glad to have known her, loved her and been loved by her. Rest In Peace, Grandma. I love you.

carrie - November 22, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ Memories of my mother:

Mom's favorite times as a girl growing up on the farm were:

- Horse drawn sleigh rides in the winter to her one room school house.
- Making homemade ice cream in the winter using snow to cool it down. In the spring when the snow was mostly gone, her brother & she would go down a big hill where the sun didn't shine to get the snow so they could make more ice cream. (She enjoyed ice cream almost every day for the rest of her life).
- She loved chasing the chickens around the farm yard & playing with the barn cats.
- When older, she enjoyed gardening, canning food & making jam with her mother.

She loved to sew:

- Making her dresses & office attire. She also made coats, jackets, bride's maid dresses and even was asked to make a gown for the Aquatennial's Queen of The Lakes in Minneapolis Minnesota.

She loved going with family to fish at Women Lake, MN, fly-in fishing to a remote Canadian lake and she was even up for going on a tent camping & canoe trip into the Canadian wilderness with her family.

She enjoyed yard work & having big vegetable & flower gardens.

She kept her house in mint condition (no dust for her)!

She was honest & straight forward with her opinions and always willing to help her friends & family.

She lived thru the Great Depression & World War 2, saw inventions of TV's, calculators, computers, a man on the moon and space exploration.

Friend and family meant the most to her . . . A Life Well Lived!