



## Phyllis Ellen Haines

November 30, 1920 - April 17, 2020

Phyllis Ellen Haines, 99, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, died peacefully on Friday, April 17, 2020, surrounded by her family in Hastings. Phyllis was born November 30, 1920 in Vermontville, MI, the daughter of the late William Hamilton and Leta Gale (Green) Northrup. She graduated from Vermontville High School before attending Melba School of Cosmetology in Lansing. She married Merle Haines in Angola IN on December 3, 1938. They lived briefly in Charlotte and Albion until Merle was called to serve in WWII. After the war they relocated to Vermontville where she owned her own beauty shop. The two moved to Hastings, MI, where they raised their family and Phyllis went to work as a cashier at Felpausch Grocery Store. She earned National Cashier of the Year, and eventually worked her way into corporate headquarters as the company treasurer. Following her time in the grocery business, she went to work as the City Treasurer of Hastings in the mid-1960s, retiring in 1980. Above all, Phyllis was most proud of nearly 63 years of happy marriage to Merle, and her family.

Phyllis is survived by her five sons, William C. (Carolyn) Haines of Holt, Merle Bradley Haines of Hastings, Mark Alan (Turid) Haines of Fanrem, Norway, John Charles (Diane) Haines of Hastings, and Peter Jeffrey (Ronnie) Haines of Spring Lake, MI; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and sister, Barbara Harrison of Lake Wales, FL. She was predeceased by her husband, Merle L. Haines in 2001; sister, Kathryn Bartholomew in 2006; daughter-in-law, Kathryn Haines in 2019; and brother-in-law, Les Harrison in 2019.

Phyllis and Merle will be joined together and buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Vermontville and a memorial service will take place once travel restrictions are lifted. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to United Way/Fresh Food Initiatives. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Phyllis on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Comments

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“ I remember Phyllis' smile and laugh the most. She always seemed like such a happy person. I would go to Feldpausch's with my mother and it would take some time since she and my mother would chat away. I know her family will miss her, but have many fond memories of her enthusiasm for life. Tricia Guenther Reed

Tricia Reed - April 25 at 03:25 PM

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“ I remember Phyllis & Merle at Mom & Dads. (Jay & Irene Smith) for the card club. Donna and I had to go to bed, but we could hear the laughter downstairs.

Julia (Smith) Ainsworth - April 25 at 03:10 PM

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“ Kari Haines lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Ellen Haines



Kari Haines - April 22 at 10:41 AM

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“ I just remember the little giggle she'd give, with a smile... I remember the way she'd hold your hand when saying good-bye... and, a kids on the cheek. I'm so grateful for her 99 years on earth and that my kids were able to meet her! One wonderful memory was when my kids visited her in Florida, before we headed on a cruise. My kids were 2, 4, and 5. We were at her home Christmas Eve.... she made sure Santa was able to visit and leave gifts for my kids!



Kari Haines - April 22 at 10:40 AM