



## Phyllis Ann Binkowski

August 19, 1934 - March 17, 2017

Phyllis Binkowski, 82, of Charlotte, died March 17, 2017. She was born August 19, 1934 in Lansing to Wendell and Martha (Getter) Walter. On May 29, 1955 she married Paul Binkowski at West Benton Church, and together they raised three children. While Phyllis was a great cook, making the best apple pies, she really enjoyed baking cookies and making candy that her family bragged about. She was an active member at Charlotte VFW Auxiliary Post 2406, and loved helping cook their Swiss steak dinners. Together with her husband Paul they ran the Bingo VFW Bingo for several years. Phyllis was also a very talented woodworker, making many beautiful pieces of furniture for her family.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Cathy Bennett, Cindy Hiser, and Paula Gielecki; grandchildren Shawn (Josh) Hose, Rachelle Hiser, Brandon Truax, and Jeremy Truax; great grandchildren Aleksander, Maddianna and Ethan; siblings Marion Heisler, Joan (Clarence) Wheeler, Janice Kidd, and Wayne (Joyce) Walter. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband Paul Binkowski in 2010, son in law Mike Bennett, and sister, Joyce Thomas.

Visitation is Tuesday, March 21, 12-1:30 p.m., followed by a graveside service at Maple Hill Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions to The Shriners Burn Institute, in Cincinnati, Ele's Place, in Lansing, or the American Lung Association. 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.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

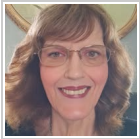
# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Ann Binkowski*



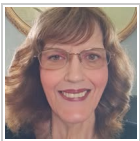
Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 20, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ *Cari Keck lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Ann Binkowski*



Cari Keck - March 31, 2017 at 12:10 AM



“ *I love & miss you Aunt Phyllis tell Uncle Paul hi & I love him too. Love 2-2 wee-wee* ❤️💚💜💙💛💋

Cari Keck - March 31, 2017 at 12:01 AM



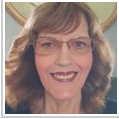
“ *My deepest sympathy to your family for the loss of your loved one. Take comfort in God's promise to swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:8*

Jo Oliver - March 26, 2017 at 08:40 AM

JW

“ *My best friend, my sister. I loved her much and we shared many good times together. I will miss her. - Joan Wheeler*

Joan Wheeler - March 24, 2017 at 07:49 PM



*I llove u. Mom the good lord above had a good place for her ' the steets a goldwalk upon ourcsoul no more painr. Remembervour goodtimesciblovecuvsister*

Cari Keck - March 31, 2017 at 12:07 AM

DE

“ *What a good neighbor Phyllis was. She will be missed. She always called to me as I walked my dog by her house. Sometimes she would invite us to come try her homemade candy. Yum! My thoughts are with the family at this time of loss.*  
~Deb Fredline Marquardt

deb - March 21, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ *22 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 20, 2017 at 01:40 PM

JG

“ *The good lord only takes the best...She really was the best. Phyllis wasn't my Grandma by blood but I thought of her as my grandma. I looked up to her and she opened my eyes on life. Phyllis has given me great advice and she taught me new things. I will always remember her smile and her laugh. She could always brighten anybody's day. I am thankful that I was able to meet her and spend time with her. She had some much love to give there will always be a special place in my heart for her. This isn't goodbye for good, so go rest high Phyllis...Can not wait till I get to see you again.*



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**James Green** - March 19, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ I will always remember my Aunt Phyllis as a very strong and caring person. When I was able to spend time with her we would have a great time playing cards, eating her homemade baked goods and cookies, laughing and having really good talks. She was there for me when I reconnected with my biological father after very many years of not having any connection with each other right there at her house. I have always thought of my Aunt Phyllis as a pioneer woman...she was hard-working, always canning, baking, building and fixing things, working in the yard, hunting, taking care of others. She had an amazing soul and fun loving spirit that I will miss so much.

*On my last visit with her, I remember that there was a woodchuck in her backyard. She came in and got her rifle, aimed it out the back window, and shot it down. I recall smiling and thinking "That's my Aunt Phyllis, she is so awesome!"*

*My prayers are with Kathy, Cindy and Paula, her grandkids and great grandkids, and the rest of the family. May you all be comforted in knowing what a wonderful person Aunt Phyllis was and how many hearts she touched in her life. I hope you all feel surrounded with much love.*

*Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Diane Carpenter*

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**Diane Carpenter** - March 19, 2017 at 12:43 AM

Cathy  
Bennett

“ *Cathy Bennett lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Ann Binkowski*



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**Cathy Bennett** - March 18, 2017 at 10:08 PM

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“ *Thinking of you all in the loss of our sweet friend Phyllis. She loved you all to the moon and boy was it fun watching her lovingly care for Ethan evenings when we would play RummyCube. She always offered delicious cookies and candy and my favorite, pickled beets. She never slowed down, even though she struggled with breathing, there she was out working in her yard and garden. She could build or fix anything! Amazing soul whom we shall miss. Her memories went back a lifetime and she forgot nothing. I wish I would have spent more time with her this winter for sure... Love and prayers to all her family.*

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**Shannon Rogers** - March 18, 2017 at 12:08 PM