



Phyllis Elaine Root

May 14, 1934 - May 28, 2024

Phyllis Elaine Root, aged 90, passed away suddenly but peacefully, Tuesday, May 28 at the Corewell Hospital, Hastings, MI.

Phyllis was born May 14, 1934 in Charlotte, MI, the middle child of Lynn and Ila (Dexter) Griffin. She was preceded in death by 1 brother, Dexter Griffin and 1 sister, Barbara Widrig. On October 19, 1952, Phyllis married Millard Von Root and together they had 6 children, 5 of whom survive: 2 daughters, Duonna (Mrs. Tom Worstell) of Richmond Hill, GA, and Sheila (Mrs. Robert Veitch) of Lake Odessa, MI; 3 sons and their spouses, Kevin (Teresa) Root of Charlotte, Tim (Doreen) Root of Vermontville, and Curtis (Connie) Root of Hastings. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Millard, and one son, Mark (Jodi) Root of Charlotte. Millard passed away just 22 days short of their 70th wedding anniversary.

Phyllis and Millard raised their children on the family farm just northwest of Charlotte. They became Christians early in their marriage and together they taught and led hundreds of people to the Lord. She always wanted to support Millard's Bible teaching and preaching and was the quiet, always present, force behind him.

Phyllis was not only a beloved wife and mother, but also a talented quilter, seamstress, painter, gardener, baker and stone mason who showered family

and friends with the gifts from her hands. Truly she was much like the Virtuous Woman of Proverbs 31, and her children called her blessed as did her husband.

Phyllis was the last surviving member of her generation and is survived by 21 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

Friends are encouraged to support Phyllis' family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with George Blanch officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Monday, just prior to the service. Interment will take place at Gresham Cemetery. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Phyllis' tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made in care of Sheila Veitch for various charities. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

JUN 3 (ET)

Gresham Cemetery
4100 Mulliken Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Phyllis Elaine Root*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2024 at 05:29 PM

JR

Beautiful

Jody Root - June 04, 2024 at 05:15 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Elaine Root*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 01, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff & Charlotte Whitson - June 03, 2024 at 02:02 PM

JK

“ Phyllis was a wonderful example of a Christian woman. I'll always remember her cheerful and ready smile of greeting .My prayers are with the family.

Janis Kenyon - June 03, 2024 at 01:08 PM

SC

“ Dear Aunt Phyllis so many good memories of you. When I first met you at one of the reunions, your wedding and the summers I spent at your place helping on the farm. Your rock garden, how you loved that. But my special memory is the time I stopped at the farm. You came back from picking up some stuff from (I believe) an aunt that had died about an hour after I got there. You brought in and opened a box and took out a small set of china. The china was a special memory from your childhood. But she was sort of sad that so much was missing. As I remember there were only two tea cups and four plates left and few others. Well, I came back the next weekend and handed Phyllis a big heavy box. When she opened it she found a complete 8 place setting of the exact same china, including bowls, platters and salt and pepper shakers that I had bought at thrift store about five years before. I told her that now you have enough that you can use your aunt's china with your big family. The joy and excitement on her face as she kept pulling pices out of the box is a memory I still charish.

Scott Chaplin - June 02, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 01, 2024 at 06:42 PM

GH

“ *Played with our daughters while Millard had Bible Studies with us. Many happy memories. Invited us to their cottage on the lake. Great cook and remember her signing hymns in church. Gone on to glory with other loved ones. Prayers to her family. Love, Gene & Vickie Hoch*

Gene Hoch - May 31, 2024 at 01:51 PM

TS

“ *The Watsons - Bev, Brandon, Sarah & Sam purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Phyllis Elaine Root.*



The Watsons - Bev, Brandon, Sarah & Sam - May 31, 2024 at 10:25 AM

TD

“ The Team at Lake Odessa Dental planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Elaine Root.

The Team at Lake Odessa Dental - May 30, 2024 at 02:17 PM

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“ The Team at Lake Odessa Dental purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Elaine Root.



The Team at Lake Odessa Dental - May 30, 2024 at 02:17 PM

IB

“ Ivan and Beverly Bradley purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Phyllis Elaine Root.



Ivan and Beverly Bradley - May 30, 2024 at 01:25 PM

CT

“ I did not know Phyllis long but am so thankful for the time that I was blessed by God to spend with her. We shared several things in common even though there was a 30-year difference in our ages. We laughed and cried together. She was so encouraging to me. She recently gave me several Bible notes that she had written down and told me when I didn't have a lesson for the lady's lunch, I could pull one of them out and give it. I will miss her hugs and her example of her love and devotion to the Lord. I will miss her smile. Praising God that because of Jesus we will one day meet again!

Cindy Tyler - May 30, 2024 at 10:05 AM

KA

“ *I hadn't known her long but she was ever so soft spoken and had a smile that those who saw it never forgot it. We feel blessed to have met her and her husband. Sending prayers to the family*

Kathy - May 29, 2024 at 07:13 PM

CW

“ *My memory of Phyllis is she always had a welcoming smile and was willing to talk and share and was full of love. Cindy Williams*

Cindy Williams - May 29, 2024 at 07:04 PM