



## Phyllis Marie Rulison

October 30, 1943 - January 19, 2024

Phyllis Marie Rulison, or "Big Phil" as her husband Don called her, died January 19, 2024 at the age of 80. Phyllis was born in Lucas County, Ohio to Thomas R. and Virginia (Hilton) Ames on October 30, 1943. Family was always her most important reason for enjoying life, whether it be reminiscing about childhood memories with her siblings or making new memories with her own children as well as her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Phyllis was most proud that her children were raised to be self-sufficient and capable adults. She was selfless, never complained, forgiving, always concerned for everyone else's welfare, and lived by the motto "I do the best I can". She and Don loved their 17 years wintering in Florida and loved the beach. Annual golf-outings in Cadillac were a favorite thing, and Don would say often that she was the best thing that ever happened to him. Phyllis loved to travel and play golf, but also loved to do quieter things like flower gardening and reading. Holidays with family and family reunions were always a priority with her and she loved to play the game of Mah-Jong. Phyllis was an employee of the State of Michigan from 1976 until her retirement in 2002.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Donald Ray Rulison; children, Nolan (Kathy) Spotts, Ginny (George) Nobbe, Teresa Redfield, Suzie (Wade) Nichols; grandchildren, Andrea Wadlington, Sydney Spotts, Jake Spotts, Erica Heinitz, Brandon Moe, Vince Wireman, Saige Shook, Dallas Redfield, Britnee Rivera, Lindsey Quinn, Trevor Nichols; 11 great-grandchildren; siblings, Linda

Montegue and Nancy Ott. She was predeceased by her brothers, Melvin and David Ames; sister, Carolyn Sova; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Phyllis's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, at the Charlotte Assembly of God Church with Pastor Shane Bryant officiating. 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](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Phyllis's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to American Diabetes Association, or the American Cancer Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

JAN 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Charlotte Assembly of God  
1100 E. Clinton Trail  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Phyllis Marie Rulison



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24, 2024 at 08:21 AM

PC

Lost connection about 25 or so minutes of podcast. No remarks from family and or friends 😞

phil campion - January 24, 2024 at 11:45 AM

AW

Lost connection as soon as family was asked to come speak😞

Andrea Wadlington - January 24, 2024 at 11:46 AM

PN

Lost connection as soon as Ginny began to speak.

Peggy Nichols - January 24, 2024 at 11:48 AM

TS

What a Wonderful Video of her, took my breath away! I'm so glad I was able to get to the visitation and see cousins I hadn't seen for awhile. May you RIP Aunt Phyllis, you are missed already.

Tammy Sargent - January 24, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Marie Rulison*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 22, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SD

*Wonderful tribute.*

Sharon Dickenson - January 22, 2024 at 08:22 PM

JK

*Very nice tribute*

Jerry Kunzelman - January 22, 2024 at 10:17 PM

TT

*Beautiful tribute to a wonderful woman!!*

Tammy Telfer - January 23, 2024 at 05:38 AM

BP

*Beautiful tribute for your mom*

Bonnie Partridge - January 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM

KK

*Awesome tribute!*

Kristy Kenyon - January 23, 2024 at 08:48 AM

PN

*What a beautiful memory filled tribute.*

Peggy Nichols - January 23, 2024 at 09:44 AM

NO

*So beautiful. She is pleased*

**Nancy Ott** - January 23, 2024 at 12:49 PM

ED

*What a blessing she was. Stay strong and blessed family.*

**Estella Delgado** - January 23, 2024 at 03:12 PM

JE

*Very nice tribute. She loved you all bery much. She was an outstanding mom, wife aunt , sister ❤️ and grandmother*

**Jennie** - January 23, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.*



January 23, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.*



January 22, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.



January 22, 2024 at 09:16 PM

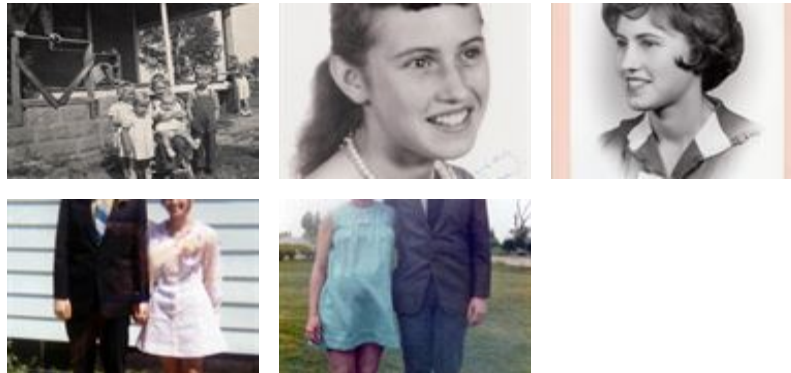


“ Angela D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Marie Rulison.

Angela D. - January 22, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 22, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.*



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January 22, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *The David Ames Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.*



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**The David Ames Family** - January 22, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ *Phyllis's was a wonderful person my prayers are with her loving family*

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**sandy** - January 21, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ *Condolences to Don and family. Much to my disappointment, due to medical concerns and the distance, Sam & I won't be able to make the trip from Florida to make the services. I'm happy to see I'll be able to watch the webcast from Florida on my computer. Since 1990, I have been Phyllis's friend, co-worker, golf partner, and MahJongg encourager, I have many fond memories and outings to remember her by. As always, prayers and thoughts to the whole family during this difficult time.*

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**judy Heindel** - January 21, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JW

“ Jeff and Vince Wireman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.



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**Jeff and Vince Wireman** - January 21, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Rulison.



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January 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

DI

“ To Phyllis' family, my deepest sympathy. I worked with Phyllis for many years and what I will always remember about her was her beautiful smile. Rest in peace.

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**Diane** - January 21, 2024 at 09:58 AM

PN

“ To Don and all of the family I'm so sorry for your loss. Phyllis was such a wonderful person and I'm so glad I got to know her. I couldn't have asked for a better second mom for my son. Love and prayers to all.

*Peggy Nichols*

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**Peggy Nichols** - January 21, 2024 at 08:51 AM