



Phyllis Ann Southerly

December 27, 1945 - December 13, 2018

Phyllis Ann (Gordon) Southerly, 72 of Potterville, went to be with her Lord on December 13, 2018. She was born in Kenton, OH on December 27, 1945 to Mary Edna (Hesser) and Charles Fredrick Gordon. Phyllis was blessed to have her family, as well as a large extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends while growing up. A great-aunt led a 4-H club where Phyllis honed her homemaking skills learned from her mother. Her father loved to travel, so they travelled on a budget, camping and visiting family and friends across the country.

After graduating from Kenton High School in 1963, Phyllis married her high school sweetheart, Terry Dean Southerly, on September 21, 1963. They moved to Lansing, MI upon his discharge from the Army in 1964. Starting their family and making a home occupied Phyllis until she began working for the State of Michigan at the age of 30. Beginning as an entry level clerk, she retired as a unit supervisor while continuing to be a wife and mother.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 55 years, Terry; sons, Troy (Shannon Combs) Dean and Jay Dion; grandchildren, Turner Southerly, Madison Southerly, Isabelle Robinson and her mother Laurie Robinson; sister, Nancy (Michael) Livingston; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by brother, David E. Gordon.

Burial and graveside services will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery at a future date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Phyllis on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Interment

JUN 26. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Charmagne B lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Ann Southerly*



Charmagne B - June 23, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TG

“ *I'm going to miss u. Thank u for always being there for me. I will always love u Aunt Phyllis. U are with Grandma, Grandpa and David Gordon.*

*Love
Tanya Gordon*

Tanya Gordon - December 19, 2018 at 02:19 PM

SH

“ *Dear Nancy and family,*

Sorry for your loss. Our family, Lois Stout, Connie (STout) Spencer and my self, Sharon(Stout) Sams, extend our sympathy.

We have so many memories of our families getting together years ago.

Take care,

Sharon

sharonsams - December 18, 2018 at 06:31 PM

BB

“ On behalf of the Wuethrich family we offer our deepest sympathy in the loss of Phyllis.

*God Bless
Terry Wuethrich and family*



Beth Brown - December 18, 2018 at 02:49 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss Terry. I remember how the two of you enjoyed dancing at the KHS Class of '63 class reunions. Phyllis was a nice lady and you are fortunate to have spent your lives together.

*My Sympathies,
Jerry Stout*

Jerry Stout - December 18, 2018 at 11:17 AM

KT

“ Kerri Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Ann Southerly



Kerri Tomlinson - December 15, 2018 at 06:10 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Ann Southerly



Jennifer Hoffman - December 14, 2018 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ *I'm going to miss you. It was a pleasure getting to know you and taking care of you. If I ever make it to Hawaii I will think of you and your many stories you shared with me.*
RIP my friend, tell my papa I miss him and I said hello ❤️

Jennifer Hoffman - December 14, 2018 at 06:24 PM