



Phoebe Jean Richards

June 16, 1930 - June 22, 2025

Phoebe Jean Richards, age 95, of Pleasant Ridge, passed away on June 22, 2025.

Phoebe was predeceased by her loving husband Thomas Earl Richards and is survived by sisters Carol Hess (Mark) and Sharon Sherrard, daughters Judith Anne (the late Philip) Tweedie and Karen Lynn Richards, son Thomas Scott Richards (Ruth), grandchildren Andrew, Jason, Laura, Hannah, Lillian, Margaret and Sarah.

Phoebe attended Cass Tech High School and Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. She was an accomplished pianist for Avery Crew for nine years. Phoebe was a church organist for many years at Immanuel Presbyterian in Detroit, Highland Park Congregational Church, 25 years at Wellspring (formerly known as Northwestern Baptist) and a longtime member of American Guild of Organist.

Visitation for Phoebe will be held on Thursday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. until time of service, 1:30 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorial donations in Phoebe's name may be made to the American Lung Association (https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=42608&mfc_pref=T&42608.donation=form1&topic=2025EOFY3X&s_src=PaidSearch&s_subsrc=Brand&s_src=PaidSearch&s_subsrc=Brand&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21768133912&gbraid=0AAAAA-Ldnu_ufPA9H1C7oB9vufzHwUc1s&gclid=CjwKCAjwmenCBhA4EiwAtVjzmhag7IFl_d4TZsTCiKuiXhy8QZGFCBeflLkt_7hzVtf6zGi_WyFaPRoCBvoQAvD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds) or the American Diabetes Association (https://donors.diabetes.org/page/FUNEGLCZUKJ&utm_source=google_search&utm_medium=ppc&utm_campaign=Fundraising_WeFight&utm_content=sitelink_extension&utm_term=in_memory?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=20186177204&gbraid=0AAAAAD_Lb4bFscrc47tmNJmSdT2yyEJ8&gclid=CjwKCAjwmenCBhA4EiwAtVjzmh5xJKTZML_-6PQFRNqkVKrugDWH6Fy-aTamBuMgNdAe416PY81kdxoCN5wQAvD_BwE).

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

31300 Southfield Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Phoebe had such a full and busy 95 years, sharing with so many people her wonderful gift of music on both the piano and the organ! She and I had some special moments growing up together. Early on she learned how to be in a leadership role; her siblings all gave her that experience!*

(Phoebe, I can hear you chuckling now. Having your own family gave you joy as you watched them, guided them and most of all loved them. You were there for them all the way to the end.)

I am sad that because of both health and distance, I was unable to be there to celebrate Phoebe's life, but was so glad that our younger daughter, Lisa, was able to be there and to sing in recognition/celebration of Phoebe's life.

Younger sister, Carol Hess

Carol Hess - June 26, 2025 at 06:50 PM

LA

“ *Love, Leah and John Albers. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phoebe Jean Richards.*



Love, Leah and John Albers. - June 25, 2025 at 03:13 PM

JT

“ *Judy, Andrew, Kelly & Jason Tweedie purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Phoebe Jean Richards.*



Judy, Andrew, Kelly & Jason Tweedie - June 25, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phoebe Jean Richards.*



June 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Phoebe Jean Richards.*



June 24, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phoebe Jean Richards.

June 24, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JW

“ *Jean was a dear neighbor for all the years I lived in Pleasant Ridge. Her children and my sister and I played together when we were kids. Our families did fun things together.*
Joan W.

Joan M Wagner - June 23, 2025 at 11:49 PM

LR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lillian Richards - June 23, 2025 at 10:18 PM