



Phyllis R, Kunkel

May 28, 1943 - May 21, 2025

Phyllis R. Kunkel, age 81, a resident of Macomb Township and formerly of Shelby Township, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2025, in Troy, Michigan—just one week shy of her 82nd birthday.

Born on May 28, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, Phyllis was the beloved daughter of the late William and Mildred (nee' Craig) Burns. She was the devoted wife of the late Henry G. Kunkel, with whom she shared a beautiful and loving marriage of 61 years before his passing on August 21, 2024.

Phyllis was a loving and nurturing mother to Kari (Kevin Harang) Wendorf and Chris (Laurie) Kunkel. She found her greatest joy in her role as grandmother, cherishing every moment spent with her beloved grandchildren—Katie, Michael, Ava, and Adyson—who were truly the light of her life.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Kaye Burns, and was preceded in death by her siblings: Bill (Carol) Burns, Jean (Lee) Southern, Pat Burns, Larry (Phyllis) Burns, and Jimmy (Lucy) Burns, and also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Phyllis had a vibrant spirit and a heart full of warmth. She loved spending time in Northern Michigan and also spent most of her summers happily boating with her captain, Henry, family and friends. She had a passion for travel, and

her most treasured adventures were those spent at Disney, where countless memories were made.

A woman of simple pleasures, Phyllis loved outings to Big Boy's for a hot fudge ice cream cake, indulging in sweet treats at Erma's Custard Shop, and savoring coconut shrimp at Red Lobster. Her homemade kielbasa and sauerkraut were family favorites, and her kitchen was always a place of comfort and joy.

Phyllis was a devoted fan of Hallmark movies, had a special fondness for lilac flowers, and delighted in collecting Precious Moments figurines. She was an avid Rummikub Cube player, sharing many lighthearted battles with her grandson Michael—who proudly held the winning record.

Phyllis will be remembered for her kindness, her love of family, and the deep joy she found in the little things that made life beautiful. She touched the hearts of everyone who knew her, and her legacy of love and laughter will continue to live on through her family and friends.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Phyllis life with a visitation to be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 from 2-8pm with prayers at 6pm from the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at St. Kieran Catholic Church 53600 Mound Road (Btwn 24-25 Mile Road) Shelby Township, she will lie in state at 9:30 am until the time of the mass at 10 am.

Phyllis will be laid to rest next to her beloved Henry at Resurrection Cemetery, immediately following mass.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
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Prayer Service

MAY 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Instate At Church

MAY 28. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Mass

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



Christine Nambia

“ Peter and Christine kottke are praying for the family.

Christine Nambia - June 03, 2025 at 06:29 PM



LH

“ Kari and family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Hutcherson - May 27, 2025 at 01:06 PM



RB

“ Ron Kunkel and Marilyn Bohm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis R, Kunkel.

Ron Kunkel and Marilyn Bohm - May 26, 2025 at 12:02 PM

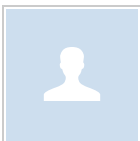


RB

“ Ron Kunkel and Marilyn Bohm purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phyllis R, Kunkel.



Ron Kunkel and Marilyn Bohm - May 26, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Phyllis R, Kunkel.



May 24, 2025 at 10:59 AM

VR

“ *Many Prayers going out to you and your family during these sad times.Lots of love from the Raimondo family.*

Vito Raimondo - May 23, 2025 at 03:17 PM

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“ *Oliver Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phyllis R, Kunkel.*



Oliver Family - May 23, 2025 at 11:54 AM