



Phyllis M. Thorpe

February 14, 1938 - January 16, 2022

Phyllis M. Thorpe, age 83, of Royal Oak, passed away on January 16, 2022.

Beloved wife of the late Gerald. Loving mother of Susan (Lyla Reichart) Dawson, Jeffrey (the late Carol) Thorpe, and Christine (Matthew) Arthur. Proud grandmother of Ryan Dawson, Steven Dawson, Samantha (Kevin) Whalen, Allison Arthur, Katherine (Ewen) Reichart-Fraser, and the late Lisa Dawson; and great-grandmother of Cristian Dawson, Gunner Dawson, Addison Dawson, Oakley Fraser, and the late Raiden Dawson. Dear sister of Barbara (Howard) Bradshaw, George (Lynda) Decker, Marjorie (Rory) Swan, Gerald Decker, Sandra (Peter) Miminaugh, and the late George Decker.

Phyllis served as a longtime 5th grade teacher at Fox Elementary in the Chippewa Valley school district. In her free time, she loved to travel, especially when she was taking cruises and visiting historical sites throughout the U.S. Closer to home, Phyllis enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and attending musicals and theater shows. And she enjoyed following her hometown sports teams—Tigers, Red Wings, and U of M in particular. Phyllis was especially fond of her grandchildren and cherished spending time with them—watching her grandboys play sports and her granddaughters participate in dance and theater. And she had a strong faith that she exercised serving as a Sunday School teacher and other active participation in her churches over the years—first with St. John Episcopal Church in Royal Oak and later with First

Presbyterian Church of Madison Heights. Phyllis was deeply loved by her family and friends and will be dearly missed.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, January 20, from 4 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Additional visitation will take place on Friday, January 21, from 10:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:30 a.m., at the funeral home. The service will also be livestreamed at the following web address: <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/Phyllis-Thorpe/#!/PhotosVideos> (please be sure to select "Media" tab if viewing from a mobile device). Burial to follow at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the National Gaucher Foundation (gaucherdisease.org) or to the ALS Association.

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road
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Livestream of Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/Phyllis-Thorpe/#!/PhotosVideos>

Burial

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery
1032 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Phyllis M. Thorpe*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 21, 2022 at 10:16 AM

AW

Beautiful Tributes and heartfelt memories of your sister Sandy. 🙏

Anne Walker - January 21, 2022 at 12:20 PM

JS

“ *I enjoyed teaching with Phyllis at Fox Elementary School, Mt Clemens. She always had a way of making people laugh. Together we car pooled to school from Royal Oak and we solved all the world's problems. Love, Jan Segedy*

jan segedy - January 26, 2022 at 09:27 AM

RT

“ *Jeff, Sue and Chris*
What a beautiful service today to honor your Mom as the ROCK. She definitely touched so many people and will truly be missed but also remembered. We are very sorry that we were not there in person but we were there in spirit. You all mean so much to us and we really need to do much better at staying in touch. Love you all.
Bob and Kimbra

Robert Thorpe - January 21, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ Our hearts go out to all family and friends of Aunt Phyllis'. She was always so kind and loving and will be missed by many. Sending all our love, Ryan & Xiaoxin Damerow

Ryan Damerow - January 21, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.



January 21, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Cruises



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 11 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 21 files added to the album *Grandkids*



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“ 36 files added to the album *Young Family*



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“ 6 files added to the album *Dating*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 10 files added to the album *Wedding*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *High School*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Phyllis M. Thorpe*.



January 20, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.



January 20, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.



January 19, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Thorpe - January 19, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Wedding



Jeff Thorpe - January 19, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Phyllis M. Thorpe*.



January 19, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Phyllis M. Thorpe*.



January 19, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of *Phyllis M. Thorpe*.



January 19, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Mandy, Stephani, Scott, Jack & Tyler* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Phyllis M. Thorpe*.



Mandy, Stephani, Scott, Jack & Tyler - January 19, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



January 19, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



January 19, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



January 19, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Love Bob and Kimbra Thorpe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



Love Bob and Kimbra Thorpe - January 19, 2022 at 07:27 AM

EK

“ My condolences on the passing of Phyllis. I knew the Thorpes at St. John’s when I was growing up. If I remember correctly, Susan is my age. Phyllis was comparatively young, more than 10 years younger than my mother. May you find comfort in happy memories and the love of family.

Ellen Eskola Kehoe - January 19, 2022 at 12:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.



January 18, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.



January 18, 2022 at 10:44 PM

JS

“ I have always looked up to Phyllis for so many reasons..She was kind, an amazing teacher, and a straight-forward soul who told you how it was..I think I loved that most about her. She will be missed by so many of us that loved, respected , and cared for her.She was an amazing woman!

Jeanne Sears - January 18, 2022 at 09:16 PM

PF

“ *Pete, Sarah, Margaret, Dan & families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



Pete, Sarah, Margaret, Dan & families - January 18, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



January 18, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Thorpe.*



January 18, 2022 at 09:29 AM