



Phyllis Diane Washburn

October 8, 1941 - May 25, 2025

WASHBURN, Phyllis Diane (nee Bradshaw). May 25, 2025. Age 83.

Her Legacy...Phyllis Diane Washburn, 83, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 25, 2025. She was born on October 8, 1941 and raised in Detroit, Michigan with her sisters Mary and Martha by her loving parents, Gilbert and Elizabeth Bradshaw. She would often talk about her childhood home on Outer Drive, and how much she loved her big sisters. Phyllis married the love of her life, Clinton Todd Washburn, on January 1, 1965.

Phyllis was a creative soul, which came out in her poetry, stories, and music. She loved Jesus with all her heart, and loved people too. She would often pray for strangers and bless babies when she met them. Her caring concern could not be contained. She was awed by God's natural world, and never missed an opportunity to comment on it, "Blue skies, white clouds, green trees! Michigan is behaving itself beautifully!" Phyllis loved to travel and was blessed to explore Israel, Egypt, Europe, and the United Kingdom.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Clinton Washburn, son David Washburn, step-daughter Valerie (Monty) Ali, and sisters Mary and Martha. Phyllis will be deeply missed by her daughter Candace (James) Chapman, son Christopher (Kelly) Washburn, step-daughters Susan Washburn and Janet (Bob) Scharer, and grandchildren Kyle, Grace, Connor,

and Luke.

Visitation will be Friday 9am until the time of the 12pm Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). A live stream will be available <https://youtube.com/live/D63Clxi3mBI?feature=share>). Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Good-NIGHT, sweet (" sainted-heart ") A-U-V-
T... S-p-l-e-n-d-i-d-l-y Done !
[Just now - still reeling from her Farewell S-E-
R-V-I-C-E {" pleasantly so "}... what a grand "
G-A-T-H-E-R-I-N-G " !] How was i made to feel
SO part of Today...? (Wait, i know - " D N A " .)
We'll be visiting about this in/for some time to come. Think i'll have a
" bit " to say ? (Starting w/ Y'ALL's M-o-m, CHRIS/CANDACE. . . but
not ENDING there !) Indescribably, my full mind is invaded with
endearing (en-during) "M-e-m-o-r-i-e-s"... [Til we do, You 2.]



" 1st N-E-P-H-E-W " { T o m m y } - May 30, 2025 at 01:44 PM



Thank you, cuz! So glad you could watch the livestream.

Candace Chapman - May 30, 2025 at 11:06 PM

AK

“ *A Life Well-Lived, Phyllis*

Phyllis was a kind, generous, and jovial individual. I had the pleasure of meeting her and her husband approximately 25 years ago at Zion Christian Church in Troy, Michigan. After some time, they extended an offer of room and board when my family relocated from Michigan and I required a place to stay while pursuing my degree. During my stay with them, I was treated as a member of the family and received ample pampering.

Upon my return from school or clinical rotations, Phyllis would invariably request that I recline in her chair and rest while her husband prepared dinner, which he was always eager to oblige.

Our friendship endured throughout the years. It was not surprising to me when they both traveled to attend my bridal shower on the East Coast, as that was a characteristic of Phyllis. She consistently sought to enjoy life with those she held dear. The Bible states, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Phyllis extended significant assistance to numerous individuals, including exchange students from diverse cultures, with a generous heart. Her absence will be deeply felt.

May her soul find eternal rest!!

Akos - May 30, 2025 at 10:26 AM

CC

Thank you for the lovely memories, dear Akos!

Candace Chapman - May 30, 2025 at 11:06 PM

PB

“ Phyllis filled our lives with so much music and laughter! She wrote plays and poems and musicals and lovely stories. She was faithful to come to Bible Study and grateful for every opportunity to learn more about her savior. She took dance lessons from my daughter and was exuberant about learning how to worship through dance. She taught sign language to my other daughter and provided opportunities to practice that skill. Phyllis enriched our lives with her creativity and kindness, and she loved being part of the family of God. We thank God upon every remembrance of her!

Pat Blankenship - May 30, 2025 at 07:14 AM

CC

Thank you for the kind words, Pat!

Candace Chapman - May 30, 2025 at 11:08 PM

JS

“ I will so miss my Step MOM ❤️ She has given me so many gifts of her life experiences!! These will always be in my heart and in my loving memories of her ❤️ Big hugs are coming your way 😊😊

Janet Scharer - May 29, 2025 at 09:31 AM

CC

Love you, Janet!

Candace Chapman - May 30, 2025 at 11:07 PM

MA

“ Mary A. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phyllis Diane Washburn.



Mary A. - May 28, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JD

“What a Proverbs 31 Lady! Phyllis, you were such a precious beacon of light in this world! You are truly, truly missed!

I was blessed to meet Phyllis many years ago when choreographing my very first production with Zion Evangelistic Temple. That production was "Everlasting Love." This beautiful story was written by Phyllis herself. It was powerful, and many souls gave their hearts to the Lord because she used her gift of words to recreate a familiar Bible story. All who witnessed it were touched!

Additionally, I had the honor of ministering with this sweet lady many times through the church dance ministry. She (being one of my senior ladies) always brought her own special kind of joy to our rehearsals, even when her direction was opposite to the choreograph. To correct it, I would say, "Go to the other right, ladies." We laughed so hard, I can still feel my sides aching! But God would show up in His anointing, and our imperfect movements brought Him Glory! Many lives were changed!

I know Phyllis is rejoicing up in heaven now with Jesus! And if you knew her, she's probably persuading angels right now to take heart in a heartfelt performance for her Abba Father. And it would be dramatically illustrated with Phyllis's own words and music.

What a legacy she leaves!! She will be greatly missed.

Praying for All of you, Love Joann Donegan

Joann Donegan - May 28, 2025 at 04:43 PM

CC

Thank you for the lovely memories, Joann!

Candace Chapman - May 30, 2025 at 11:09 PM

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“ Oh , P H Y L . . .

W-h-e-w, YOU - don't like this one bit. (Just kept telling myself, "There'll be time to come up, once i get things in order...") Ever so sadly, it never happened.

Now the flood of memories crowd my mind, clamoring for attention & RE-visiting! (Yes, i remember the last occasion we were together... your place, hosting those 3 "Great-NEPHEWS".) Over these years since, endearing (enduring) reminiscences emerge - thankfully tucked away in one's heart. [Wasn't " Plan A " to just get caught up TOGETHER, in "one fell swoop"...?] So then, you've out-run us to the FATHER's H-o-u-s-e. . . & tho there's ("Michigan"?) M-I-R-T-H "Above" (in this week's arrival), many of us left below mourn (& miss you). Remembering a funeral remark (from your SISTER's Mate), "Her presence is more REAL than her ABSENCE."

Evoking a "Gem", "sainted-3>" KIN (from the old Blue Hymnal) - " TIL WE MEET... TIL WE MEET... @ JESUS' F-E-E-T " !



" 1st N-e-p-h-e-w " (T O M M Y) - May 28, 2025 at 04:29 PM

CC

Thank you, dear Tommy.

Candace Chapman - June 03, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Diane Washburn.*



May 28, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Diane Washburn.

May 28, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Candace I am so sorry for your loss.
Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.



Robin F Stebbins - May 28, 2025 at 02:15 PM



Thank you, Robin.

Candace Chapman - May 30, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ Rick and Laurent purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Diane Washburn.



Rick and Laurent - May 28, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Rick and Laurent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Diane Washburn.

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