



Phyllis A Ulmer

May 6, 1937 - January 22, 2021

Phyllis A. Ulmer passed peacefully in the early hours of January 22, 2021. It's in the promise of her favorite hymn "How Great Thou Art," that we know, Phyllis, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend is joyfully and humbly home with Jesus and her husband Mick. She was happiest when family or friends were gathered around her table or when she was serving those as a lab technician at Wells Community Hospital. Born in Wells County in 1937, she was the eighth of 10 Mounsey siblings. On June 1, 1958, she married William Michael "Mick" Ulmer and they were blessed with 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Phyllis was called at an early age to serve others in the medical field, and she fulfilled that call as a lab technician for 39 years. She was a loving mother who supported her children as a Mom and a friend when needed; and later, loved the spouses they chose as if they were her own. She joyfully retired in 2002 and put her full energies into serving her family and to being one of the greatest Grandmas of all time. Phyllis enjoyed cooking meals for those she loved, walks with her family, spending time with her siblings, playing card games, going to Bingo, reading, going shopping, supporting the Indiana Hoosiers, sitting outside in the sun on warm days, playing and laughing with her great-grandchildren, singing hymns from the back pew at Calvary Lutheran Church, going to lunch or club with friends or former classmates, and she genuinely strived to make others feel important. Hers, was a life well-lived, and her family is a testament to her hard work and faithful dedication to loving others well.

Phyllis is survived by her children Gary (Pam) Ulmer of Covington, Georgia; W. Kent (Tracey) Ulmer of Bluffton; Lisa (Tim) Eichler of Ossian; grandchildren, Ashley Ulmer, Tara (Geoff) Cocanower, Trisha (Landon) Stoller, W. Tyler (Haley) Ulmer, Jason (Jena) Eichler, Alex (Cassi) Eichler, and Trevor Eichler; and great-grandchildren Kambree Stoller, Marshall Stoller, and Otto Eichler.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, William Michael 'Mick' Ulmer; parents, Victor and Grace Mounsey; brother Max Mounsey; and sisters Mona Jean Highlen and Vera Scott.

Visitation will be on Saturday, (Feb. 6, 2021) from 1 pm to 4 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 4 P.M. on Saturday (Feb. 6, 2021) at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton with Pastor T. J. Lynch officiating.

Friends wishing to watch Phyllis' service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing Calvary Lutheran Church's Facebook page.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for Phyllis's service. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or Heart to Heart Hospice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Ulmer family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Lutheran Church
1532 N. Main Street
Bluffton, IN 46714

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis A Ulmer*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Gary, Kent, Lisa and your families -- we will miss Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Mickey. Sending our love and prayers during this difficult season. With sympathy, Troy & Katie Mounsey*

Troy Mounsey - February 06, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Gary, Kent, Lisa and Families, Along with the Mounsey Family I worked with Phyllis (and Vera) at Wells Community Hospital. So many fun memories. May sweet memories of the years bring you peace, comfort and smile in the weeks and months ahead. God Bless. Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

Glennis Henly - February 05, 2021 at 10:57 PM

Jl

“ Dear Loved ones of Phyllis- It is with a heavy heart that we share the loss of Phyllis. We only knew Phyllis and Mick the past 2 years but enjoyed getting to know and spend time with both. We first met Phyllis when she would come to visit Mick at Ossian as we visited with our Mom. We all enjoyed getting to know her and talk with Mick as he kept us entertained with his stories and songs. He definitely helped us pass the time many afternoons and evenings and brightened our lives with his upbeat personality. He always enjoyed when Phyllis or his kids and grandkids came to visit and we know you were all a great strength to her. When she moved into the Assisted Living side of the building, it was with her help we were able to convince our Dad to move to that end of the building also, as it was more convenient and safer for him to visit our Mom daily and be so much closer. When we visited , we many times passed Phyllis in the hall coming or going to visit Mick as we were doing the same to visit Mom. When March of 2020 hit, all of our lives changed. No longer could we pass in the halls or visit for a meal or just sit and talk around the tables. I do believe Phyllis and my Dad had the distinction of being the only ones able to go down and visit their spouses on the opposite ends of the building for parts of the lockdown. We were all concerned when she had some health issues and we kept her in our prayers when Mick passed in September. We lost our Mom a short 2 weeks later and we take comfort in knowing they are all in a better place now. We want you to know that your family along with many others touched our lives these past 2 yrs. and your Mom and Dad were a joy to get to know. We will miss Phyllis's sweet smile and will miss seeing and waving to her on her patio. With much love and fond remembrances- The Family of Vern and Donna Doehrman

Jann Irvin - February 02, 2021 at 08:08 PM

CS

“ we are so sorry for your loss. charles and dorothea shedd and family



charles shedd - February 01, 2021 at 06:10 PM

CH

“ Dear Lisa, Gary, Kent and family, Dan and I were so saddened to hear of Phyllis's passing. She and I had a lot of nice visits when she was visiting Mick and I was visiting Mom at OHC. It was comforting to both of us. I would engage Mick since we worked together for so long. He would start talking about the Post Office. He didn't remember me but he sure liked to talk about delivering. That always made your Mom smile her beautiful smile. God bless your family as you go through this very difficult time.



Christine and Dan Hunt - February 01, 2021 at 12:21 PM

KC

“ Phyllis was my "closest-age" sister. I have many memories of the life we shared for the past eighty years. A part of me went with her when she left us for a better place. I miss you, Phyllis, and will always love you and your family.

Karen Collum - January 28, 2021 at 12:53 PM

CM

“ As a child, I remember Phyllis working for health department. I always prayed she would be the one to give my hearing and sight tests. The regular nurse seemed like more of a threat, but in reality, both were very kind. In 1972, I started working with Phyllis at Wells Community Lab. Not too sure how much Phyllis liked that situation at first, but thru the years I hope she considered me a close friend. We shared our thoughts on our growing families and other topics of the day! Gary, Kent, and Lisa: I know this must be a sad day for you and your families and the whole community. Wayne and I wanted to share our deepest sympathy. Cindy and Wayne Monticue



Cindy Monticue - January 28, 2021 at 05:46 AM

EN

“ Ulmer family. I was so sorry to hear Phyllis passed away. She was a special friend when we were growing up. We both attended Liberty Center Methodist Church. I remember many fun times together, especially at church camp. She and my dad were the only people who called me Ellie. I*m sure she will be very missed by her family. I have you in my prayers.

Eleanor Lee Nussbaum - January 24, 2021 at 12:10 PM

DG

“ We are saddened to learn of Phyllis’s passing. She was such a caring person. She worked with Darlene at Wells Community Hospital for years. Her husband, Mick and I were fishing friends. She will be truly missed. The Ulmer and Mounsey families will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - January 22, 2021 at 04:38 PM

BC

“ *Ulmer Family so very Saddened to hear about Phyllis's passing! Your Mother Phyllis was such a sweet and kind Lady! Now she is with Mick and Jesus her Savior and Lord in Heaven! Our Prayers reach out to all of you as a Family! May God give u Peace, Grace and Comfort as u Grieve for your loss! God Bless the Ulmer Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen Crosbie! ❤️*



Barry Crosbie - January 22, 2021 at 02:38 PM