



Phyllis Jean Copp

August 19, 1926 - August 17, 2018

Phyllis Jean Copp, 91, passed away at Troy Beaumont Hospital, surrounded by family, on Friday, August 17, 2018. She was born in San Diego, California on August 19th, 1926 to William and Vera Ann (Talley) Brackenbury. Her marriage to Thadius Nowak in 1944 brought her to Michigan, but the California Girl in her never lost her love of the sand, surf and sunsets. She was an accomplished artist who captured landscapes and nature beautifully, and she enjoyed sharing her passion with others as an art mentor and teacher. Phyllis (or PJ to some) was outgoing, compassionate, quick witted, and the rock of her family. She was happiest when she was spending time with or chatting with family and friends.

Left to honor Phyllis and remember her love are sons Michael (Belle) and Lon, her 6 grandchildren; Suzanne (David), Michael (Robyn), Nicole (Tom), Steven (Jaclyn), Jeff (Brandie) and Kelly, and her 12 great-grandchildren whom she adored. She is predeceased by her husband of 38 years, Thadius Nowak, and their daughter, Constance (Larry). Fortunately for Phyllis, she found love a second time for 26 years with Jack Copp (predeceased) who extended her wonderful family with Sr. Kathleen, Martin (Dawn), Joanne (Michael), Linda (Cooper), Susan (Alex) and their 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Family, friends and others whose lives Phyllis touched, are invited to a Memorial Service at St. Andrew Catholic Church on Wednesday, August 29th at 10 AM, 1400 Englewood Ave., Rochester, MI 48307 to celebrate a very

special lady. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her name to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation would be appreciated. <https://www.macular.org/how-donate#memorial> or by mail to: American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515.

Phyllis participated in a two-year eye study, in hopes that she could help find a cure for others.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
1400 Inglewood
Rochester, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Jean Copp*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Phyllis Jean Copp*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *38 years with Grandma and a lifetime of memories and life lessons. Its has truly been a blessing having her in our lives for as long as we have. She will live on in all of us that she has touched in her life!*

Steve Nowak - August 28, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *I'll always remember the fun going out to lunch with Phyllis and Linda! We we a three some. Lunch buddies. Phyllis was like a new person. She lived loved and laughed! We all did. When Linda went up North to live, Phyllis and I went a couple of times but it wasn't the same with out Linda. So we talked on the phone sometimes for over an hour!*

Joanne McPhail - August 25, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ *Dave and I have fond memories of Phyllis. She was always warm and welcoming. Deepest sympathy on your loss. Diane & Dave Marcoux*

diane marcoux - August 24, 2018 at 04:43 PM