



Phyllis M. Ottum

March 8, 1929 - April 24, 2023

Phyllis M. Ottum, age 94, of Chesterfield Township, Michigan formerly of El Paso, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 24, 2023 at home. She was born on March 8, 1929, in Glencoe Township, Wisconsin to the late Arthur and Marcella Reck.

Phyllis married Arthur "Joe" Ottum on September 23, 1950 in Granite City, Illinois. He preceded her in death on December 30, 2009.

Phyllis dedicated her life to her faith and was a devout Catholic who actively served as a member of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Paso, Texas, for 46 years, where she held various volunteer positions. Additionally, she volunteered for 14 years at the pharmacy of Wm. Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, with the American Red Cross.

She retired from Sears Roebuck and Company in 1984 after 12 years of service.

She enjoyed living abroad while accompanying her husband who was in the military, and traveling to visit friends and family. In addition to teaching piano, she found joy in entertaining her husband's soldiers by playing the accordion and piano.

Phyllis will be fondly remembered as a devoted and affectionate mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister, who touched the lives of many people and will be deeply missed. What meant the most to her was being at peace with everyone and accepting people exactly as they are.

Phyllis is survived by her children: Joseph Ottum; Sally (Floyd) Coby; Bambi (Doug) Brimmer; 3 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and her sisters: Violetann "Vi" (Charles) Gilbert, of Wabasha, Minnesota; and Jeanne Sula, of Winona, Minnesota, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Patricia Ottum, brother and sister-in-law, Wilmer and Mary Ann Reck, sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois Mae "Louie" and Lawrence Huneke, Mary Jane and Jack Lane, Belvadine and Marvin Klassen and brother-in-law, Stephen Sula.

The family will hold a private ceremony at a future date at Fort Bliss, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the honor of Phyllis Ottum to Hospice of Michigan, Donation Processing Center, 400 Galleria Officentre #400, Southfield, Michigan 48034

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - New Haven.

Tribute Wall



“ *One of my favorite memories of Ms. Phyllis is hearing her play the piano so beautifully! I think of her every time I hear classical music :)*

Jennifer Ferguson - May 13, 2023 at 08:22 PM



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Doug Brimmer - May 04, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *So Sorry for you loss*

Nancy Richardson - May 02, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *She was my boss at Sears and was always so kind and loving .Never an unkind word about any one. She was a dutiful servant in her church*

Nancy Richardson - May 02, 2023 at 03:18 PM



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



May 01, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Know that you were a joy to your mother all your life, and a huge comfort to her over the years you had taken care of her, in a vety special way.
Be comforted by all the memories.
My condolences to both you and Doug.
Pat Grenke*

Pat Grenke - April 30, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ *In the few short years, I have known Phyllis it was an honor to share many happy times with her. Very exceptional times, along with Bambi and Doug, like playing card, Chinese lunches, estate sailing, visiting the zoo, movies, celebrating holidays, birthdays, cheesecake, lemon pie, laughing or just being together enjoying the day.
Phyllis was a thoughtful, understanding and precious friend. I loved her quiet demeanor and was privileged to experience her strong faith and love for God.
May She Rest in Peace.
My sincerest condolences to her beloved family and friends.
Ellen Chase*

Ellen J Chase - April 29, 2023 at 02:04 PM



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Krista Nogueira-Lopez - April 28, 2023 at 07:49 PM



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Sally Coby - April 28, 2023 at 09:14 AM



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Bambi Ottum Brimmer - April 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Doug Brimmer - April 27, 2023 at 08:19 PM



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Bambi Ottum Brimmer - April 27, 2023 at 12:17 PM



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Bambi Brimmer - April 27, 2023 at 11:16 AM