



Audrey Phillips

October 28, 1926 - May 13, 2026

Audrey Lister Phillips, passed away suddenly at the celebrated age of 99. Audrey was born on October 28, 1926, in Warrington, England. She is survived by her two loving and devoted daughters, Leslye (Jeff) Winkle, Van Buren, OH and Lyndsey (Gene) Phillips-Mullett of Columbus, beloved granddaughters Nicole (Josh) Smith and Katy (John) Word, two very favorite great grandsons Joel Word and William Smith, loved like a daughter, niece Sandra Dick, loved nephew Todd (Michelle) Trepasso and great nephew Ian Trepasso.

Audrey left England and sailed to America on the Queen Elizabeth II, after the WWII ended and followed friends that she had met in England during the war, to Ohio. She got a job and shared an apartment with three other girls before meeting the love of her life, the Ed Phillips. They were married in 1950 and Audrey became a proud US citizen in 1955 but she always cherished her native home of England. She and Ed traveled many times to her hometown and throughout Great Britain and Europe, as well as visiting many, many states from Maine to Hawaii, from Canada to Florida and everywhere in between.

Their favorite travel memory was to Perth, Scotland during Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee where she was having a walkabout. Queen Elizabeth personally greeted and talked to them. She was so proud of the story and would tell everyone.

Audrey did a lot of volunteer work and especially loved her days as a Pink Lady at Riverside Hospital, that she still has her uniform. Audrey loved to be outside and had an enviable flower garden to prove it. Whenever you would call the house Ed would say "Audrey is in the bottom of the yard, can she call you back?" and everyone knew what she was doing. Then in late summer she would start canning from her vegetable garden, relish and bread and butter pickles, a family favorite. At 98 yrs old, she was still growing fabulous flowers and had three tomato plants. Nature was a big part of Audrey's life especially, feeding the birds and in later years, when her eyes were not allowing her to bird watch she turned to nature programs. During their many trips and vacations, they visited numerous gardens and nature preserves.

Audrey was a great cook but an even better baker. She baked everything from cookies, cakes and her very special pecan pie. Audrey was a long time active member of Short North UM Church, where for years, she arranged the altar flowers. She was an avid reader, had season tickets to Otterbein Theatre, went to numerous Broadway shows and a slew of concerts from Pavarotti to Paul McCartney.

The best part of Audrey was she loved being a Mom, which is evident by how much her daughters love her and will miss her dearly.

She will be honored on Wednesday, May 20th (which would have been Audrey & Eddie's 76th wedding anniversary) at Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington, OH. Calling hours at 10am and the memorial service at noon, followed by interment at Union Cemetery. Although Audrey loved flowers, in lieu of arrangements donations can be made to WOSU in her memory, where she loved watching her British TV series with a cup of very hot tea with cream and sugar.

Upcoming Events

Calling Hours

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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