



## Phyllis M. Byers

June 5, 1934 - February 1, 2021

Phyllis M. Byers 86 of Dublin, Ohio died peacefully at home of natural causes February 1, 2021. She was Born in Dover, Clare County Michigan June 5th 1934 to Parents Roy A. Hoover and Mirla Budd Hoover. She attended the Dover School and Clare High School. She married Herbert N. Byers Sr. of Clare. She was a homemaker and mother of 3 children, Herbert N. Byers Jr., Paula J. Byers Gross and Benjamin J. Byers. The majority of the family years were in Mt Vernon, Ohio where she was member of the First Presbyterian Church and supported her children's endeavors such as Boy Scout troop 339, Knox County Junior Miss, High School Band Boosters, to name a few. She was an avid cook, baker and homemaker and above all lived to be a mother and grandmother. She cherished her 3 children and found that to be her highest calling. She supported her husband and family through the travails of life and found immense pleasure in her 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Later years living in Zanesville, Ohio she was an active member and deacon, of the Central Presbyterian Church & East Side Ministry. She was extremely active in Hospice of Zanesville and The Zaney Follies fundraiser for which she served over many years from set crew, occasional performer and chairperson. For nearly 20 years she enjoyed the winters at St. George Island, Florida with the beach, sun, dolphins and eagles. She had an amazing group of friends that kept her young and vibrant. She loved her gardening, flowers and attracting wildlife to her yard. She is preceded in death by her father Roy, Mother Mirla, and Brothers Dwayne, Ben, and Dan, her

husband Herbert, and beloved daughter Paula. She was an avid dog lover and was also preceded by Posh and Ace who were her devoted companions and beach bum.

She is Survived By children Herbert N. Byers Jr (Cherilyn) Lakewood OH, Benjamin J. Byers (Connie), Dublin, OH, Grand Children; Leslee Creighton (Sean), Oakwood, OH, Trace Lysette Byers, Los Angeles, CA, Roy Byers, Lakewood, OH, Rachel Gross-Prinz (Noam), Hannah Gross (Tyler) of New York, NY, Brent Bumgardner (Will) Austin, TX and Bryce Bumgardner (Jennifer) Columbus, OH Family and friends plan to gather at her home of Dover MI. in June for a Memorial Service. Electronic memories can be posted at [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

Donations in lieu of flowers to the charity of your choice. Areas of interest for Phyllis were breast cancer research and the Make a Wish Foundation and Hospice

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis M. Byers*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Mom “was someth’n special”... among many things, she was resourceful, collected humorous. Fondly remember opening her brown bag lunch at school one day... main course was always a couple of peanut butter & jelly sandwiches... almost took a bite out of the first one until I noticed an unusual smell... it was cat food... it was April 1st! April Fools!*

*Herb Jr.*

**Herbert N. Byers, Jr.** - February 12, 2021 at 10:21 AM



*Herb, this is such a great story! It sure illustrates your mom's sense of humor and creativity. She was such a special lady and I treasure our friendship of 50 years. I'm so glad we got to visit her in Zanesville in May 2018. I especially remember the years on Highland Ave. What a fun and happy place. I am so sorry for all of your family, but I know she and your dad and Paula are having a fun time together! Blessings to you all.*

*Kathy Anderson Belcher*

**Kathy Belcher** - February 23, 2021 at 04:46 PM

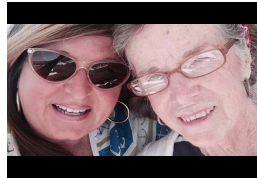
LK

*We met Phyllis and Herb on St. George Island. Phyllis was a very special gal. Ace and our Lady loved to play together on the beach. We always looked forward to seeing her. Our condolences to your family.*

Linda Kunelius - March 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CB

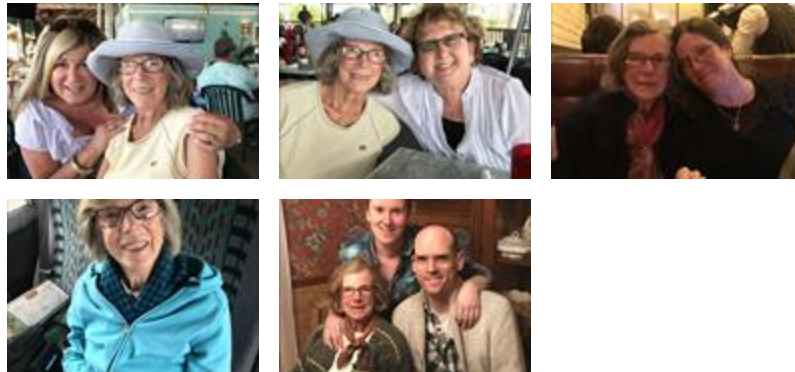
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Connie Byers - February 11, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CB

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Connie Byets - February 11, 2021 at 05:30 PM

JV

“ In October 2018, we moved into our new home on Leith Drive, two days later a new neighbor moved in across the street, and it was Phyllis. Right away we knew Phyllis did not know a stranger, her beautiful smile and engaging conversation was immediate. We will miss you Phyllis, but I know you are seeing God's heavenly gardens first hand. your neighbors, Mark and Joyce

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joyce vogt - February 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM

RS

“ I remember Phyllis, my second cousin, when I was growing up in Greenwood Township, Clare County, Michigan. For awhile she stayed with the Budd family who were neighbors of ours and her uncle Zeno's family. Her wedding to Herb Byers was probably the first wedding which I attended. I remember after the ceremonies her brothers Ben, Dan, and Dwayne had booby trapped the engine with fire crackers that went off when Herb started the engine on the car. I remember Herb doing a Buster Keyton impression, running around the car with the fireworks going off.

We especially appreciate the times she visited us in Michigan at our daughter's wedding and other family occasions like her 80th birthday party at the park in Clare. The times at her winter place on St. George Island on the gulf were such happy times for us and the visits with here and her dog Ace will always be remembered.

The Segar family will always remember and cherish our times with you. Give Herb and Paula a hug in heaven for us. Love you, the Segar family.

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Raymond Segar - February 06, 2021 at 08:37 AM

CO

“ So sorry to read of Phyllis death. She was one of the nicest neighbor I've ever had. We spent hours talking on her porch. So glad I got to visit her in Dublin before the covid 19 virus hit. I will miss her. Coleen Ohlinger Zanesville.

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**Coleen Ohlinger** - February 05, 2021 at 10:38 PM

EH

“ I worked at the Good Samaritan Foundation when Phyllis chaired and worked tirelessly on the Follies. We worked closely together during those times as the Foundation was involved in all fundraising efforts. I will always remember Phyllis' warm smile and her ability to never get too worked-up about anything. My sympathy to her family.

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**Ellen Hillis** - February 05, 2021 at 08:23 AM

KP

“ I am sorry for the loss of such a wonderful woman. I have many memories of Phyllis and heard many more from my Gram Betty over the years. One funny memory was when Gram called and asked me to make a run to Kroger for frozen OJ. When I got to her house, a really fun party was underway and the screwdrivers could then continue to flow! I can picture them all sitting together now reunited in heaven!

*Much love to your family!*

*Kate Phillippi*

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**Kate Phillippi** - February 04, 2021 at 03:21 PM

RG

*I love this memory and seeing her through your eyes!! Thank you for sharing Kate and thinking of Your Gram and their special connection.*

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**rachel gross-prinz** - February 05, 2021 at 04:56 PM

RH

*I think of both Phyllis and Herb with such fond memories. My family (Ken, Barb, Lee and Robin) Rhoades lived across Highland Dr. from them for most of the time they lived in Mount Vernon. Just recently, though, as we drove through Zanesville, the thought of them came to my mind. I think it was the Holy Spirit directing her to my thoughts. Love to each of you!  
Allan and I will remember you in our prayers.  
In Christ, Robin Helser*

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**Robin Helser** - February 06, 2021 at 04:16 PM

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**Susan Mott** - February 04, 2021 at 06:37 AM

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**Susan Mott** - February 04, 2021 at 06:36 AM

LP

“ *What a beautiful, caring Earth Mother your Mom/Grandmother/Great-Grandmother was. Her peace & great joy was her Family, Friends, Canine Kids & God’s green earth.*

*What a sweet Reunion is now underway in Heaven with Phyllis & Herb and Betty & Walt ~ finally reunited!*

*Love, Light, Peace & beautiful Memories to you all,  
Lisa Phillippi*

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**Lisa Phillippi** - February 03, 2021 at 04:09 PM