



Gertrude Ann "Trudy" Philippon

September 14, 1940 - December 20, 2019

Age 79 of St. Paul, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2019.

Preceded in death by parents, Edward and Ellen Nugent Thurston of Montezuma, New York; sister, Mary Hards; and brothers, Martin, James, Edward, and Joseph Thurston.

Survived by husband, Benoit; son, Daniel (Nancy); granddaughter, Catherine Grace; and brothers, Kenneth and Thomas Thurston.

Trudy received a B.S. in Business from Nazareth College, an M.S. in Education from Syracuse University, and a Supervisory Certificate from Montclair State University. She taught business at high schools and colleges throughout central New York and northern New Jersey, but she was most proud of the 36 years she spent in the Pompton Lakes School District in New Jersey, where she rose to become supervisor of five departments. She was a member of Delta Pi Epsilon and the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association. After moving to St. Paul in 2011, she regularly volunteered at the St. Paul Public Library, Horace Mann School, and Meals on Wheels.

Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am on February 1st at The Church of St. Cecilia in St. Paul. Visitation one hour prior to Mass.

Memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, The Church of St. Cecilia or the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sending my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Trudy Philippon. She was one of the administrators that hired me in Pompton Lakes 18.5 years ago and I've been teaching here ever since. However, I have missed her presence in our district for as long as she has been retired. I will remember her very fondly.

Sincerely,
Georgia Kintzing

Georgia Kintzing - January 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Mrs. Phillipon fondly, both as a Pompton Lakes High School Graduate myself and later as a parent of PLHS graduates. Mrs. Phillipon was truly a lovely person, my sincere condolences. Abby Peters-Novak



Abby Peters-Novak - January 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was hired by Trudy in 1999 to teach the classes she formerly taught as she was becoming a supervisor. Trudy was not only a mentor and colleague, but a beloved friend. We had many laughs together during her years at Pompton Lakes High School. Trudy always had the interests of the students at heart, and had a love of Business Education that inspired all of us. We often discussed our families, and she always spoke fondly of her granddaughter "Gracie." I will miss her "first and last day of school emails" that she sent after she retired, and our phone calls and emails throughout the year. May she rest in eternal peace.

Lori Conte - December 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM