



Phyllis Ann Barbara Klein

March 31, 2017

Phyllis Ann Barbara (Micke) Klein, 81, died Friday, March 31, 2017 at the Epiphany Pines Senior Housing. She was born April 7, 1935, in Aurora Township, Wisconsin, to Anna and Clarence Micke, the oldest of four children. Phyllis Ann graduated from St. Joseph Academy High School in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and St. Joseph Nursing School in Marshfield, Wisconsin launching a beautiful career as a registered nurse. Her first nursing role was with the Red Cross Blood Bank in Madison, Wisconsin, followed by the Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital in Minneapolis. While living in Minneapolis, Phyllis Ann met the love of her life, Marvin Klein. She was living with two other nurses at the time. As fate would have it, those three nurses married three engineers who were also roommates. They remained dear friends over the years. On May 25, 1963, Phyllis Ann and Marvin were united in Marriage at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Gilman, Wisconsin. Phyllis Ann was one of the first registered nurses at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, hired before the hospital was even finished being built. She was the Head Nurse of the OB/Mother-Baby Unit for more than 30 years. Welcoming new life in to the world was one of her greatest joys. Phyllis Ann retired from nursing in 1997, to care for her husband. Phyllis Ann was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 34 years, Marvin. She was also preceded in death by her parents and brother, Kenneth. Phyllis is survived by her children, Susan (Thomas) Gorski of Belleville, Wisconsin; Barbara (Neil) Armani of Okinawa, Japan; Joseph Klein of Ponsford, Minnesota; Thomas

(Kathryn Culshaw) Klein of Maplewood, Minnesota; and Judith (Paul) Lorentz of Rochester, Minnesota. Phyllis Ann was blessed with 21 grandchildren, in whom she delighted. Her first greatgrandchild is due this summer. Phyllis Ann left a legacy of unshakeable faith, strong love of family, and the joy of friendship. She was known for her deep love of her Catholic Faith, a true modern day evangelist. Phyllis Ann and Marvin were charter and very active members of Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids, remaining parishioners there -throughout their lives. Phyllis Ann possessed a childlike joy, which she shared with the world around her. No baby was a stranger in a grocery line and everyone was welcomed at her door. Over the years, she was generous with her time as the president of BirthRight in Coon Rapids, helping many pregnant women and their families. Phyllis Ann developed strong friendships and found great comfort in her prayer groups. Phyllis Ann cherished her time at their family cabin in Nevis, Minnesota, spending many weekends there with family, friends, and international visitors. She was a skilled seamstress and sewer, making beautiful quilts for her children, grandchildren, and many others. Phyllis Ann prepared beautiful meals and treasured the memories created around the sharing of good food and drink. In lieu of flowers, please consider having Masses said for Phyllis Ann or making a donation to Sharing and Caring Hands (Minneapolis, MN). Visitation will be at the Seman Chapel of Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Rosary) on Wednesday, April 5. Mass of Christian Burial for Phyllis Ann will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, at Epiphany Catholic Church, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids, with a visitation one hour prior. Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels, Cemeteries and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

FP

“ Dear Ones of Mama Phyllis,
I join you in grieving for Mama Phyllis. Even when I visited Coon Rapids she cooked for me. From the time I began to visit epiphany she showed a mother's love. She cooked for us priests. She opened her house for prayer and retreats. She was a great inspiration for me She was a great woman of prayer and love. she had wonderful God experiences, some of which she has shared with me.
I thank Mama Phyllis for her great motherly love and for her great inspiration....
I join you all in thanking God for the great gift and blessing she was. And comment her to the loving hands of God: "Father, into your hands I comment her spirit.
May she be an intercessor for us from heaven as a saint.
With much love and blessings
Fr. Jose

Fr. Jose Puthenparambil - April 10, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Phyllis Ann Barbara Klein.



April 05, 2017 at 03:16 PM

JM

“ I was blessed to have known Phyllis Ann for almost 20 years I would say-- meeting her at Epiphany, being in prayer groups with her, and a friendship that was dear to me. She was always there to help or listen and she even shared her Nevis cabin with me to "get me away from life's stress" for a few days. I will miss her joy, her stories, her faith around me. What a prayer warrior and I'm sure God will hold her close and reward her with much in eternity. My prayers for comfort to all the family. May she now rest in the peace and care of our Lord.

Jayne Miller - April 05, 2017 at 02:34 PM

DK

“ I am forever grateful for your mom literally saving my life after my first son was born. If she hadn't been the caring nurse she was, my pain would have gone unnoticed and I wouldn't be here. She has enriched my life many times over. I saw her in the hospital a couple of months ago and we had a wonderful talk. I will miss her wonderful smile.

Thank you for sharing her with us.

Denise Klint

Denise Klint - April 03, 2017 at 09:01 AM

BA

“ I remember my mom ending every letter she sent me in college with the phrase: Good, Better, Best, Never let it Rest Intil the Good is Better, And the Better is Best.

Barbara Armani

Barbara Armani - April 02, 2017 at 08:34 PM

PH

*Barbara ~ I am so sorry for your loss. Glad we 3 could have that dinner together at Culver's, in Dec. What a fun excursion! Yes, your Mom never rested until it was best. What a gal! God rest her dear soul.
~ Paula Huss*

Paula Huss - April 03, 2017 at 10:53 PM

BC

A life well-lived indeed!! Wishing Phyllis' family comfort and peace during this sad time. Bev and Dick Culshaw

Bev and Dick Culshaw - April 05, 2017 at 12:31 PM