



Phyllis Helen Smith

December 17, 1942 - March 5, 2024

Smith, Phyllis Helen. Age 81, of Maple Grove, MN, passed away on March 5th, 2024. She left us too soon, following a complicated, post-surgical course. Preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Kazmera (Nowatynska) Szopa. Survived by her loving husband, Robert Smith; her sister Robin (Walt) Grady; her three sons, Eric (Kim) Laventure, Mark (Pam) Laventure, and Michael (Laura) Laventure; and her three step-daughters, Piia Kim (Albert) Pehap, Tera Lasserre, and Rachelle (Dan) Peters. Phyllis was a beloved "Nana" to many wonderful grandchildren. She was also recently blessed with two, beautiful, great grand-babies, Cora Laventure and Devlin Lasserre, both of whom she could not get enough of.

Phyllis was born and raised in Manchester, New Hampshire. She moved to Plymouth, Minnesota with her young family, back in 1977, but never fully relinquished that East Coast accent. (The R's never came back.) Phyllis created a career for herself in real estate, and was employed at Coldwell Banker, and then RE/MAX, until her eventual retirement. She and Bob were married in 1988, and chose to make Maple Grove their permanent home. Together in retirement, they loved planting a masterpiece of flowers each summer out on their deck. They took annual winter escapes to Cancun. They enjoyed reading, watching movies together, and occasionally, testing their luck out at Mystic Lake. As a team, Phyllis and Bob hosted the most wonderful holiday dinners for their growing, extended families. They were good together.

Although she barely cleared the 5 ft. threshold, and was a softy for sappy Hallmark movies, it should be said, that this woman was as tough as they get. She was feisty and strong-willed, but deep down inside, she had a heart of gold. Phyllis leaves a big hole in the hearts of all who loved her. We pray she rests in peace. Private family interment at Crystal Lake Cemetery. Friends are welcome to join us for an open house/celebration of life, at the home of Mark and Pam Laventure, 12-3pm on Saturday, April 27th. Memorials preferred to local animal rescues, in Phyllis' honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in peace beautiful sister*

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