



Delores "Honey" Phillips

April 8, 1936 - December 27, 2012

Delores L. "Honey", 76, Phillips, formerly of St. Joseph, passed away peacefully in her daughter's arms on Thursday afternoon, December 27, at the Loving Care Home in Berrien Springs, and is now at eternal peace.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30 P.M., on Monday, December 31, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 211 Church Street, in St. Joseph with Fr. Robert Creagan officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. A Wake service will be held Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 6:00 at the Dey-Florin Funeral Home, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph with the Rosary recited at 6:00. Memorials may be made to Trauma Recovery Associates or for Masses. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Honey was born April 8, 1936 in Benton Harbor. She was one of six children born to Charles and Mary Garlanger. Honey graduated from St. Johns' Catholic High School in 1954 as co-valedictorian of her class. Honey married Frederick Phillips on September 4, 1954 and together had two daughters. She was a multi-talented musician and seamstress. She enjoyed painting and doing floral arrangements and even began her own craft business - Honey's Bee Hive. A devout Catholic, she was a long-time member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and an organist at St. John Catholic Church in Benton Harbor. Honey was also a secretary at Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. She was an active member of the Psi Iota Psi Sorority and a director in Recovery Incorporated helping people struggling with anxiety disorders. Most of all, Honey will be remembered as being devoted to her family whom she cherished.

Honey is survived by her daughter, Ann (Tom) Phillips Browning of Portage, Michigan; granddaughters, Merritt Ann Grusecki and Laura Elizabeth Browning; son-in-law, Dennis Grusecki of Belleville, Michigan; her siblings, Richard "Dick" (Ruth Ann) Garlanger of Benton Harbor, Doris Bauman, Robert (Sue) Garlanger of St. Augustine Florida, and Chuck (Jackie) Garlanger of St. Joseph; and by numerous nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved.

In addition to her parents, Honey was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick in 2002; her daughter, Kathryn Marie (Phillips) Grusecki in 2011; sister, Joan Hyrshko in 1977, and by her brother-in-law, Bill Bauman in 2003.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1646-1666 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Service

DEC 31. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 Church St.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
sjcath1@sbcglobal.net

Tribute Wall

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Caryn McFall - January 02, 2013 at 07:36 PM

DP

“ So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Please know that you are close in my heart. Praying for the arms of God to wrap around you and give you all you need . love you.



Donna Pestoor - January 02, 2013 at 04:57 AM

JS

“ Ann, sorry to hear about your loss so close to the holidays. I wondered when I had not seen any comments on facebook. I wish I could have been at the service, but i did not find out until today. Hope all is well with you in the New Year with many wonderful memories to console you.

Joan Skoda - December 31, 2012 at 04:21 PM

PH

“ Paula Buchbinder Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Delores "Honey" Phillips



paula buchbinder hubbard - December 29, 2012 at 11:27 AM