



Peggy Phillips

April 23, 1939 - April 3, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Peggy Phillips, who passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026, at the age of 86, in her home surrounded by loved ones.

Peggy was born in Centralia on April 23, 1939. She is the daughter of Ralph Hartley and Emily (Krietemeyer) Hartley. She married William H. "Bill" Phillips on June 22, 1958 in Irvington and he preceded her in death in October of 1985 after 27 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Emily Hartley, her brother, Ronald Hartley, and half sister, Beth Bealer.

She leaves behind her two loving daughters, Cindi Chapman of Centralia and Karla Blowers of Olympia, WA; granddaughter, Jessi (husband Derek) Utley of Centralia; grandson, Will Blowers Jr. of North Bend, WA; granddaughter, Brooke (husband Ian) Ilgenfritz, and great-grandchildren, Lennon and Sullivan Ilgenfritz of Olympia, WA. Her grandchildren, as well as many others, knew her lovingly as "Gram".

A proud graduate of Centralia Township High School, class of 1957, Peggy went on to pursue higher education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where she earned her Master's Degree in Education. Dedicated to her students, she served as a teacher at Sandoval High School for over two

decades, retiring in 1995. Peggy was not only a teacher but also a FHA, and D.A.R.E. leader, impacting countless lives with her guidance. Prior to teaching, she was a 4-H leader, mentoring, guiding meetings, and planning activities for our community's youth. Her passion for education and her commitment to her students left a lasting legacy.

After retiring from teaching, Peggy worked at SAFE in Centralia, a testament to her dedication to helping those in need. She also led the class of 1957's generous annual donation to families at Christmas in the Centralia area. She was known for her seamstress skills, culinary talents, and her love of playing cards. Her strong-will, candid nature, and willingness to help others will always be remembered. Peggy will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

To honor Peggy's life, a visitation will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, followed by a celebration of her life at 1:00 PM, at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801, (618)532-3523, which is honored to be of service to Peggy's family. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the funeral home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Celebration of Life

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Peggy Phillips*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - April 08 at 05:09 PM

MW

“ *Michael Wagner planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Phillips.*

Michael Wagner - April 09 at 07:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Phillips.*



April 08 at 03:41 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peggy Phillips.*

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MH

“ Mrs. Phillips was that teacher that really impacted my life. She was THE best teacher. I wish I had told her how much she meant to me. I will miss her deeply. My thoughts and prayers for the family.

Mary Hanks - April 08 at 12:10 PM

JW

“ Wonderful and cheerful spirit. Always welcoming. God bless Peggy and her family.

Jim Wiedman - April 08 at 09:29 AM

NJ

“ I will always remember how important our CHS class of 57 was to Peggy and when we'd meet she would always approach her co chair Ralph McTall and give him a kiss on the cheek knowing he would turn red and we would all get a big laugh at her doing that. You will always remain in my heart Peggy.

Nancy K Jones - April 07 at 09:54 PM

TO

“ Tonya purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Phillips.



Tonya - April 07 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Phillips.



April 07 at 11:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peggy Phillips.

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“ I had Mrs Phillips for Home Economics which taught us boys how to cook and sew. In case we marry someone who doesn't cook or is bad cook. I have used both and think of her when I remember certain quirks, like doing dishes while cooking. That way all the misc are done ie...loaded in dishwasher...
Br

Brent Dodson - April 07 at 11:18 AM



“ Rod Porter and Mary, Troy & Neena Porter purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Peggy Phillips.



Rod Porter and Mary, Troy & Neena Porter - April 06 at 02:48 PM

RE

“ 1 file added to the album cousin so dear to us



Rebecka - April 06 at 08:28 AM

RE

Many times over you showed up for us. Love ya Peg. Enjoy your heavenly home.

Rebecka - April 06 at 08:43 AM

MF

“ Melinda Krietemeyer Martha Wolfe family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Peggy Phillips.



Melinda Krietemeyer Martha Wolfe family - April 05 at 07:53 PM



“ Mrs. Phillips was an awesome teacher she cared about all her students and he teaching family. She worked hard with a lot of students. RIH Mrs Phillips

Cassandra Green - April 05 at 05:31 PM

RH

“ *I'll miss you Peggy Fly high with the Angels* ”



Rose Marie Hixenbaugh - April 05 at 03:27 PM