



Phyllis M. Walkowiak (nee Pawlowski)

March 12, 1932 - September 28, 2025

September 28, 2025 of Buffalo, NY.

Beloved wife of the late Frank J. Walkowiak; loving mother of Jennifer (Thomas) Fels, Lydia (Richard) Pikul, William (Cheddy) Walkowiak and John (Laurie) Walkowiak. No prior visitation. Services were held privately by the family. Interment in St Adalbert's Cemetery, Lancaster. Arrangements by the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ About 15 years ago, Phyllis and I began our friendship as E-Mail buddies. Our relationship grew as we shared stories during our visits. She had a in-ate ability to sense whenever I was feeling low. She would never fail to offer guidance and care during those times. To reciprocate, I would try to help her with her down times. On the holidays and weekends I would bring her favorite spaghetti dinner. She always said she was the envy of everyone in the dining room. It always amazed me how she could navigate on her laptop. It became her window to the world. Whenever her computer needed a repair or replacement, I came to her rescue. A day without her computer was like a day without sunshine. I remember one time the computer repairman pointed out that the keys no longer had letters on them. It was time for a new one.

Phyllis loved to watch the live-streamed concerts I sent her. She always followed up with a thank you and intelligent questions. When she was healthier, she would join my family for summer town band concerts.

She was thoughtful by remembering important dates with cards and inquiring about my family. She would tell me what to see on my vacations and loved to track our flights. I always sent photos during my trips to brighten up her day.

Phyllis was my best friend. She would say “I love you like my own.” That was an honor. She made me realize that the love we share with everyone is the most important thing we do in our lives. That was her priceless gift to me. Once in a while, during our lifetime, we might be lucky enough to know someone like Phyllis. I was a lucky one. Phyllis helped me to become a better person. God bless you dear, Phyllis. “I love you like my own.”

Cathie Welch - October 02, 2025 at 07:08 PM

KA

“ I feel like I have lost a dear friend of over thirty years.
My warmest sympathies to her family and friends.

Kate - October 02, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MA

“ My aunt was a force of nature throughout her entire life. She always remembered her sister's 7 children with gifts, when she could, while growing up. That meant a lot to us. It was nice to be thought of. I will never forget her. I picture her reunited with her siblings in their best-selves, and happy.

Margaret - October 02, 2025 at 12:40 PM

AP

“ A 10 yr. old offered friendship to a new, frightened student in a new school, 83 yrs. ago. That friendship has come to an end. Rest in Peace, dear friend. Alice

Alice Perrelli - October 01, 2025 at 08:04 PM

JC

“ A wonderful friend of my wife, Jeannette, whom she comforted with messages before my wife's passing 7 years ago. After that I became close to Phyllis and visited her often. On her birthday, March 12th, Alice Perrelli and I always took her out for her favorite dish: scallops, accompanied by a glass of beer. I said so long to her Sunday afternoon when I visited her a few hours before her passing at Elderwood. Phyllis was a brilliant woman with untapped talent. She would have made a wonderful writer. I tried to encourage her to get her thoughts on paper, but I believe she felt it was too late for that. She had wonderful stories to tell about her many life experiences. Unfortunately, we will be deprived of them forever. On every visit and email, she always mentioned Jeannette to me, and for that I am forever grateful.

A complex, principled woman with a truly loving heart, Phyllis had many loyal friends who visited her frequently. Few remain, but those of us who do will miss her very much. May she find in heaven the happiness she sought here on earth.

Jim Costa - October 01, 2025 at 06:36 PM