



Phyllis Ann Bowman

August 18, 1946 - April 21, 2026

Phyllis Ann VanDussen Bowman

8/18/46–4/21/26

Phyllis was born August 18, 1946, to Dirk and Gertude (Baar) VanDussen in Dorr Township, Michigan. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of April 21, 2026.

Her father was a carpenter and her mother was a homemaker. As a teenager she moved with her family to Anchorage, Alaska. She attended East Anchorage High School until her senior year, and then finished high school in Wayland, Michigan in 1966.

Phyllis married Samuel Bowman on April 17, 1967, becoming mother to his two small children.

Phyllis and Sam were married for 57 years until his passing in 2024.

Phyllis and Sam lived for many years in Anchorage, Alaska, and several years in Eagle, Alaska on the Yukon River. She followed Sam on many wilderness adventures. They eventually moved back to Anchorage where they were very involved members of Trinity Christian Reformed Church.

Phyllis's faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior was most important to her.

Phyllis was a homemaker, and eventually worked in the airline hospitality industry. In the 1970s she went gold mining and prospecting with Sam in the summertimes. Her later jobs included hotel housekeeping, a live-in housekeeper, and childcare in both preschool and home settings. She sang solos and sang in her church choir with an angelic soprano voice. She also taught Sunday-school for preschoolers for many years. In 2022 Phyllis and Sam moved to Newberg, Oregon where they spent their final years.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband Sam, both of her parents, her siblings: Carol, Robert, Dirk Jr, Pearl, and Irene. She is survived by her son Robert (Roseanne), daughter Gwen Fleischman (David), seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Peter VanDussen (Chris), sister Patricia Greenman, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

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“ I remember back in 1986 when we lived in Anchorage and has 2 kids under 2 years old Phyllis was the only person we allowed to babysit our kids as she was the nicest, friendliest, and most trustworthy person. As a young mom without family in the area she really warmed up to my husband and I and our children. Gwen your mom was really a blessing to us that last year we lived in Alaska! So sorry to hear of her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
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Thank you Anna❤️

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