



Rev. Phyllis J. Baum

March 4, 1949 - September 30, 2023

Rev. Phyllis J. Baum age 74, died on Saturday, September 30th, 2023, of pancreatic cancer.

She was the wife of the late Rev. Vernon H. Baum and the daughter of the late Walter and Joyce Risser of Campbelltown. She graduated from Palmyra High School in 1967 and Indiana University of PA with a BS degree in Education in 1971. Phyllis was called to be a Commissioned Minister at Penn Central Conference and served from 1982-1992. She served as a Parish Assistant at St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown from 1984-1987. In 1992, Phyllis enrolled in Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1995. She was ordained on October 29, 1995, and began her ministry as Pastor at Hayshire UCC in York on October 30, 1995. She served as the Pastor for sixteen years and retired in June 2012.

Phyllis and Vernon enjoyed traveling and attending concerts, and theatre. After Vernon's passing, Phyllis continued to attend concerts and theatre. She began quilting in 2014 and continued to 2023 when her health began to decline.

She is survived by 3 children, Matthew, Meghan, and Michael Carson (Ladan), and five grandchildren, Leila, William, Clem, Forrest, and Matthew, Jr. Phyllis is also survived by five siblings, Jay Risser (Cindy), Walter H. Risser, Jr., Joanne Longenecker, Christine Oliver (Jack), and Lisa Burnett (John), and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Micheal Risser in 2005.

Memorial gifts are designated to the Layman Center Crisis Nursery at 400 West Market Street York, PA 17401, or Milagro House at 669 West Chesnut Street Lancaster, PA 17603. This program helps women break the cycle of poverty by giving them access to opportunities to finish their high school education or complete a post-secondary diploma or certification through partnerships with local educational institutions.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Salem UCC in Campbelltown. Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Salem United Church of Christ
2761 Horseshoe Pike
Campbelltown, PA 17010

Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Barb Leese and Shannon Cleaveland purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rev. Phyllis J. Baum.*



Barb Leese and Shannon Cleaveland - October 20, 2023 at 08:20 AM

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“ *Can't believe yet another of my former students has passed away. I will always remember Phyllis' room-lighting smile and friendly nature. Deepest sympathy to the Baum and Risser families on their loss. Rachel Noll*

Rachel Noll - October 03, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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“ *After serendipitously reconnecting with Phyllis several years ago, our "Class of '67" friends have shared time with her monthly and during a very special vacation that some of us experienced with her in Virginia this past Spring. We will carry fond memories of Phyllis's laughter; appreciation for the arts, crafts and literature; and love of her family, her congregation and her friends, for the rest of our lives. Blessings to all who knew, loved and were connected through Phyllis during the time that she shared with us on this earth. Kathy Hetrick*

Kathleen Hetrick - October 03, 2023 at 10:50 AM

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“ *Went to school with Phyllis, was a wonderful person.*

Sandy Souder - October 03, 2023 at 08:01 AM