



Phyllis Styles Kervan

July 16, 1916 - February 24, 2008

Phyllis Styles Kervan passed away with a peaceful spirit Sunday afternoon February 24, 2008, following a brief stay at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born July 16, 1916 in Wisbech, England she was the daughter of Ernest William and Bertha Styles. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Francis T, Kervan.on April 24, 1985.

Phyllis lived a full, independent and happy life. She was educated in England and excelled at all the levels of her schooling there. At the early age of 9, Phyllis was invited to and attended the prestigious private Wisbech Girls School. She was an avid reader with a particular interest in History. She was an unlimited source of knowledge and wisdom to her family. Her hobbies included sewing and needlework. She enjoyed the arts and the game of golf, being a past president of the "Nine-Holers at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington. She was an outstanding mother, grandmother and great grandmother always active in the lives of each generation. Her presence will be deeply missed but her kind and gentle spirit will always be with us.

In 1946 she came to the United States from her beloved England after meeting and marrying her husband who served in the US Air Force in England during World War II. She spent the next 61 years living a nurturing life. Phyllis and her husband first settled in in Bennington VT until 1953. They then moved to Rensselaer, NY where they stayed for the next 18 years raising her family

and always providing a loving home open to her children's friends. Her time in Rensselaer will be remembered by many for her work at Goode's Store, and her service as the neighborhood seamstress. Her husband's career with Hartford Insurance brought work-related moves to Chicago, IL; Windsor Locks, CT; Milford, CT; and Newington CT. When Phyllis became a widow in 1985 she moved to New Britain to be closer to her daughter and family. This move spawned a most endearing "Best friends" relationship between Phyllis and her daughter Deb.

Phyllis is survived by her son Francis "Bill" Kervan of East Greenbush, NY; a daughter Deborah Volz and a most caring and special son-in-law Robert Volz of New Britain; 4 grandchildren; Michael Kervan; Kristine and Eric Jukes of East Greenbush NY; Jennifer Volz Hebert of Bristol CT , Kevin Volz and his girlfriend Tracey David of Bethesda MD. Her Great Grandson's of which she was so proud, Justin and Matthew Hebert of Bristol CT and Devin Jukes of East Greenbush NY. Also surviving are her Nephews and Nieces, Michael and Lyn Styles of Upwell, England; Kelly and Kristin Kervan; Ann Smith; Nancy and Paul Donlon of Bennington VT and Dawn and Dennis McEwan of Troy NY. Phyllis was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law Cyril and Margaret Styles.

If you knew her, no words are needed, if not, no words are enough.

A Celebration of her life will be held Wednesday 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Wednesday morning from 10:15 AM until the time of the service. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Phyllis has requested that those who would like to make a donation in her memory do so to Dr. Lawrence Einhorn of Indianapolis Indiana in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the research and cure for Cancer.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to:

Dr. Lawrence Einhorn
Indiana University Foundation Cancer Research
PO Box 663802
Indianapolis, IN 46266-3802

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Debby,

Please accept my sincerest sympathies on the loss of your mother. I have many fond memories of birthday parties, etc. at your home with your mom as the warm hostess. She was always such a patient and friendly lady even with a house full of kids and I always loved her accent. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Joanie

Joan Van Bramer Mooney - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Bill, Deb and Family. I was away last week and my wife told me about the passing of your Mom on Feb.24th. I have many fond memories of growing up in Rensselaer and always being welcome in the Kervan home by your Mom. I remember her warm hospitality and that friendly smile, also the English accent which was unusual in Eastland Park. As you know your Dad was also special to me, teaching me how to play baseball an be a catcher and introducing me to the world of golf. These great memories we will always have. Your Mom is in my prayers. Rich Polsinello

Rich Polsinello - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Bill and Deborah...we are friends of Bill in Rensselaer, NY. We were sad to read of your Mom's passing. What a wonderful obituary that showed the true love you had for your mother. Even though we didn't know your Mom, we learned about what a caring mother and grandmother she must have been. I am sure you both have wonderful memories that will last you a lifetime. Our sincere condolences to you and you families...*

Mark and Donna Conroy

Mark and Donna Conroy - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Bill and Debby,*

I am sincerely sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She was a lovely person. I have fond memories of her wonderful smile and laughter. She rescued me many times with her excellent seamstress skills.

My thoughts are with you and your family.

Kathy Maloney Mooney - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ There was never a dull moment when visiting Aunt Phyllis. She was always full of creative ideas, great stories and she had a knack for making everyday activities a true adventure. Most memorable were visits to her home in Rensselaer, N.Y. Aunt Phyllis would allow us to ride the trolley for hours and we traveled all over the city. We felt free, independent and it was not until years later that I realized she had an agreement with the conductor. He kept a watchful eye on us at all times free child care and we never thought of getting off until Aunt Phyllis returned. She was truly loved but her spirit lives on in all of us.

Dawn Mc Ewen

Dawn McEwen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Mother

*If There Are Roses In Heaven
Will You Send One Just For Me
So I Can Hold It Close To My Heart
Where You Will Always Be
I Will Lay It On My Pillow Each Night
As The Angels Tuck Me In
I Will Know That You Are Near Me
And Feel Your Presence Once Again
I Am Thankful For All The Years
You Were There To Help Me Through
I Will Always Remember "My Precious Mother"
Whose Love Was Honest And True!*

In Loving Memory Of ___ Phyllis Styles Kervan_____
Who Received Her Angel Wings - Date 02-24-2008

Charleen Conti - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Deb and Bob you are not only friends but family. I Love you so much and I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom Phyllis. My deepest sympathy and always remember how much I Love you and cherish our friendship. I am here for you if you need me, my prayers are with you and your family. God Bless you!
Love Charleen and Colleen*

Charleen Conti - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family.*

Don & Silvy Lang - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I absolutely adored Phyllis, or as I called her, Nan. I had met her granddaughter, Jen, when I was about 7 and we have been the best of friends since and Nan has always made me feel a part of the family. She was a wonderful, intelligent woman and I loved listening to her stories and enjoyed every moment I was able to spend with her. I will truly miss Nan. My condolences to Deb, Bob, Jen, Kev, Justin and Matt. I love you all.*

Joanne Dudanowicz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *To the best Grandma anyone could ask for! I truly feel privileged to have had 35 years knowing her and experiencing her wisdom. I will truly miss Grandma but she will always be in my heart!*

Jen Hebert - granddaughter - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM