



Phyllis W. Trail

June 27, 1932 - October 4, 2025

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Phyllis Welsh Trail passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on October 4th, 2025. She was a loving mother and wife and will be missed by family and friends alike. She was a proud resident of Blawnox, PA and a life-long member of St. Edward's Church.

She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Walter J. Trail, her daughter Francine Greene (Pete), and her son-in-law Brett Schoenecker.

Phyllis is survived by four of her five children and spouses: Phyllis (Jim) Stehle, Walter (Claudia) Trail, Jeannine Schoenecker, son-in-law Pete Greene and Michele (Todd) Washing. She was the proud grandmother to eight grandchildren: Maureen (Chris) Bobish, Nathan (Andrea Massa) Stehle, Joslynn Trail, Wesley (Kari) Greene, PJ (Paige) Greene, Sydney (Weston) Washing-Lingo, J.T. Washing and Ryan Washing. Her great-grandchildren, Seth and Molly Bobish, were the apples of her eye. Phyllis leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews. She will especially be missed by her godchild Laura Jean McLaughlin.

Phyllis and Walt raised their family in Blawnox, on Center Avenue and their home was constantly filled with the sounds of laughter and play from their

children and the neighborhood kids too. Many will remember the pool in the backyard and Mom coming out on the porch to yell us home for dinner. She later started another tradition with "kids' vacation" for the grandchildren. Another highlight of the summer was the annual family reunion picnic where Mom kept up her connections with the many cousins in the extended family. She was like a second mother to them.

Phyllis volunteered for many organizations over the years, earlier on at the St. Edward's Women's Club and later at Meals and Wheels. She was a Eucharistic minister, part of the rosary group that prayed for deceased members of the parish and volunteered as a poll worker for the borough during elections.

Mom was an expert seamstress, making many clothes for her children and grandchildren, staying up late into the night finishing matching outfits for her girls for holidays such as Easter. (Walt mercifully escaped that.) She also created quilts and window treatments for her children's homes. Earlier in her marriage she filmed home movies; later this evolved into "porch pictures" on the steps of 937 at the end of each visit. Mom was an excellent cook and could feed a crowd. She also enjoyed playing cards and watching football with her family and friends.

We hope that you will remember Mom as the vibrant, social person that she was, and as a woman of very strong faith that she lived throughout her life. Rest easy Mom, you left a great legacy.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in her memory to Concordia of Fox Chapel (931 Route 910 Cheswick, PA 15024), Aspinwall Meals on Wheels (450 Walnut Street, Pittsburgh, PA

15238), or the charity of your choice.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 10, 2025 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238.

A mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, October 11, 2025, 10:30am at St. Edwards Church, Christ The King Parish, 448 Walnut Street, Blawnox, PA 15238.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery - Sharps Hill

1019 Sharps Hill Road
Sharpsburg, PA 15215

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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930 Center Avenue
Blawnox, PA 15238

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Mass

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ the King Parish, St. Edward Church
450 Walnut Street
Blawnox, PA 15238

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Jeannine and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mom as being a warm and very kind person. Patti Krause Hirsh

Patricia L. Hirsh - October 10, 2025 at 07:40 PM

SP

“ Six Pack purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis W. Trail.



Six Pack - October 10, 2025 at 08:02 AM

BT

“ My 1st memory of Phyllis was when I was 10 years old. Walt had recently returned from the Korean War. He arrived at our townhouse (in Oakland, PA) in his army uniform with a very cute "girlfriend". I think they were engaged? I always looked forward to visiting their home in Blawnox. Phyllis always made us feel welcome. She is a great loss to us all.

Bill Trail - October 09, 2025 at 05:16 PM

JE

Bill - thank you for that memory. I love hearing that story.

Jeannine - October 09, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ Jim and Ronnie Burnie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Phyllis W. Trail.



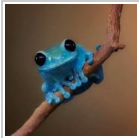
Jim and Ronnie Burnie - October 09, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Phyllis W. Trail.



October 08, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ I felt close to her. She seemed like the sort of older sister I would have liked. I didn't see her very often, but when we met, it was like no time had passed. I loved her stories of her early life. A lovely lady.

Lynda Schoenecker - October 08, 2025 at 01:37 PM

JE

Lynda - thanks for your kind words. She always enjoyed your company at Thanksgiving.

Jeannine - October 09, 2025 at 09:06 PM

MN

“ *McLaughlin nieces and nephews purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Phyllis W. Trail.*



McLaughlin nieces and nephews - October 07, 2025 at 01:35 PM

KW

“ *Everyday i shared with Phyllis was a special day and I will treasure the memories always . I became her caretaker and we became good friends with a special bond . We connected from the beginning (after i learned to make the bed right and do the laundry the old school way hanging clothes outside to dry lol) I will always miss the big blue eyes and beautiful smile i would get when she seen me .. God sure got an angel when he opened heavens gate for her. She spoke so much about all of her entire family she loved everyone so much .I had the pleasure of knowing all her wonderful kids. and what amazing bond they all shared with mom . What an amazing family . Again i say thank you to all of you for loving your mom so much and she was so proud to call you all her kids . I love you my (girly girl) you will forever be in my heart and my thoughts forever. Your friend always Kathy Williams xoxo*

Kathy Williams - October 07, 2025 at 03:50 AM

PH

Thanks Kathy for the kind words. You were a godsend to us. She loved you too.

Phyllis - October 07, 2025 at 12:16 PM

WT

Thank You Kathy for your kind words, You were greatly appreciated by the family, Your kind and thoughtful care for Mom was so relieving for us. Thank You!

Walt

Walt Trail - October 07, 2025 at 02:39 PM

JE

Kathy, thank you for those wonderful sentiments. Mom held a special place in her heart for you. We are so glad you are part of our extended family.

Jeannine - October 08, 2025 at 12:16 PM

MD

I remember your Mom through my late parents, Marge and George Bubash. They always had a kind word to say about her and the endless amount of work she did for the members at St. Edward's. God Bless!

Maggie Dillsworth - October 09, 2025 at 05:32 PM