



## Joan Marie Phillips

December 16, 1931 - November 20, 2018

KINGSFORD -Joan Marie Phillips age 86, left us for her next journey through the forest and streams to God's Kingdom. On November 20, 2018, Joan passed away peacefully with her babies by her side.

Joan grew up at a time when the simple things were the best things. A time when getting into trouble was playing by the railroad tracks or swimming in Vulcan Lake on a hot day when she should have been pulling weeds!

Joan or as many called her when she was young "Booboo," was born to Leo and Margaret VanGoethem on December 16, 1931 in Norway, Michigan. She graduated from Norway High School in 1950. In her younger days she worked for Kraft Foods in Green Bay while attending business school. Later, she worked for Dickinson County until her retirement.

Joan enjoyed the outdoors, often taking walks in the woods near her home. She loved dogs and they always brought a smile to her face. She was an avid painter and enjoyed reading, sewing and crafts. Joan was a good cook and often stretched a meal for unexpected company. No one went away hungry.

She is survived by four children: William Phillips, Michael (Patty) Phillips, Patricia (James) Charlier, Deborah (Kevin) VanPay; ten grandchildren and step grandchildren, Jacqueline (Patrick) Ryan, Stephanie Phillips, Stephan

Phillips, Jennifer (Tony) Adam, Michelle (David) Alexa, Jimmy Charlier, Carly Charlier, Logan Koebel, Nathan (Megan) VanPay, Kyle (Megan) VanPay; five great grandchildren: Taylor, Bryce, Ethan, Ella and Adilynne.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, December 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Joan will be laid to rest at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Family is requesting that any memorials be made as donations to the Solomonson Branch of the Dickinson County Library, 620 Section Street, Norway, Michigan 49870 in Joan's name. In years past, she contributed in the name of her parents and it is a worthy cause to continue.

The family would like to thank Joan's Angels from the Angel's on Humboldt Assisted Living Facility in Green Bay, Wisconsin for the care and kindness they gave Joan the past two years and Heartland Hospice, Green Bay for their compassion and help in the final weeks of her life.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
[ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com](mailto:ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com)  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Bill, losing a parent can have the most unique way of bringing together those that have strayed from the family. It is a time to mourn the loss together, find comfort in each other and remind us of the importance of family. God’s family is huge and please know that you never suffer alone and only have to reach out to find peace and comfort in the open arms of a member of that family. We are here for you and your family and know that God will see you through, and a brighter day will dawn for you and yours. Many good thoughts and prayers coming your way. Patti, Florida

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**Patti** - December 01, 2018 at 09:15 AM

WA

“ Deepest condolences to you and your family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Brian and Wendy Angle*

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**Wendy Angle** - December 01, 2018 at 08:12 AM

HT

“ Bill and Family,  
Sorry for your loss. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you and your loved ones during this time.

*Herfel*

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**Herfel Torres** - November 29, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Phillips.*



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November 29, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ *Bill, praying God's peace and love will comfort your family during this difficult time of loss.*

*Sheilah Lloyd Walls Siemens  
Bartsville, OK*

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**Sheliah Siemans** - November 29, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *With Heartfelt Condolences, Linetti & Lizetti Reyes purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Joan Marie Phillips.*



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**With Heartfelt Condolences, Linetti & Lizetti Reyes** -  
November 29, 2018 at 02:25 PM

CM

“ *Bill, We are deeply saddened to hear of your Mother's passing. Please accept our sincerest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of such a beautiful woman and Mom. Please know you will remain close to our hearts and in our thoughts and prayers.*

*May you find peace in wonderful memories.*

*Carlo, Nicky and the staff of  
Intelligent Technology Services*

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**Carlo and Nicky Mercieri** - November 29, 2018 at 02:25 PM

LR

“ *Bill,*

*Although no words can take away the sorrow that you bare, may it be comforting to you to know that others care for you and share your grief. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. “The loss of a mother can never be replaced, but the love of a mother can never be lost.”*

*With sincere sympathy,  
'Linetti' R.*

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**L Reyes** - November 29, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Phillips.*



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November 29, 2018 at 11:14 AM

EM

“ *Sorry for your loss. My condolences to the Phillips family.*

Eric Martin - November 29, 2018 at 09:44 AM

LR

“ *Bill,  
Thank you for sharing with us your mother's story. From what I read, you've had some amazing women in your life who shaped you into the caring person you are today. Losing family is never easy, but the wonderful memories help us get through it. My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and hope you are comforted in the support you have from family, friends, and colleagues.*

Liz R. - November 29, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Phillips.*



November 28, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences to your entire family for the loss of May you feel the comfort of family and friends at this difficult time.*

Brian Hess - November 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM



*I apologize, I accidentally hit send before completing my thoughts.  
"Please accept my condolences to your entire family for the loss of your mother. May you feel the comfort of family and friends at this difficult time."*

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**Brian Hess** - November 28, 2018 at 04:49 PM

ES

*“ Bill, we are so sorry to hear of your beloved mother's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences to you and your brothers and sisters during this difficult time.*

*Elwin & Velma Smith  
Merritt Island, FL*

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**Elwin Smith** - November 28, 2018 at 03:50 PM

JK

*“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with the Phillip's family.*

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**Josh kailis** - November 28, 2018 at 01:38 PM

CN

*“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother Bill. even though I didnt know her, she must of been a great lady. she raised a very smart and hard working son. Best wishes to you and your family during this difficult time.*



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**Cory Nave** - November 28, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Phillips family .*

*Bradley Reed*

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**Bradley Reed** - November 28, 2018 at 07:31 AM

PW

“ *Bill,*

*I was touched by your letter to me regarding the untimely passing of your Mom and what she meant to you. I also appreciate the words of affection for each of your grandmothers and their affect on your life. I am indebted to you for the time and effort it took you to write your personal thoughts to us at the Underwood Surgery Center during this time of reflection and grief. It will be 30 years this month since my own mom's passing during her demise from cancer. She was taken too young and at a time that left my family heartbroken from all dreams she never realized in spending more time with her children and grandchildren. I celebrate her life each day and remember all the good things that she taught me and the bar that she required. All I can do as a son , in her memory, is to live a life that redeems and perpetuates her legacy as role model, teacher, and a wonderful Christian life filled with devotion to her family.*

*I celebrate your Mom's life with you and wish all of your family great blessings in this time of pain as you mourn her passing.*

*Thank you for the letter and for always being there for us as a company. She , I am certain, is proud of you and cherished you as her son.*

*Prayerful wishes that God grants you peace and comfort,  
Paul R. Williamson MD*



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**paul williamson** - November 27, 2018 at 03:33 PM

SJ

“ Joan raised a nice son, Bill, who I have known for many years. That indicates she raised a fine family and was a kind and caring person. Condolences to the family on her passing. May your memories soon turn to the happy, funny, and joyful memories of having Joan as your mother.

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**Sandra Jones** - November 27, 2018 at 12:42 PM

JT

“ The Phillips Family,

We wish you Peace to bring Comfort,  
Courage to face the days ahead,  
and Loving Memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Our deepest sympathies,  
From all of us at Tavares Surgery Center in Florida.

Jennifer Taylor



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**Jennifer Taylor** - November 27, 2018 at 11:58 AM

RB

“ Bill and Family,  
Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you and your family during this time.

Sincerely,  
Richard Bodwell  
ISS Mechanical

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**Richard Bodwell** - November 27, 2018 at 11:30 AM

BT

“ *Bill and family,*

*So sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother and is especially difficult around the holiday season. I lost my Mother in 1986, she was just 46 years old and even though that was 32 years ago my thoughts of her are never far. May the warm and fond memories of your Mother give you and your family comfort and peace. My sincere condolences,*

*Bev Teague*

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**Bev Teague** - November 27, 2018 at 09:38 AM



CB

“ *Don't cry for today, but smile for all of the yesterdays...*

*Bill, From all of us here at The Advanced Center for Surgery, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Sincerely, Carrie Bryant*

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**Carrie Bryant** - November 27, 2018 at 05:52 AM



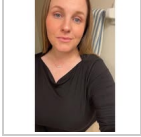
SD

“ *To the Phillips family- my prayers and sincere condolences going out to you in the loss of your mother.*

*Sharon Daigle. Iota, LA*

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**sharon Daigle** - November 26, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. Sending good energy and prayers your way.

Ashly Watt - November 25, 2018 at 10:28 PM



“ My prayers are with the Phillips family during their time of loss. May God be with you always.

Jen Haymaker - November 24, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. 🌸

Kat Smith - November 24, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Phillips family ; today there is a hole in the universe that we all feel .. Peace be with her and the family in the days to come .  
Ron Reed , Houston , Texas ..

Ronald Reed - November 24, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Bill and family, please accept my deepest condolences. I'm so very sorry to hear about your loss.

Jordan Ring

Jordan Ring - November 24, 2018 at 11:04 AM



Praying for you and your family Bill. May you treasure your memories and be thankful. My thoughts and prayers are with you all ❤️

Stacey Faulk - November 24, 2018 at 11:36 AM

TB

“ To Bill Phillips and his family, please accept my deepest condolences over your mother’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you today.

*Tia Bednarczyk and Mike Ellington  
Plant City Florida*

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**Tia Bednarczyk** - November 24, 2018 at 10:43 AM

EB

“ Praying God's comfort will be yours as you say goodbye to your loved one. You have my sympathy.

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**Elaine Barker** - November 24, 2018 at 10:16 AM


MA

“ Bill I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

*Mary*

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**mary** - November 24, 2018 at 09:36 AM

 Adam Haymaker

“ To Bill Phillips and his family, please accept my deepest condolences over your mother’s passing.

*Adam Haymaker  
Plymouth, OH*

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**Adam Haymaker** - November 24, 2018 at 09:20 AM

GE

“ To Bill Phillips and his family, please let me join Arlene Ring in accepting my deepest condolences over your mother’s passing.  
Geri Fendley  
Clarksville, TN  
A family member of Arlene’s.

geri - November 23, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ My heart goes out to you at this time, Bill..sending thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

Shannon Carter - November 23, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Bill Phillips and his siblings, Patty, Michael, and Debbie on the passing of their beloved mother. Losing a parent is a life changing moment which is highly personal for each child in their own way. Rejoice in the knowledge that she is with her loved ones that preceded her and she is without pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you.

Arlene Ring - November 23, 2018 at 12:03 PM

VL

“ To my cousins, Bill, Mike, Patty, and Debbie, Thinking of you in this difficult time. I have fond memories of Aunt Joan, her smile, her laugh, and how she liked to tease me. I enjoyed staying with all of you in the house in Loretto. As we celebrate Thanksgiving tomorrow, I will think of the times we shared this holiday with my "Van Goethem" side of the family and how we always had polenta with our turkey. Yum, turkey gravy on the polenta! Picnics at Lake Antoine come to mind also--those were great times! Rest in Peace Aunt Joan. With love, Vicki Van Goethem Laupp

Victoria Laupp - November 21, 2018 at 02:24 PM