



Phyllis Louise Connell

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Phyllis Louise Connell (née Pizzuto), age 84, went home to God on October 18, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on August 6, 1941, in Brooklyn, New York, Phyllis was the cherished daughter of the late Philip and Jean (née Petrone) Pizzuto. She graduated from St. Michael's Catholic High School and earned her degree from Brooklyn College, later dedicating her professional life to education as a beloved teacher at St. Pius X and Archbishop Spalding High Schools.

Phyllis married the love of her life, Alan Francis Patrick Connell, and together they built a home filled with faith, love, and creativity. She had a deep appreciation for nature and the arts and was a voracious reader. Whether gardening, spending time at the beach, swimming, camping, or creating beautiful stained glass and paintings, Phyllis lived with joy and intention. Her passion for art and her warmth touched all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Pizzuto; her mother and father in-law, Cecilia and John Connell; and her sister and brother in-law, Anne and Jack Egan.

Phyllis is survived by her devoted husband, Alan Francis Patrick Connell of Milton, DE; her children: Gregory Alan Connell (Susie) of Arnold, MD; Alayne Marie Kirkman (Anthony) of Centreville, MD; and Jennifer Lynn Willis (Wesley) of Huntingtown, MD. She was a proud grandmother to Brendan Jeffrey Herberger (Juliana); Cecelia Jemma Fowler (Ethan); Gemma Marie Willis and Brody Warren Willis (Paige); and a loving great-grandmother to Lucas Jeffrey Herberger, Madelyn Grace Fowler, Hazel Mae Willis, and Leo Francisco Herberger.

Phyllis's life was a testament to faith, family, and creativity. Her memory will be treasured by all who were blessed to know her.



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Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church at <https://www.stjudelewes.org/> or to the Lewes Public Library at <https://www.mygiving.net/donate/LewesLibrary>

Please sign Phyllis' tribute wall at this site.



Tribute Wall

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RG

Richard Golodner lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

I remember the love Mrs.Connell had for her children and her beloved husband .Her son,Greg and I went to high school together in 1980 and remain the closest of friends to this day. G-d Bless Phyllis and her children now and forever.
Lovingly,Richard Golodner



November 8 at 5:38 AM

FK

Frances Kalin posted:

My heart is saddened today as I learn of my dearest friend's passing.She was beautiful in and out. We were classmates at St. Michael's Academy, traveling to Penn Station daily for all of four years. We continued together at Brooklyn College to complete our education. We joined Dove House...a small social group on a big campus. We worked together as camp counselors at Camp Immaculata in Mattituck, LI, NY. We were in each other's bridal party. We were inseparable in thought if not in person, when Allan and Phyllis moved to Maryland... Rob and I missed them terribly .We shared so many memories....one in particular stands out...perhaps Allan may remember. We traveled to upstate New York one beautiful Fall day in Allan's red Pontiac convertible...and we stayed at a house of one of Allan's friends, Eric. Never realizing how cold the temperature would get at night.....the only way to stay warm was to cozy up on a pullout bed (yes all four of us together) in front of the roaring fire place.In the morning we laughed when we noticed the candles on the fireplace mantle melted over in a curl. No harm was done.But just one of many memories that always brings a smile to Rob and to me when we think back to those times when we were four, fun loving young people who enjoyed each other's company.We missed them so much.....No one ever filled that cherished void. Our deepest condolences to AI and the Connell family.

October 31 at 11:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phyllis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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