



Phyllis Curtin Russell

January 4, 1938 - May 23, 2022

PHYLLIS CURTIN RUSSELL
FORT WASHINGTON, MD

Phyllis passed away peacefully on May 23, 2022, with her husband, John, and family members by her side.

Phyllis was born on January 4, 1938, in Washington, D.C. While in high school she met the love of her life, her husband, John. After knowing each other for only two weeks they eloped to North Carolina and were married on May 29, 1955. Phyllis always said this was the day her life began. After her wedding, the city girl moved to a farm in Maryland. Phyllis helped on the farm, where among many things she learned to ride a wild horse and the difference between a tomato and a strawberry. She was a homemaker who loved cooking, especially corn beef for Pop and big holiday dinners. She took on the role of nurse as she was the only one that knew how to give Pop his shots the “right” way. Later, Phyllis worked for the Prince George’s County Police Department. After retiring, she and John moved to South Carolina.

Phyllis is survived by John, her loving husband of 67 years. Her children Celia Boston (Gary), Mary Butkiewicz (Jerry), William Russell, Sr. (Donna, who was like a daughter and cared for her everyday) and James Russell. She is survived by her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and devoted

friends.

Phyllis is predeceased by her parents, William and Mary Cecelia Curtin, her beloved “Dama” and her in-laws “Grandma and Pop.”

Visitation will be held at 11:00am until time of service at 12:00pm on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Happy Birthday, Mom 💖 . All my love always 💕💕

Mary - January 04 at 12:51 PM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Russell



Mary - January 04 at 12:50 PM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Russell



Mary - November 30, 2025 at 12:49 AM

MA

“ Thinking of you today, Mom. Thanks for all of the 4th of July memories. Love, Mary 💖

Mary - July 04, 2025 at 07:32 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Curtin Russell*



Mary - May 24, 2025 at 08:40 AM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Curtin Russell*



Mary - December 13, 2024 at 11:43 AM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Curtin Russell*



Mary - December 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Phyllis Curtin Russell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Phyllis Curtin Russell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

CB

“ I am thinking of you and your family, during this difficult time and your keep you in my thoughts and prayers Pearl- Carol Beck



Carol Beck - June 11, 2022 at 11:08 AM

FF

“ From the March and Eldridge Families. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phyllis Curtin Russell.



From the March and Eldridge Families. - June 09, 2022 at 01:02 PM

RW

“ Working with Phyllis was always something unexpected. She was very kindhearted in everything that she did. Don't get it twisted, she would correct you when you were wrong. I worked with Ms. Russell at D4. We always had lunch for the Command Office and there was always enough to share with everyone that was working that day. One particular day she decides to go over to the Giant (we were located in Eastover Shopping Center) and bought lobsters for lunch (Command Staff). We all said Phyllis what did you do? I'll never forget the expression on Lt. Bobby Pearl's face. You can only imagine. We had a great time with Ms. Russel and I stayed in contact with her after she retired and moved to South Carolina.

Miss Russell you will truly be missed! Rest in Paradise

Robin Williams - June 09, 2022 at 09:33 AM

PC

“ Dear Phyllis, I only met you after you retired but we connected like sisters (you were the oldest !). I always looked forward to the times we were together. I never tired of reliving your life, hearing of your work years, the long episode of your life with John from the very beginning. I felt the intensity of your passion for him and how secure you were in his love for you. Oh! the things we shared and the joy of having you for a forever friend will never be forgotten. Love you and John forever and ever.

Peggy Martin Ciampo - June 09, 2022 at 09:17 AM

TC

“ Tony & Peggy Ciampo purchased the A Full Life for the family of Phyllis Curtin Russell.



Tony & Peggy Ciampo - June 09, 2022 at 08:50 AM

FR

“ Sending sympathy to Johnny and the family. We have many memories of Phyllis , and John, over many years. The class of '56 OHHS will miss her. sincerely Fred and Joan Ritter.

fred ritter - June 07, 2022 at 06:48 PM

TN

“ I met Phyllis on the police Department, she was a clerk “on the Hill” and I was in Records we called each other when we needed information and I spent may midnight shifts visiting her while she was working and I was off. She never met a stranger, she will be missed by many. Rest in paradise my friend.

Toni Frostbutter Nelson

toni nelson - June 07, 2022 at 11:45 AM

GF

“ GPO Family purchased the Memorial Trees for the family of Phyllis Curtin Russell.

GPO Family - June 07, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DM

“ Phyllis was my clerk when I first came one the department. One night (on the midnight shift) the clerks wanted chicken from Church's Chicken, right in the heart of Eastover. Well as things would have it, as I waited for her in my cruiser. They locked the doors and she was stuck inside for a bit. It was extremely funny to me.

Somehow, they never wanted to make a Church's run again. Phyllis was so much fun to work this. She will be missed.

DEBORAH MCCOMBS - June 07, 2022 at 05:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Curtin Russell.*



June 06, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Curtin Russell.*



June 06, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the family and friends. I remember Mrs Russell from the Police department. She was a very nice Lady.*

Shirley Jenifer - June 02, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *I met Phyllis in 1994 at the Real Oxon Hill Station on Livingston Rd. It was a absolute honor to work with Phyllis. She was like a mom to so many. Rest In Peace good friend.
Ty Savage #2113 PGPD*

Tyrone Savage - June 01, 2022 at 08:12 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis and I were best friends for about 50 years or so...we worked at the police department together from 1975 until I retired in 1997. When our kids were young, we used to pile them into the car and take off, usually to Colonial Beach...when I retired, I moved to Florida and when she retired, she and John moved to South Carolina so we lost touch...but she was constantly on my mind... gonna miss you, Phyllis...RIP*

Pat Merrow - May 31, 2022 at 07:54 PM