



## Phyllis Joan Neese

March 4, 1929 - July 19, 2023

Phyllis J. Neese, 94, Lebanon, passed away peacefully on July 19th at Keepsake Village in Columbus, IN. She was born in Lebanon on March 4, 1929, daughter of Frank and Mae (Dillon) Thrine. She was married to Ross J. Neese on April 3, 1948, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon.

After graduation in 1947, Phyllis was employed at Bell Telephone Company until she became a mother in June of 1950. For many years Phyllis was a stay-at-home mother, homemaker, and caregiver to many throughout the years. During her stay-at-home years, she worked part-time as a Welcome Wagon Lady and later worked at Boone County Bank. Phyllis and her husband moved to Monticello in 1980 and back to Lebanon in 2004. Phyllis was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Phyllis and Ross spent several winters in Sebring, Florida. While at Keepsake Village she enjoyed participating in their many activities and even being a caregiver to some of the other residents.

Survivors include her daughter Theresa (Ross) Westerfeld, Columbus, Indiana Timothy Neese, Elkhart; grandchildren, Clayton (Franchesca) Westerfeld, Columbus, Indiana, Natalie (Nathan) Wanstrath, Batesville, Adam (Susan) Neese, San Diego, CA, Drew, (Danielle) Neese, New Paris, Emily Neese, Indianapolis, and fourteen great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband Ross, Phyllis was preceded in death by her brothers Philip Thrine and Robert Thrine.

Visitation will be held at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25th. The Rosary will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home. A Mass of the Resurrection is planned for 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 25th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon, Indiana. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Phyllis' memory to St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Improvement Fund, 319 East South Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 or to Keepsake Village, 2564 Fox Pointe Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
[office@myersmortuary.com](mailto:office@myersmortuary.com)  
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

## Service

JUL 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
319 East South Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Theresa, Tim and families,  
We're so sorry for your loss. I (Sally) have fond memories of Aunt Phyllis. I remember her babysitting for us when we were kids. I asked Mommy once how she worked and took care of us too. She said if it hadn't been for Mamaw Thrine and Aunt Phyllis she couldn't have done it. What was nice about going to her house was that we got to meet some of the neighbors.*

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**Sally and Eber Morgan** - July 24, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joan Neese.*



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July 24, 2023 at 09:28 AM

DJ

“ *So sorry to hear this. Phyllis and Ross were both friends of the Davis, Spurr and Cohee families.  
Phyllis' mother was the midwife when I was born near Lebanon on the Witt Road.  
Many good memories of a life well lived.  
Condolences to all of Phyllis' family.*

*Delbert Davis Jr  
Lexington SC*

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**Delbert Davis Jr** - July 21, 2023 at 09:47 PM

SF

“ *Sharon & Family lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Joan Neese*



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**Sharon & Family** - July 21, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joan Neese.*



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July 21, 2023 at 07:55 PM

RP

“ *Phyllis was a great lady. I always enjoyed her conversations and joyful outlook on life. My heartfelt thoughts to the entire family.*  
*Rich Pearson*

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**Rich Pearson** - July 21, 2023 at 04:42 PM