



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, February 26, 1933

**Died:** Thursday, April 15, 2021

Phyllis M. Bojarski (Pawlicki), age 88, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 15, 2021.

She was born to Stanley and Sylvia (Witczak) Pawlicki on February 26, 1933. She attended St. Stanislaus Kostka grade school and was a 1951 graduate of Central Catholic High School, where she was a member of the Marching Band and the Orchestra for all four years and was involved in Latin Club, Honor Society, and the yearbook committee. Phyllis was also on the honor roll all 4 years and graduated 13th in her class of 391.

Phyllis was baptized, received all her sacraments, and was married at St. Stanislaus Church where she was a member of the choir, young ladies sodality, council Catholic Women Org. and president of the TCCY. In 1995 Phyllis joined St. Hyacinth Parish where she was a member of the Ladies Choir and the Altar and Rosary Society.

In earlier years, Phyllis played the saxophone. She won first place in the district competition during her senior year, and placed second in the state finals for alto soloist. She also played clarinet and saxophone in Frank Mikulski's polka band, Deep Purple, and was also a vocalist in Jose Martinez' Latin all girls combo band. In 1954 she competed in the preliminaries to the Miss America Pageant of 1955, becoming Miss Kaiser Willys, Miss Toledo, and Miss Personality of Ohio. She also did some photographic modeling for Kaiser Willys and studio photographers.

Her first job after high school was with Travelers Ins. Co., leaving in 1955 to be a stay-at-home mom. When her children were grown and in school, she brushed up her skills at Stautzenberger College. In 1980, after moving to Oak Harbor, she began working for Davis Besse, during which she completed management courses at Terra Technical College and a graduate of Dale Carnegie Course in 1991.

Phyllis moved back to Toledo in 1990 due to her parent's poor health and was transferred to Toledo Edison as a telephone operator during which time her dad passed away. In 1992, and after retiring in 1993, she had the privilege of caring for her mom until her death in 1994. Then, with her son Joe's help, she brushed up on her typing and computer skills and began a part-time job with United American Ins. Co. where she left to become full-time at Toledo Public Schools in 2000, retiring in 2006. Her most cherished job and hobby was taking care of and raising her four lovely daughters and her loving and only son Joe. Phyllis loved to video the family weddings and parties, making copies for all the kids. When new technology came to be, she spent time transferring the tapes to DVDs. Phyllis was never without her camera; it was her way of capturing those loving memories for everyone. She spent a lot of time and effort researching her family tree. She was also an avid gardener with beautiful

## Service Summary

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### Memorial Mass

10:00 AM Sat Apr 24, 2021

### St. Hyacinth Catholic Church

719 Evesham

Toledo, Ohio 43607

flowers that neighbors stopped to admire.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Felix J. Bojarski; second husband, Donald Allen; grandchildren, Robbie Bojarski, Jared and Moriah Felgner; sisters, Patsy and Jacqueline 'Jackie' Pawlicki; brothers, Bobby & Anthony Pawlicki; loving best friend and cousin, Jerry Piotrowicz; and her loving pets, Abby, Cricket and Zoe. Surviving are her children, ShirLee (Bill) Eberle, Donna Bojarski, Nancy Jo Kowalski, Monica Clark, and Joseph (Cynthia) Bojarski; grandchildren, Stephanie Ried, Joshua (Courtney) Morse, Emily Lamb, Desirae Felgner, and Christian Bojarski; great grandchildren, Xavier, Xander, Mason, Maverick, Kenley, Ainsley, Greyson and Leighton; sister, Lynnette (Mike) Bartnikowski; loving Goddaughter, Sue Gladieux; nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Phyllis' wishes, there will be no visitation. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at St. Hyacinth Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be directed to Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Hyacinth Church or Central Catholic High School.