



## Phyllis Wiskus

July 22, 1943 - June 12, 2018

Phyllis Wiskus, 74 of Dedham, died early Tuesday morning at Thomas Rest Haven in Coon Rapids, following a battle with cancer.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham. The Celebrant will be Fr. Edmund Tiedeman, assisted by Deacon Louis Meiners. Music for the funeral mass will be by Cindy Bauer and the St. Joseph's Choir. Lectors will be Susan Pauly and Mary Thompson. Gift Bearers will be Phyllis' grandchildren. Eucharistic Ministers will be Maury and Eileen Lenz. Casket Bearers will be: Don Hoffmann, Doug Martin, Steve Wiskus, Scott Lenz, Mike Lenz, and Brad Lenz. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dedham.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home after 4 p.m. on Friday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

Additional visitation will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph's Church in Dedham.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Phyllis' family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on July 22, 1943 in Carroll, Iowa, Phyllis was the daughter of Edward and Lillian (Brinker) Lenz. She grew up on the Lenz family farm northeast of Carroll and attended Holy Family School. Phyllis later graduated from Kuemper High School in 1961. Following her schooling she was employed with the ASCS office in Carroll.

On November 6, 1965, Phyllis was united in marriage to Arnold "Arnie" Wiskus at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lidderdale. Arnie and Phyllis made their home north of Dedham where she was a devoted housewife. Phyllis was also employed with Garst Seed/Syngenta Seed until her retirement in 2008. She enjoyed being a member of the Red Hats, playing cards, cooking, gardening, and trips to the casino. Phyllis was active with various events in the Dedham community, St. Joseph's Parish, and also volunteered at the New Hope Store in Coon Rapids. Family was very important to Phyllis; she thoroughly enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's activities as well as hosting family gatherings.

Phyllis is survived by her husband Arnie Wiskus of Dedham; her children: Marilyn (Roger) Towndrow of Rome, Italy, Mark (Christine) Wiskus of Pella, Brian (Donnell) Wiskus of Polk City, Alan (Amanda) Wiskus of Castle Rock, CO, Gary (Amy) Wiskus of Dedham, and Todd (Mary Beth) Wiskus of West Des Moines; 13 grandchildren; her siblings: Dean (Joyce) Lenz of Mesa, AZ, Maury (Eileen) Lenz of Decorah, Merle (Mary Rose) Lenz of Mesa, AZ and Ray Lenz of Carroll; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Arlene Brincks of Carroll, Arvilla Oxenford of Johnston, Eugene (Ruth) Wiskus of Hialeah, FL, JoAnn (Roman) Halbur of Garden City, KS, Kate (Don) Miller of Dedham, Robert (Gay) Wiskus of Manning, and Kenny (Debbie) Wiskus of Coon Rapids; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; her half-brother, Louie Lenz; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Carol Lenz, Marvin Wiskus, Laverne

Wiskus, Joe Brincks, Theresa (Jack) Martin and Jerome (Judy) Wiskus; and her nephew, Chad Lenz.

# Tribute Wall

FL

“ From the Mangalapallis (Lori, Hari, Pradeep, Lucy) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



From the Mangalapallis (Lori, Hari, Pradeep, Lucy) - June 15, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



June 15, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



June 15, 2018 at 11:12 AM

RO

“ Roger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



Roger - June 15, 2018 at 07:34 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



June 15, 2018 at 12:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



June 14, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



June 14, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *Our sympathy to Arnie and family. Phyllis was a great lady. Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme*

**MarilynVonnahme** - June 14, 2018 at 04:43 PM

SK

“ Steve and Kiki Kanne purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



---

**Steve and Kiki Kanne** - June 14, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



---

June 14, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



---

June 14, 2018 at 03:11 PM

JF

“ John Weiskopf Family and Aaron Wiebelhaus Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



---

**John Weiskopf Family and Aaron Wiebelhaus Family** - June 14, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



June 14, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



June 14, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



June 14, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rich and Maureen Jacobson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



**Rich and Maureen Jacobson** - June 14, 2018 at 09:13 AM

HL

“ Wonderful lady with a big and beautiful heart! It was a pleasure caring for her and a blessing to meet her. Family was everything to her! My prayers go out to the family and friends.

Heather G LPN - June 14, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



June 13, 2018 at 11:08 PM

MM

“ Arnie and family, so sorry to hear about Phyllis, I babysat for them so many years ago almost every Saturday nite. She enjoyed going out dancing. Prayers for all the family.  
Marla Meister



Marla Meister - June 13, 2018 at 10:01 PM



So sorry. So many great memories. Love you all. Tina Wiskus Musser and family

Tina Musser - June 13, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



---

June 13, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



---

June 13, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



---

June 13, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.*



---

June 13, 2018 at 04:21 PM

DB

“ Arnie, I was so sorry to hear of Phyllis' passing, I always marveled at the obvious happy kind of love you two shared. What a great human being she was, growing up I always thought of her like a third sister, the four of us against all the boys. She will be missed. Love and prayers to you and the family. Blessed be. Dorothy and Charlie Burkhalter

Dorothy Burkhalter - June 13, 2018 at 12:10 PM

SP

“ Schuring & Uitermarkt, P.C. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



Schuring & Uitermarkt, P.C. - June 13, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.



June 12, 2018 at 08:34 PM

RO

“ Randy & Ann Hartl Olesen lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Wiskus



Randy & Ann Hartl Olesen - June 12, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.* ”



---

June 12, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.* ”



---

June 12, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *Garden Accent - "When someone you love..." was purchased for the family of Phyllis Wiskus.* ”



---

June 12, 2018 at 03:10 PM