



## Phyllis Gay VanHorn Blanchard

February 1, 1935 - August 14, 2024

Phyllis Gay VanHorn Blanchard, 89, of North Towanda, PA passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning August 14, 2024, at the Guthrie Towanda Personal Care Home. Phyllis was born February 1, 1935, in Northumberland, PA the daughter of William F. VanHorn and Mildred Knuckey VanHorn. She was a graduate of Towanda High School.

Phyllis married her high school sweetheart, Allen Roy Blanchard on May 22, 1954. Their first few years of marriage was spent building their home in North Towanda where they lived for over 50 years and raising their family. Summer months were spent at their cottage at Lake Wesauking which was built in 1963, where many memorable family and church events took place.

Phyllis was very devout in her Christian faith and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Towanda and volunteered with the Towanda Area Christian Outreach program for many years. Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Lisa (James) Thomas of Mechanicsville, VA, Douglas Blanchard of North Towanda, Timothy (Lisa) Blanchard of Spring, TX, Mark (Lisa) Blanchard of Manassas, VA, grandchildren, Kelly (Chris) Trombley, Scott (Amy) Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Brielle Blanchard, Chelsea Blanchard, Rachel Blanchard, McKenzie Blanchard, Benjamin Evan Blanchard, Collin Blanchard, Garrett Blanchard, Evan Blanchard, step-granddaughter, Heather (Rich) Loyack, great grandchildren, Gavin, Nathaniel, Lilly, and Logan, step great grandchildren, Paisley, Harper, Benson, and

Remington, brother and sister-in-law, William and Julie VanHorn, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard and Linda Blanchard, John and Carol Blanchard, Tom and Peg Blanchard, sister-in-law, Joann Chacona, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents, Phyllis was predeceased by her beloved husband of 65 years, Allen Roy Blanchard on December 22, 2021 and her sister, Beverly Nicholas in 1952. Private interment will be held at a later date. The family suggests that contributions be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 5 Court St. Towanda, PA or to Grace Connection, P.O. Box 122, Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of Phyllis Gay VanHorn Blanchard. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“*Doug and the Blanchard family,  
My deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. May the beautiful  
memories you made with your Mom sustain you and support you  
through this sad time.*

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**Michele Strohl** - August 21, 2024 at 11:51 AM

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“*I'm so sorry for your loss. Phyllis was lovely. We were so fortunate  
to have you as our neighbors at the lake.*

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**Barbara Berkheiser Kessler** - August 20, 2024 at 03:18 PM

LK

“*Many wonderful memories of good times growing up with your  
family. thoughts and prayers with you all.  
Lauri Burleigh Koen*

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**Lauri Burleigh Koen** - August 17, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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“*A beautiful woman inside and out-may God Bless*

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**Victoria Roucken** - August 17, 2024 at 02:07 PM

DK

“*sorry for your loss may God be with you thru these trying times*

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**David Kissell** - August 17, 2024 at 09:21 AM