

Phyllis M. Kugler, age 89 of Perham, MN, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at Perham Living.

She was born August 20 1936 to Alvin and Ethel Young. Phyllis, also affectionately known as "Tootie", started life on a farm north of Dalton, MN and in 1945, moved to a newly bought family farm southwest of Dalton. She lived there while growing into an adult. She attended school in Dalton through 8th grade and then attended and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fergus Falls with the class of 1954.

At age 10, she was old enough to join 4H where, she fell in love with gardening and was champion gardener. Her first job was selling angle worms from their back yard. After high school, she worked various jobs until meeting her future husband on a blind date. In September of 1956, she married Stanley Genz. They later moved to the Genz family farm, where Phyllis became a farmer, farmer's wife, and Mother to three daughters, among other duties. Stanley passed away suddenly in 1977.

After Stanley's passing, Phyllis sold the farm and went to work. Her favorite jobs were as an activities director at Ottertail Nursing Home and working at Lake Country Gardens surrounded by things she loved most. In May of 1982, she married Ron Kugler and their life was full of hunting, fishing and gardening.

Phyllis is survived by husband Ron; three daughters, Pam (Roger) Andersen, Becky (John) Westhoff and Theresa (Scott) Ash; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother, Wally Young; sisters-in-law, June Ramey, Barb Harthun, Shirley Sern, and Darlene Toso; brother-in-law, Marlin Genz; and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; as well as other family members and friends.

Phyllis' family would to give thanks to Perham Living, Knute Nelson/Vivie Hospice and to all the people who helped care for and offer support the last several years.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Phyllis Marie Kugler

August 20, 1936 - September 17, 2025



Whoever Makes A Garden

Whoever makes a garden, has never worked alone;
The rain has always found it, the sun has always known.
The wind has blown across it, and helped to scatter seeds;
Whoever makes a garden, has all the help he needs.

Whoever makes a garden, should surely not complain,
with someone like the sunshine, and someone like the rain,
and someone like the breezes, to aid him in his toil,
And someone like the Father, Who gave the garden soil.

Whoever makes a garden, has, oh, so many friends;
The glory of the morning, the dew when daylight ends.
For rain and wind and sunshine, and dew and fertile sod;
And he who makes a garden, works hand and hand with God.

~Douglas Malloch

Memorial Service

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service
Perham, Minnesota

Officiated by

Chaplain McKay Ness

Musical Selections

"Wings of a Dove" - Charley Pride
"In the Garden" - Elvis Presley
"How Great Thou Art" - Elvis Presley

Private Interment

Tingvold Lutheran Cemetery
Underwood, Minnesota

*The family of Phyllis thanks everyone for their prayers,
kindness, and thoughtfulness.*

No thank you cards will be sent.