



## Mary Lynn Philo

March 15, 1944 - May 21, 2012

Mary Lynn Philo, 68, of Boyne Falls, died May 20. She was born in Edgerton, Wis., on March 15, 1944, to the Rev. Harry and Mary Lue (Bennett) Philo.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in special education from Western Michigan University and held teaching positions in Michigan and New York.

From her earliest years she possessed an exceptional singing voice, and with her bright, clear soprano she was often a soloist in school and church choirs, weddings and occasional recitals.

The joy she found in performing led her to New York City, where she studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art. After 15 years in New York, she came to Traverse City to help care for her parents.

A self-described seeker, she had a lifelong interest in healing arts and all things spiritual. In her last decades she worked often in retail, but she found that offering beauty in life was her true passion; she found great fulfillment in her last job, working at the Solace Spa in Boyne City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Ruth (Martenka).

She is survived by her brothers, Stephen and Thomas; as well as a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, at First Congregational Church, 6105 Center Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Women's Resource Center for the Grand Traverse Area, 720 S. Elmwood Ave., Suite 2, Traverse City, MI 49686; (231) 941-1210; <http://www.womensresourcecenter.org>.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Memorial Service**                      10:30AM  
**23**

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First Congregational Church  
6105 Center Rd., Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

# Comments

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“ Lynn sincerely cared about everyone and was without a doubt the most loving woman I have ever met. I'm so thankful to have been able to know her, she made work exciting and fun. Whenever I saw her outside of work it was such a fantastic surprise. I can't imagine a more loveable person. I miss you Lynn.

**Jess LeBresh** - July 03, 2012 at 02:09 PM

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“ "Dear, sweet Lynn,  
You touched the lives of everyone around you with your extraordinary warmth and kindness. You led us all by example, showing us how to be better human beings. We will miss you every day, and will never forget the lessons you taught us in the time we were fortunate enough to spend with you. Your influence will continue to be felt in all of our lives. May your sweet, beautiful spirit soar forever. Wherever you may be, may you feel how deeply you are loved."

**Monica Farrier** - July 03, 2012 at 02:09 PM

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“ I just wanted to say that relatives have mentioned the comfort received from reading these lovely comments. At a family gathering a few years ago, Lynn talked of the beauty of Michigan, as experienced by living in Boyne Falls. We are grateful that (what turned out to be) Lynn's last years were filled with both beauty and friendship.

**Elyse Russell** - July 03, 2012 at 02:09 PM

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“ I will sure miss you. The Spa doesn't seem to be the same. It will take me awhile to realize your not going to be there. You were always so sweet and very giving. I enjoyed your company when I was there. I hope to see you in heaven. Thanks for encouraging me and giving me great tips.

**Rachelle Stefanic** - July 03, 2012 at 02:08 PM

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“Lynn, you were an angel on earth and have received a promotion and sprouted wings. It's always sunny in heaven, you will never be cold again. Until we meet again,  
MaryAnn”

MaryAnn Ogden - July 03, 2012 at 02:08 PM

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“ "" people will forget what you said  
People will forget what you did  
But people will ever forget how you made them feel""  
-maya Angelou

With a heavy heart I say good bye to my sweet angel Lynn. I will never forget you. The sweet things you did to make my day or my life better. A sweet note, a beautiful card, a caramel macchiato when I needed it most. You always knew when I was in need. ( usually before I knew it myself) a beautiful voicemail that I would listen to over and over just to hear your angelic voice. You always made my day a little brighter. My life will be forever changed because of you. May you rest in peace until we meet again."

Julie Munford - July 03, 2012 at 02:07 PM

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“ YOU were my friend i wish i knew you were suffering you gave so much to everyone. I had a deep sorrow when i saw your car decorated thats when i knew i wouldnt see you again at the spa but i have the hope i will see you in the ressurection john 5;28,29

BARBARA J PETERMAN - July 03, 2012 at 02:07 PM

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“ Lynn was an angel. She filled the room every time with her presence that filled my spirit. She was a beautiful soul, a dear friend, and a blessing to my life. May her spirit live on forever, and her memories capture the hearts of many. Love you Lynn.

Gabrielle Johnson - July 03, 2012 at 02:06 PM

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“Lynn,  
It's still so hard to believe your gone. I went into work Saturday for a second forgetting you're gone and looked forward to giving you a hug and asking you how you have been. Then, I realized I would never be able to see your warm smile, hear your cheerful laughter, or give you a friendly hug. You have brought so much great joy, wisdom, and kindness to me and so many others! I have been selfish to think ""WHY"" God took such a special person from us. I now understand why God has chosen such a beautiful person to sit beside him in his kingdom of Heaven. God doesn't make mistakes and only chooses the best. Today, when I woke up I didn't mourn because you're gone but rather smile because you lived and I had a chance to know you. R.I.P and tell my Dad hi for me.

Your friend, Brian."

**Brian Head** - July 03, 2012 at 02:06 PM

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“As Lynn's cousin, I feel her loss diminishing my extended family. However, I believe that her spirit was stronger than her physical body and that her spirit is soaring onward.

Here are some lines from the poet Sara Teasdale that Lynn and I once shared in correspondence . . .

I shall gather myself into myself again,  
I shall take my scattered selves and make them one,  
Fusing them into a polished crystal ball  
Where I can see the moon and the flashing sun."

**Elyse Russell** - July 03, 2012 at 02:06 PM

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“ Sometimes in life we meet extra special people that leave lasting impressions. Lynn was one if those people for me. When I worked with Lynn it was during a very difficult time in my life. She had an uncanny way of putting things in perspective for me. We also shared a mutual love of cosmetics. You were a real gem, Lynn. R.I.P. beautiful lady. Your friend, Larissa

**Larissa Buckler** - July 03, 2012 at 02:05 PM

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“ Lynn...you will so missed. I enjoyed working with you and will never forget you. You were the kindest person I have ever met and you have inspired me to try and be more like you. You always saw the glass half full. God Bless You. You were truly a beautiful person inside and out!

**Lynee' Thomas** - July 03, 2012 at 02:04 PM

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“ When I am ill and filled with pain,I ask my Lord to please explain...Why must we often bear this cross of burden, pain and sometimes loss. He shows me then his work of art..a single rose set apart. And on the stem I see the thorns, that cause the flesh to be pained and torn! But at the top...a beautiful Rose! And once it is opened, twill never close. It opens its petals for all to see, as if to say "Don't notice the thorns but look at me!" Then I think I understand, what it is that God has planned. This life is the stem with thorns of strife. But unfolded above...is a beautiful life!

Author...Anonymous

**Lynee' Thomas** - July 03, 2012 at 02:04 PM

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“ Our sweet lynn, you will be sadly missed by so many. Your kindness, compassion and caring for everyone will never be forgotten. I will always remember your laugh and your beautiful smile, and your firey red hair. May you dance and sing with the Angels forever, you are now free.

**Christine Carpenter** - July 03, 2012 at 02:03 PM

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“ Lynn was a kind dear spirit and she will be missed

**Deb Edwards** - July 03, 2012 at 02:03 PM

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“ Lynn was such a joy. Always vey pleasant and never had a bad word to say. Her death has saddened many people. I hope she knew how many people cared for her.

**kerry peck** - July 03, 2012 at 02:02 PM



“ Brenda Hollister lit a candle in memory of Mary Lynn Philo



**Brenda Hollister** - June 14, 2012 at 08:54 AM



“ May your soul soar in Gods light; Dr. Gary Pateman and Staff

**Brenda** - June 14, 2012 at 08:57 AM



“ Devon & Vera Milligan (spa Family) lit a candle in memory of Mary Lynn Philo



**Devon & Vera Milligan (spa family)** - June 10, 2012 at 02:16 PM