



Phyllis E. Olson

March 6, 1929 - January 28, 2012

Phyllis E. Olson of Cadillac died Saturday, January 28, 2012 at her home. She was 82. She was born on March 6, 1929 in Detroit to Ira K. & Marian E. (Barnes) Braidwood and they preceded her in death.

She graduated from Cadillac High School in 1947 and attended Central Michigan University for two years. On September 25, 1948 in Cadillac She married Albert W. Olson, Jr. and he preceded her in death on June 27, 1998.

Phyllis had worked at Tri-County Handicap School and was involved with 4-H and developed the Fine Art Program for them. She was a charter member of the Cadillac Area Council for the Arts since 1968 and had served as Chairman, Secretary, Publicity and Festival Chairman. Phyllis was also a charter member of the Cadillac Area Artist Association since 1972 and had served as President, Secretary, Program, Publicity and Arts Council Representative. For 25 years she served as the Superintendent of the Art Department for the Northern District Fair. Phyllis had received numerous awards for her art over the years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac where she taught Sunday school and made many banners for the sanctuary.

Survivors include her daughters: Christy Ann (Dale) Knight and Jan Barnes all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Matt (Tonya), Jennifer, and Kristie; 10 great

grandchildren; brother, Rick (Patty) Braidwood of Saginaw; sister, Marilyn (Bob) Gray of South Carolina. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by her step mother, lone Braidwood and a step sister, Peaches Baker.

Memorial services will be held 7:00 PM Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac with Reverend Paul Tomlinson officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to services at the church Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Organ Fund. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Jan, Christy, Matt, Kristie, Jen, and family - I am saddened by the loss of Aunt Phyllis. She was a wonderful person who shall be missed forever. One of the ways she will live on though, is through her art. Aunt Phyllis was extremely talented and I love her paintings! I know that she is up there with my mom now and they are watching over us. My heart goes out to you all! Love and hugs.... Tracee*

Tracee Huddleson - February 05, 2012 at 01:00 AM

DB

“ *Cousins Jan, Matt, and Kristy,
-My deepest sympathies to you and your family during this sorrow of a time, as Tracee and I are praying and thinking about you and your family, during this time of sorrow.
-Always remember the good times, as the memories live on thru pictures, memories in your heart and minds.
-God Bless and praying for you and the family!!!*

Don Bunger - February 05, 2012 at 12:16 AM

DF

“ *Safe in His Arms
Now and Forever
Jan - My thoughts & prayers are with you!*

Denise Johnson Fry - February 04, 2012 at 12:51 AM

TH

“ R.I.P. Aunt Phyllis. I am sorry for your loss Jan and Christy and family. I wish I could've known Aunt Phyllis better than I did, but I do know she was a great great lady. She was witty and kind and extremely talented. She will be missed! Love, Tracee

Tracee Huddleson - February 03, 2012 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ We never met but were both in HG group. We already miss her. Condolences to the family.

Sonja Shafer - February 02, 2012 at 01:26 PM

GM

“ I first met Phyllis when I was in high school. She helped paint the backdrops for the musicals we put on. I never knew anyone with such energy and dedication to the arts. Over the years, she became a mentor and dear friend. She will surely be missed.

Gayle Maurer - February 02, 2012 at 10:26 AM

JC

“ We miss Pee on HG a lot she was a wonderful person

Joan Jones, Canada - February 02, 2012 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ Words cannot adequately describe the loss of such a talented and creative person as Phyllis. Although I only knew her for a little over five years, she meant a lot to me, and I will miss the wit, wisdom, and spirit of this wonderful woman.

Jim Smith - February 02, 2012 at 08:33 AM

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“ *A lovely lady, and a warm hearted friend. She will be sorely missed by her on line friends, although we never met in person.*

Pat Mason (Scotland) - February 02, 2012 at 05:03 AM

MW

“ *My heart goes out to you Kristie - and to your family. We will miss your mother's kind heart & reliably good humour.*

Mary Wilde - February 02, 2012 at 01:17 AM

CP

“ *She was a bright spot many many times with her posts to our HG group.*

We loved sharing silly puns with each other... she was so witty.

I will miss her greatly.

Carolyn Patterson - February 01, 2012 at 10:33 PM

JM

“ *I virtually knew her through the HG forum. Her wit and wisdom came through loud and clear. I miss her understanding ways. So sorry for your loss.*

Judy Musiedlak - February 01, 2012 at 04:52 PM

JM

“ Friend, Mentor, Muse, the list goes on. She was such an inspiration to so many and the back-bone to an organization in which she helps start that it will be a challenge to and group effort to pick up were she has left off. We loved her a great deal. She was amazing and she will be missed.

Jodi A Metcalf - February 01, 2012 at 01:03 PM

CC

“ Jan,
I am so sorry to hear the news about your mother. She was a lovely lady whose artistic vision brought beauty into the lives of countless people. My deepest sympathies.

Carol Bartlett Cottrell - February 01, 2012 at 08:24 AM

SS

“ Your mom was a great friend of my dad and helped with many musical plays at the school. We are both so sorry for your loss and will remember you in our prayers.

Shirley & Melody Stevens - February 01, 2012 at 08:14 AM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a great lady and such an icon in Cadillac. Her presence will be sorely missed.

Chris Fisher - February 01, 2012 at 12:01 AM

KR

“ I met Phyllis Olson through the Art club in late 70's; she has been an inspiration to me all these years.. a many-faceted individual.

Karen Roncari - January 31, 2012 at 10:32 PM

CC

“ *Jan, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Your mother was an incredibly talented lady who brought a lot of beauty to this world. My deepest sympathies.*

Carol Bartlett Cottrell - January 31, 2012 at 03:58 PM

IR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I have a picture your Mother painted for me and I will cherish it forever. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.*

Ivan & Glenda Sue Robertson - January 31, 2012 at 11:50 AM

MR

“ *Kristie and Matt: Though I never met your grandmother, she sounds like she was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. What a beautifully written obituary for her. God bless you all.*

Michelle Reddy - January 31, 2012 at 11:01 AM