



Phyllis Adra Austin

April 4, 1935 - March 7, 2026

Phyllis Adra Austin, of Locust Grove, entered into rest with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, March 7, 2026, in her home. Phyllis was born on April 4, 1935, in Peebles, Ohio, the daughter of Charlie and Rosabelle "Rose" (Johnson) Crothers, who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings: Patricia "Pat" (Allen) Lewis, Dena (Larry) Graham, James "Bob" (Martha) Crothers, Dallas Crothers, Linda (James) Arrington, and her son, Phillip Wayne Austin. On April 5, 1954, she was joined in union with Carl Wayne Austin in Liberty, Indiana, with whom she shared 62 years of marriage before his passing in August 2016. From their union, she mothered two children whom she dearly loved, Phillip Wayne and Melissa Loraine. She was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker, and community volunteer as part of the Peebles Volunteer Life Squad, the Peebles PTO, and the American Legion Auxiliary. In addition to caring for her children, Phyllis made the decision to go to college to pursue her passion of a career in nursing, first earning her LPN certification and then her RN certification in 1995 at the age of 60. She continued working as a nurse until her retirement in December 2017 at 82 years old. On August 5, 2018, she publicly announced her salvation and recommitment to Jesus Christ in public baptism. After retirement, Phyllis spent her days volunteering and attending her church, the Faith Life Church in West Union, Ohio, reading endless amounts of her favorite love stories, listening to her favorite music, studying her bible, and spoiling her great-grandchildren, along with countless other children, as their

"snack dealer." Despite her age, she rarely missed church service, ball games, school programs, or family outings, and always carried a smile, her familiar laugh, and her keen fashion sense.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Melissa (George) Crabtree, her daughter-in-law, Kimberly Austin, five grandchildren, Jason (Apyl) Austin, Amie Charles, Amanda Adkins, Alisha (Bobby) Sandlin, and Clarisha (Benjamin) Hilderbrand, eight great-grandchildren, and several great, great-grandchildren, her sister, Lanna Smart, along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the Faith Life Church, beginning at noon. A visitation will be held prior to the funeral service, beginning at 10:00 am. Graveside services will follow at the Locust Grove Cemetery.

To honor Phyllis' wishes, donations may be made to the Faith Life Church in her memory, in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Life Church
91 Rollingwoods Drive
West Union, OH 45693

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Faith Life Church
91 Rollingwoods Drive
West Union, OH 45693

Graveside Farewell

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Locust Grove Cemetery
State Route 41
Peebles, OH 45660

Tribute Wall

TC

“ 1 file added to the album From Glenn Crothers family



Tom Crothers - March 10 at 07:51 PM

TC

Charley was my dad (Glenn) brother and Phyllis, Pat and Bob were my cousins. We just found this photo today of Charley, Rose, Pat, Phyllis and Bob probably from the late 1930's.

We are very sorry to hear of Phyllis's passing. Our thoughts are with her family.

Tom Crothers.

Tom Crothers - March 10 at 07:57 PM



“ I've known Phyllis as long as I can remember, I was a little girl. She made the flowers for my wedding. Prayers to Melissa, the girls, and the family. These people are more than friends, they are family.

Michelle Robert Platz - March 10 at 11:34 AM

HF

“ Howard McClanahan and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Phyllis Adra Austin.



Howard McClanahan and family - March 10 at 11:10 AM

TW

“ Sweet lady you will be missed gods speed
Prayers to you Mellisa’s and your family

Toby Wallace - March 09 at 11:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Phyllis Adra Austin.



March 09 at 05:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Adra Austin.

March 09 at 05:01 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of
Phyllis Adra Austin.



March 09 at 04:34 PM

DP

“ Dan and Darla Pennington purchased the Large
Basket Garden for the family of Phyllis Adra
Austin.



Dan and Darla Pennington - March 09 at 04:10 PM

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“ Dan and Darla Pennington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Adra Austin.

Dan and Darla Pennington - March 09 at 04:10 PM

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“ I was twenty years old when I met her. She was the sweetest, most giving person I had ever met. Always on the go..a bit mischievous I knew from that day and subsequent years that it was going to be the love of a lifetime. She was one of the reasons that I pursued my college degree at 40. I figured if "mom" could do it, so could I! On April 4th when I had her grandson she sent me flowers that said "Happy Birthday To Me"! Love "mom"! Years later after I was no longer an "Austin" "mom sent me card that said "I will always love you" over the years I sent her cards and flowers for special occasions. Jason and I surprised her when we flew up for her birthday! I loved her then and I will always love my "mom".

Suzy Hills - March 09 at 03:12 PM