



Phyllis Gomulka

July 22, 1942 - September 22, 2025

Phyllis Gomulka, 83, of Old Bridge, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on September 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Phyllis was the beloved daughter of the late Sophie and John Hilarczyk. She was raised in Colonia and graduated with the Class of 1960 from Woodbridge High School. After graduation, Phyllis began a long and dedicated career as an insurance secretary at Prudential, where she worked for many years.

Phyllis raised her family in Avenel, New Jersey, before eventually settling in Old Bridge with her beloved husband, Adam, whom she married in 1989. Together, they built a life filled with love, partnership, and simple joys tending to their home, nurturing their garden, and cherishing each others company.

A woman of deep faith, Phyllis was a devoted member of Most Holy Redeemer Church and previously served as a lector at St. Andrews Church. Her spiritual life was an anchor throughout her years, and she found great joy and purpose in serving her parish communities.

Phyllis had a lifelong passion for sewing. She lovingly created clothes and dresses for her children and was especially known for her imaginative Halloween costumes. She also enjoyed needlepoint, a hobby that allowed her

creativity and patience to shine.

Above all, Phyllis was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family was the center of her world, and her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit touched everyone who knew her.

Phyllis is predeceased by her loving parents, Sophie and John Hilarczyk, and by her beloved husband, Adam Gomulka.

She is survived by her devoted children: her son Thomas and daughter-in-law Colette, and her daughter Cheryl and son-in-law James and by her son Gary and wife Doreen. She is also survived by her dear brother, Kenneth Hilarczyk. Also by her cherished grandchildren, Thomas, Michael, Jimmy, Kevin, Ryan, Gary Jr., and Tyler, and the proud great-grandmother of six adored great-grandchildren, all of whom she treasured deeply.

Phyllis legacy of love, faith, and family will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be dearly missed and always lovingly remembered.

A Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday at Most Holy Redeemer Church located at 133 Amboy Road Matawan, New Jersey 07747. Interment will be in Woodbridge Memorial Gardens, Woodbridge, NJ.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens

Route 1 & Gill Lane
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Service

SEP 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

Most Holy Redeemer Church
133 Amboy Road
Matawan, NJ 07747

Service

SEP 25. 12:15 PM (ET)

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens
Route 1 & Gill Lane
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Tribute Wall



“ *A Memory and Tribute to Phyllis Gomulka a person who fell in love with Poland and its ever-green mountains.*



My wife and I will always remember Phyllis Gomulka with deep gratitude and affection. During our time in New Jersey, she welcomed us with warmth and kindness that we will never forget.

Phyllis helped us come to the United States by sending us an invitation — something that allowed us to apply for Tourist Visa. Thanks to her generosity, we were able to visit wonderful places such as Atlantic City, New York, and travel to Las Vegas to see Grand Canyon!

She was a truly caring, gracious, and generous person, always ready to help others. Her kindness left a lasting impression on us, and we will always remember her with love and respect.

May her soul rest in peace, and may her family find comfort in the beautiful legacy she leaves behind.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Paul and Agnes Celejowski*

Pawel Celejowski - October 11, 2025 at 06:25 PM



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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - September 24, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JB

“ *Joe and Sue Buettel purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Gomulka.*



Joe and Sue Buettel - September 23, 2025 at 05:29 PM

YC

“ *Your friends at Mediplex Surgery Center purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Phyllis Gomulka.*



Your friends at Mediplex Surgery Center - September 23, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JM

“ John Mazza purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis Gomulka.



John Mazza - September 23, 2025 at 02:36 PM

TH

“ The Hilarczyks purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Phyllis Gomulka.



The Hilarczyks - September 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM

DO

“ I will always remember how beautiful and happy Phyllis was at Michael's wedding. She was part of my life since I was 15 yrs old-shared so many happy times together. I wish I could be there with family to celebrate her life. I pray that all the wonderful memories will comfort her children and family during this difficult time. Love to all, Dar

dorothy - September 23, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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dorothy - September 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Phyllis was a very good friend of mine we shared many happy times together. I worked with her at Prudential and we went out as couples and visited each other at our homes after we moved to Ma, she and Adam came up to see us had really great times together. I lost a wonderful friend. She always made us her famous Lemon Meringue Pie the absolute best.*
Audrey and Nelson

Audrey Maddi - September 23, 2025 at 09:07 AM