



Phyllis Dunn Chan

January 15, 1951 - November 18, 2025

Phyllis Dunn Chan, age 74, of St. Ignace, Michigan, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2025. Born on January 15, 1951, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Harold and Gertrude Dunn, Phyllis spent her early years at Grand Rapids, where her compassionate heart and love of learning first began to shine.

Phyllis devoted her life to serving others. An international educator, missionary, linguist, pianist, librarian and gifted organist, she shared her talents across communities and continents. Her music lifted spirits, her teaching shaped lives, and her faith-filled service left a lasting impact on countless people.

Phyllis married Adam Chan in 1985 and together they built a family grounded in love, humor, and resilience. Phyllis was the proud mother of Steven, Amy, and Colin, who cherished her guidance, strength, and unwavering support.

She is also survived by her siblings: Dan Dunn, Tim Dunn, and Linda Holmes.

Phyllis lived with a rare combination of strength, kindness, and spirited determination. She was a dedicated volunteer, offering her time to community organizations, victim services, and anyone who needed a helping hand, even when she had little left to give. She loved gardening, playing piano, reading,

exploring new cultures and exotic meals and, above all, a really good burger. Her humor, wit, and genuine warmth made her unforgettable.

A Memorial Service will be held on December 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church, 615 US-2 W. St. Ignace, MI 49781. Family and friends are invited to celebrate her extraordinary life.

Her light lives on in every life she touched.

Memorial Contributions may be made in honor of Phyllis at Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862 or the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignace United Methodist Church
615 US-2 W
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis was a gem. Besides being dedicated to her work and her family she was genuinely kind. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known. She always went above and beyond. We will always remember her fondly as she really made an impact on our lives. May she rest in peace.*

Dean & Laurie Steiner - December 03, 2025 at 06:49 PM

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Cousins are our first best friends. We grow up together and share family memories, losses and joys. As one of her many cousins I know she will never be forgotten. Thank you for the beautiful tribute to her. I want to add another amazing accomplishment: sky diving! She is one of my heroes! God be with you all. She will be wanting to see you in Heaven. Love and prayers for all of you.

Donna Dell - December 06, 2025 at 08:26 PM

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“ *Phyllis Chan is an angel in my opinion! Always a smile and peaceful countenance! Memories are comforting. She touched so many lives with her positivity! ❤️❤️❤️*

Patti Obrien - December 02, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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Phyllis and I have been friends for over 45 years. We met in Malaysia where she served as an SIL missionary. I first met her to be her tutor in the local language. We stayed in touch though we did lose contact for a few years. She is one of the sweetest, kindest and loyal friend. Supporting me in my missionary work here in the Philippines. An encourager, prayer partner, a good listener and financially supporting the ministry. I miss her love her and praying for the family. God bless you Adam, Steven, Amy and Colin.

Nannie Taylor - December 06, 2025 at 12:28 AM

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“*Mrs. Chan was an amazing Teacher, I was a mentor in her class for awhile and she was so kind and loving to all of her students. My sister being one of them, my sister always loved being in her class and loved her. She was definitely a light in a dark room and will never be forgotten.*

Alisan Ruperd - December 02, 2025 at 01:18 AM



“*Mrs. Chan was one the best special education teachers I have had the years I have worked as an advocate in the Upper Peninsula. She was always willing to work with all the kids and always had the kind and compassion touch with all the kids. The angels are getting a champion. Prayers to the family. The Winegard's.*

Dorie France-Winegard - December 01, 2025 at 06:35 PM