



## Phyllis J Andreassi

March 23, 2024

Phyllis Joan Andreassi (née Palombo), a grandmotherly figure to several generations of neighbors in Cresskill, NJ, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2024, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was 102.

Phyllis was predeceased by her beloved husband of 70 years, George C. Andreassi Sr., in 2015. After his retirement, they traveled the world, including an Alaskan cruise, an Australian adventure, and a family trip to Italy.

Born on August 15, 1921, in the Melrose section of the Bronx, later living in the Morris Park section, Phyllis devoted her life to family, focusing her complete attention on taking care of her husband, three children and eight grandchildren, who affectionately called her “Mema.”

Known as “Aunt Phyllis” to most who met her, Phyllis went through life with an upbeat “one-day-at-a-time” attitude and inspired many friends and relatives with her positive words of encouragement.

Phyllis gained cult hero status among all who knew her by living independently and maintaining her household well past age 100.

Phyllis was a member of St. Therese R.C. Church in Cresskill and participated in many church-related activities.

She was also a member of the Cresskill Garden Club and volunteered on the beautification project in the town square.

Phyllis was a member of the Cresskill Seniors and Demarest Seniors and had an active social circle of friends with whom she played Bridge and sewed. She was an avid reader who loved the public library; she was reading up until her final days.

Following World War II, Phyllis was employed as a sales associate at Grant's Department Store, where she took great pride in providing her artistic eye and decorating sense.

Phyllis graduated from Our Lady of Solace School and Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx, NY.

Phyllis is survived by her three children, George, and his wife Tracy; Louise Szpila, and her husband Ed; Joanne Andreassi Cseh and her husband Mike; along with eight grandchildren, Joseph, and his wife Danielle, Olivia, Kyra, Rose, Michael, Jessica, Natalia, and George.

Phyllis will be remembered for her warmth, zest for life, devotion to her family and never saying no to a cocktail or a dance.

Viewing at Barrett – Leber Funeral Home, Tenafly, NJ, on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 4-to-7 PM.

Funeral Mass at St. Therese RC Church, Cresskill, NJ, Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at noon.

Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Cresskill Public Library, and/or St. Therese RC Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

MAR **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church  
120 Monroe Ave  
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405  
(201) 567-2528

## Interment

MAR **27** (ET)

Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Hastings on Hudson, NY

# Tribute Wall

DZ

“ I loved Mrs. Andreassi. She was the mom to one of my first grade students, her daughter, Joanne. Both Joanne and her mom were special members of our class. Mrs. Andreassi was very kind to all of the children and to me.

Donna Zanone - April 18, 2024 at 08:24 PM

LC

“ Lorraine C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J Andreassi.

Lorraine C. - April 08, 2024 at 07:00 PM

LC

“ Lorraine C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.



Lorraine C. - April 08, 2024 at 06:58 PM

VB

“ I remember a time in Kings supermarket we were talking when this tired toddler was giving it's mother grief, screaming at the top of it's voice. With out hesitation Phyllis shouted that's wonderful! Yell again, the child was stunned and started laughing and playing with Phyllis. Vince Bonanno, Manassas, Va.

Vincent Bonanno - March 30, 2024 at 06:44 PM

PD

“ Aunt Phyllis had a gift of making anyone in her company feel like the most important person...I certainly was blessed to experience this for most of my life.  
I will never forget you Aunt Phyllis♥♥ and thank you for sharing your amazing wisdom!

Patricia Donovan - March 26, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.



March 26, 2024 at 01:51 PM

HB

“ Hussam Bektor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J Andreassi.

Hussam Bektor - March 26, 2024 at 01:51 PM

PD

“ Patricia D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J Andreassi.

Patricia D. - March 26, 2024 at 12:25 PM

TB

“ *The Barlanti’s purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.*



**The Barlanti’s** - March 26, 2024 at 09:10 AM

MC

“ *Miro family, Spinelli family, Sue Cseh. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.*



**Miro family, Spinelli family, Sue Cseh.** - March 26, 2024 at 07:26 AM

MC

“ *Miro family, Spinelli family, Sue Cseh. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J Andreassi.*

**Miro family, Spinelli family, Sue Cseh.** - March 26, 2024 at 07:26 AM

EA

“ *Elodie, John and Lucas Andreassi purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.*



**Elodie, John and Lucas Andreassi** - March 25, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.*



March 25, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *Brian, Anne, Colin and Abby Doyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J Andreassi.*

**Brian, Anne, Colin and Abby Doyle** - March 25, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *From your friends at Alan Baird purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.*



**From your friends at Alan Baird** - March 25, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *From your friends at Alan Baird planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J Andreassi.*

**From your friends at Alan Baird** - March 25, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SJ

“ Sue Janowitz lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J Andreassi



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**Sue Janowitz** - March 25, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ The Rittweger Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phyllis J Andreassi.



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**The Rittweger Family** - March 25, 2024 at 11:02 AM