



Hope (Phillips) Gaebel

January 15, 1951 - July 2, 2025

Hope (Phillips) Gaebel, age 74, of North Huntingdon, passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Born on January 15, 1951, in Braddock, she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Charlene (Baldwin) Phillips.

Hope was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 51 years, Thomas J. Gaebel, and her brother Chris Phillips.

Hope's greatest joy in life was her family, especially her grandchildren, whom she absolutely adored. She cherished every moment spent with them, whether she was doing crafts, sharing laughs, or leading their annual tie-dye and ginger bread house traditions. Hope was the heart of her home—a loving “drill sergeant” who kept Tom, Owen, and Kurt in line with her signature mix of yelling, firmness, and love.

She loved spending time with her friends—lunch outings, gym visits, and long chats were some of her favorite pastimes. A Disney fan and a lifelong lover of ice cream, she never passed up a chance to enjoy a chocolate/vanilla twist cone on her way home from the family's Dairy Queen store.

Prior to retirement, Hope worked as a unit clerk at Forbes Regional Hospital. She was also an integral part of helping her family's Dairy Queen business run smoothly—her presence and guidance were felt in every detail. A woman of deep faith, Hope was a dedicated member of Norwin Christian Church.

Hope is survived by her loving sons, Owen T. (Cheryl) Gaebel and Kurt L. (Melanie) Gaebel; her cherished grandchildren Bella, Emmelia, Eliana, and Alexander; her siblings Linda (Mike) Yatsko and Leonard “Skip” (Cathy)

Phillips; her sister-in-law Kathy Phillips; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will be received on Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Norwin Christian Church, Barnes Lake Road, North Huntingdon. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM. Arrangements are entrusted to the William Snyder Funeral Home, Irwin. In lieu of flowers please honor her by donating to the Reflections of Grace Foundation.

For online condolences, please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Hope's legacy of love and strong spirit will live on in all who knew and loved her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Norwin Christian Church
9610 Barnes Lake Road
Irwin, PA 15642

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ Hope was my LaBlast buddy, who stood beside me. I missed her when she stopped coming to class and am saddened at her passing. God bless her and my condolences to her family. Joyce

Joyce L Thomas - July 13, 2025 at 08:45 PM

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to Hope's family. I met Hope at Lablast class at the gym. She was a kind & friendly lady. She always had a smile on her face. Rest in peace Hope!

Dottie Huha - July 11, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hope (Phillips) Gaebel.

July 10, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Hope (Phillips) Gaebel.



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JS

“ Justin, Erin, Kennedy & Karsyn Sloan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hope (Phillips) Gaebel.



Justin, Erin, Kennedy & Karsyn Sloan - July 09, 2025 at 03:39 PM

LG

“ I met Hope through WW. I adored her!! She gave me motivation and support in the program!! She was truly a friend to me!! We met up for lunch a few years ago and we picked up right where we left off. She made me laugh and was just all around a wonderful woman. I pray that you all find comfort in this difficult time. I'm truly sad to hear of her passing.

Lori Gigliotti - July 06, 2025 at 10:36 PM

TF

“ The Valenti Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hope (Phillips) Gaebel.



The Valenti Family - July 05, 2025 at 10:09 PM

MJ

“ Very sorry for your loss, with deepest sympathy.

Michael Plumb Jr - July 05, 2025 at 03:44 PM

RD

We always enjoyed our time with Hope and appreciated her generous spirit and loving ways. We offer our love and prayers. Larry and Susan Dunster

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Dunster - July 08, 2025 at 09:08 AM