



Phyllis O. Castner

February 24, 1928 - May 21, 2026

Phyllis O. Castner, age 98, a former resident of Corsica for over 50 years, passed away peacefully Thursday evening, May 21, 2026, at Shipperville Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on February 24, 1928, in New Bethlehem, where she was raised and graduated from the former New Bethlehem High School. Phyllis was one of ten children of the late Thomas and Lillian Shanafelt White.

She married Theodore Castner on April 17, 1948, and they were married for over 49 years until his passing on Christmas Eve of 1997.

Phyllis was the secretary at Simkins Hardware in Corsica until she retired. She attended the Alpha Assembly of God in Clarion and enjoyed crocheting and crossword puzzles.

Phyllis leaves behind her daughters, Brenda Gross and her husband, Robert, of Clarion and Donna Straw and her husband, Walter, of Curllsville; six grandchildren, Jeff Thorpe and his wife, Susan, of Clearfield, Amy Beaman and her husband, Mike, Alex Castner and his wife, Janet, Michael White, and Amber Davee, all of Michigan, and Joe Straw and his wife, Sarah, of North Carolina; and five cherished great-grandchildren.

She also leaves behind her brother, Chuck White and his wife, Betty, of Hanover, and two sisters, Elizabeth Jordan of Punxsutawney and Becky Evans and her husband, Robert, of New Bethlehem, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Phyllis was preceded in death by her

beloved son, Gary Castner; a granddaughter, Megan Romanowski; a sister, Frances Sherman; and five brothers, Harris White, Dean "Vern" White, Jack White, Joe White, and Tommy White.

Family and friends will be received from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion, where funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Tom Young presiding.

Interment will take place at the Pisgah Presbyterian Cemetery in Corsica.

Cemetery Details

Pisgah Presbyterian Cemetery

Corsica, PA

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 26. 3:00 PM.

Pisgah Presbyterian Cemetery
Corsica, PA