



## Cynthia Susan Philbin

April 12, 1951 - December 24, 2025

Cynthia Susan (nee Cecil) Philbin passed away peacefully on December 24, 2025. Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 12, 1951, Cindy grew up in the Aetna neighborhood of Gary, Indiana. She attended Wirt High School in the nearby Miller Beach neighborhood, and went on to earn an undergraduate degree from DePaul University and an MBA from Northwestern University. Cindy worked in public relations and technical writing during her decades-long career, but her passion was her family and her dogs.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace Cecil and Marguerite Cecil (nee Jones), and by cherished aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by her husband Joe Philbin, her daughter Laura Philbin, her son Matt Philbin (Lisa Rivera), her sisters Patricia Volz (Dan) and Megan Cecil (Chris Dilts), and her niece Carol Dilts. Cindy also loved her two standard poodles Abby and Lily, who were faithful companions for the past dozen years.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 3, 2026 from noon to 4PM at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 701 E 7th Street, Hobart, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana ([humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org](http://humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Cindy was a very good classmate and friend of mine at Aetna School and Wirt High School. Very smart lady who could be serious and/or funny, depending on the situation. We will miss her from the Trooper rolls of the Class of 1969 at Wirt.

Steve Lyman - January 02 at 09:04 PM

MN

“ M. A. Dilts - Shelley, Robin, Nicole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Susan Philbin.

M. A. Dilts - Shelley, Robin, Nicole - January 02 at 12:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cynthia Susan Philbin.



January 02 at 12:28 PM

NZ

“ Nick and Kathy Zagotta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Susan Philbin.

Nick and Kathy Zagotta - January 02 at 11:05 AM

NZ

“ Nick and Kathy Zagotta purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cynthia Susan Philbin.



Nick and Kathy Zagotta - January 02 at 11:05 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Cynthia Susan Philbin.



January 01 at 08:47 PM

RR

“ Cindy and Lilly were in my dog training class. They were a great team. Cindy was a kind and generous woman. Her dogs loved her to pieces and that says everything to me.



Rhonda Reborn - December 31, 2025 at 03:44 PM

MP

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Matthew Philbin - December 31, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DW

“ David, Amy, Taylor and William purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cynthia Susan Philbin.



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**David, Amy, Taylor and William** - December 30, 2025 at 09:24 PM

JF

“ Jill and Jaime Javors Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Susan Philbin.

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**Jill and Jaime Javors Family** - December 30, 2025 at 09:13 PM

JF

“ Jill and Jaime Javors Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cynthia Susan Philbin.



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**Jill and Jaime Javors Family** - December 30, 2025 at 09:13 PM

PW

“ So very sorry to hear about Cindy. I was in dog class with her & she was a delightful person always friendly & upbeat. She loved her dogs! She will be missed!

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**Pat Weber** - December 30, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MS

“ So very sorry for your tremendous loss. Cindy was a lovely neighbor. She would always stop and chat when she saw me walking my dogs. She had such a tender heart for animals. She will be missed.



Michelle Sarkan - December 30, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PR

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PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ - December 29, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Susan Philbin.



December 29, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MP

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Matthew Philbin - December 29, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LC

“ Cindy was kind, loved her family and dogs. Sweet, fun and funny - she will be greatly missed

Lee Cera - December 28, 2025 at 09:49 PM

MP

“ 4 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Matthew Philbin - December 28, 2025 at 09:08 PM