



Phyllis Dill

July 23, 1941 - June 18, 2020

Phyllis Patterson Dill, age 78 of Dayton, passed away Thursday afternoon, June 18, 2020 at her home in Dayton. Phyllis was born on July 23, 1941 in Dalton, GA, the daughter of the late John F. and Sybil (Treadwell) Patterson. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, James Dill, Sr.

Phyllis lived in Cleveland, TN from 1966 and moved to Dayton in 1973. She was a Dalton High School graduate Class of '59, where she was elected the Dalton High School Sweetheart, attended the University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga earning her bachelor's degree in science in 1964. She was an executive vice president and co-owner with her husband, of the Continental Car Club. Phyllis was a very active member of the Dayton First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, James F. (Jennifer) Dill of Dayton; her daughter, Deena (Dr. Rob) Kosciusko of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Elizabeth (fiancé Zach Doust) Dill of Dayton, Abigail (Wes) Rea of Gulfport, AL, James F. Dill, III of Dayton, Matthew Dill of Dayton, Wyatt Kosciusko and Mia Kosciusko of Columbia, SC; her brothers, John (Brenda) Patterson, Jr. and Tony (Susan) Patterson both of Dalton, GA, and several nieces and nephews.

Family funeral services for Phyllis will be held Saturday afternoon, June 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Ken Pierce officiating.

Graveside services will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Rhea Memory Gardens, followed by a white dove release.

Please share your memories of Phyllis on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Saturday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church she served and loved so much First United Methodist Church in Dayton or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ To the Dill Family, I learned of Phyllis' passing just yesterday. I cried. The last time we talked was in early June. I called to check on her and what stands out about all of our talks is that she never complained, never bemoaned the fact that she was enduring this terrible illness, never spoke harshly of anyone or anything. She was gracious and soft-spoken and approached life as if God was standing by her side, willing how she would talk and live. That is a real tribute to Phyllis. She loaned me an old book that Billy Graham wrote in his early ministry. She shared it with me and I could tell it was well worn but treated with care. I had it on my chair to remind me to return it to her when I next saw her. If we could all be more like Phyllis then this world would be such a better place. I spent the night with her back before the virus hit. We spent hours talking about angels: stories about angels, whether we will be chosen as angels when we meet our Lord, what angels do to help people in their hour(s) of need, and whether we can prepare to be an angel apprentice on earth. I know everyone loves their mothers but Phyllis' family can rest assured that she loved them back a million times over. I will miss my friend and I don't think I will ever be able to take her phone number out of my phone list. I think I'll just phone her in heaven when I get there!

Sandra (Revis) Shoffner

Sandra R. Shoffner - July 26, 2020 at 11:51 AM

KK

“ I met Phyllis in the 60's when I worked with James in Dalton at Peoples Finance. In fact, my then girlfriend and I stood up with them when they got married. She was a most delightful person!

Ken Kyle - June 27, 2020 at 01:59 PM

DK

“Phyllis Dill was one of the finest, most gentle, authentic Southern ladies in Dayton, TN. She was soft spoken, gifted with a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh.

Phyllis never sought the spotlight. She liked to stay under the radar. But she had a heart the SIZE OF TEXAS AND WAS GENEROUS TO A FAULT. If she loved and supported you, you KNEW it.

Dayton and the surrounding environs has lost an irreplaceable member of this community, friend to many, mother of two, grandmother to several WHO is now in the presence of her GOD whom she loved. And she's also back in the arms of her husband Jim, whom she adores. Phyllis, heaven just got a little better when you walked through those gorgeous gates!

We will miss you BUT we never want you to come back here. Most of us will see you in the blink of an eye.

Phyllis wanted me to tell you if you're not sure where you'll go when you die, talk to your pastor, youth leader, Godly friend. Phyllis said "your life depends on it." So please, do it. NOW.

Delura Kindsfather - June 25, 2020 at 09:15 PM

DD

“I attended Dayton First UMC with Phyllis when I came to Dayton to teach at Bryan College. We enjoyed some racquetball time back when the church had an indoor court. We also shared a Dalton connection, as she was classmates with my Dad. I have found memories of wonderful conversations. Condolences to the family. Prayers of peace and comfort. Rev. Debra Dickerson (Pittman Phillips)

Debra Dickerson - June 23, 2020 at 12:41 PM

LP

“ I will remember Phyllis as a gentle and humble agent of God. She quietly helped those who she knew to be in need. She was a learned participant in Bible study and her shared wisdom was indeed welcomed by those of us in her Bible study class. She also had such a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. She will be remembered and missed by those who knew her.

Lynn M. Price

Lynn Price - June 22, 2020 at 03:47 PM

BL

“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to the family. Phyllis was a good dear friend of mine. My heart breaks I am going to miss her. She was beautiful inside and out. She was so special. Rest in peace my dear angel. Love you always your friend Brenda Landers💔😭🙏

Brenda Landers - June 21, 2020 at 09:27 PM

KC

“ Phyllis was a lady. She was kind and smart, a beautiful person who stood aside so others could shine. Dayton lost a true treasure.

Kim Cooley - June 20, 2020 at 06:32 PM

LH

“ Phyllis was a dear friend, so sweet and kind to everyone. I will miss her. Prayers to the family. Linda Hinds

Linda Hinds - June 20, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JG

“ So sorry for the loss of this sweet lady, always enjoyed talking with her. She will truly be missed.. JUNE GREEN

June Green - June 20, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 20, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *The Hutcheson Family, Florence, AL purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis Dill.*

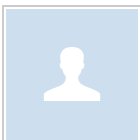


The Hutcheson Family, Florence, AL - June 20, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *We were so saddened to hear about the passing of our dear sweet friend. She was a fighter. She fought this ole disease with grace and dignity. She was truly a southern bell. Our world could have used more women like her. She will be greatly missed. We loved you Phyllis. RIP sweet lady!*

Sue and Glen Davis - June 20, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 20, 2020 at 08:44 AM

RB

“ *Phyllis was such a lovely lady and always had a kind word and a smile for everybody. Loved being her neighbor for years, and many prayers for her precious family for comfort during this difficult time. She will truly be remembered and missed by many. Hugs to her all her family.* ”

Rhonda Bovine - June 20, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ *55 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - June 20, 2020 at 06:25 AM

JJ

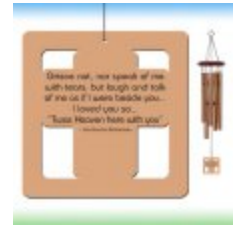
“ *Jennifer Jordan lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Dill* ”



Jennifer Jordan - June 20, 2020 at 01:44 AM

JJ

“ Jennifer Jordan purchased the Cross Wind Chime - Bronze for the family of Phyllis Dill.



Jennifer Jordan - June 20, 2020 at 01:16 AM

MH

“ She was a beautiful spirit that always saw the good in people. She was not only a beautiful women but a great Mother and one of the most honest and gracious souls I will ever know. Truly a lady in every word. I know her whole family will miss her. I am so sorry for your loss Deanna and Jimmy, she was your rock! May God provide you comfort.

Love,

Missy Houston

Missy Houston - June 19, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.



June 19, 2020 at 11:27 PM

DL

“ My sincere condolences to all the Dill family. Thankful for those times of sitting at her table and enjoying her wonderful meals. Mrs. Dill - epitome of Grace, Kindness, and Southern Gentility. ❤️

Dewanna Laning - June 19, 2020 at 11:05 PM

AP

“ All I can say about Phyllis was that she was, “priceless”. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. What a great miss.

Annalee Pitts - June 19, 2020 at 10:47 PM

DJ

“ Deborah A Jacobs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Dill.



Deborah A Jacobs - June 19, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.



June 19, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Phyllis was a wonderful woman. She was such a blessing to so many people and especially our church family. Even through her treatments, she was at church every Wednesday night and I always made sure I knew which dessert she had made, because it is always the best! She was a true lady and she will be missed. The seeds she has sown will bear fruit for many years.*

Heather Sneed - June 19, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *KathyDugger Patton lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Dill*



KathyDugger Patton - June 19, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ *I had the joy of knowing Phyliss for msny years.She and I coached a lityle cheerleading team and shared many good times in doing so.Phyliss was so sweet and kind she will most assuredly be missed by many friends and family.Hugs and prayers to each of her family and to Deena and her siblings you had a wonderful Mother.Susie Pugh Hutton*

Susie Pugh Hutton - June 19, 2020 at 06:48 PM

JM

“ *Condolences and love to Phyllis's family*❤️
Judy Matre Miller

judy miller - June 19, 2020 at 06:10 PM

RT

“ *I am so blessed to know your mother. We shared many laughs, tears and alot of personal family talks. My heart is breaking for both Deena and Jimmy as well as rest of family. People always say. "She will be missed!!", this lady will definitely be missed!!! Praying for everyone!*

Regina Tate - June 19, 2020 at 05:36 PM

SN

Deena, so sorry to hear of your mom,s passing. She is in Heaven celebrating with your dad and my dad, Richard. Praying for all the family. Susan Wilkey Nixon

Susan Nixon - June 19, 2020 at 07:09 PM

SN

She was such a sweet lady. She was always kind to everyone she met. She was loved.

Sarah Norris - June 19, 2020 at 10:02 PM

LB

She was a great long time friend and she will be missed praying for family we love her sweet lady

Lounell Ballard - June 20, 2020 at 08:04 AM

RS

A dear, sweet, kind lady. She will be missed. My heart goes out to her family and friends.

Rosemary Strickler - June 21, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Hoyt and Sue Bartenfeld purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



Hoyt and Sue Bartenfeld - June 19, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Wonderful lady. Condolences to her family.*

David and Gail Hester - June 19, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *This is so heartbreaking. Phyllis was the most wonderful, beautiful woman I have ever known. Truly loved and gaved from the heart. I am so saddened by this and Shocked since I'm no longer live in Dayton. My daughter Kelli loved Ms Phyllis with her heart as my family did. It will be such a loss for not only Dayton but her whole family and the many many friends she had. Words cannot say how much I am grieving for you at this time. my love to all. Toni Alexander Hudgins*

Toni Alexznder Hudgins - June 19, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *I know and will always remember Phyllis as a gentle lady, yet a very strong role model for other women, as well as a very giving heart and wonderful sense of humor. You will be missed Phyllis but how blessed we are for having known you. Christine Ralph*

Christine Ralph - June 19, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Victor L. Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Dill*



Victor L. Caldwell - June 19, 2020 at 02:40 PM



Phyllis was a very active member of our Class of '59, an honor student, involved in a number of clubs, and was very friendly to all of us. It is sad to see her depart this life, but will always treasure memories of Phyllis.--Vic Caldwell

Victor L. Caldwell - June 19, 2020 at 02:43 PM

MM

“ *i am so sorry to hear this...praying for the family.*



melanie mcbay - June 19, 2020 at 02:38 PM

SR

“ *My dear friend... I will miss you everyday...❤️🌹
May your family find Peace in their memories....*

Sandra Rogers - June 19, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:08 PM



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - June 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM

TH

Always beautiful inside and out. MS SUNSHINE

Toni Alexznder Hudgins - June 19, 2020 at 04:09 PM

BC

“ *Bob & Cindy Chedville purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Phyllis Dill.*



Bob & Cindy Chedville - June 19, 2020 at 12:23 PM