



Phyllis J. Kroeger

August 11, 1928 - June 24, 2018

Kroeger, Phyllis J. (Rydberg) (Eklund) August 11, 1928 – June 24, 2018 passed away in Madison, WI from congestive heart failure. Phyllis is survived by her son Grant Eklund, Anaheim Hills, CA; granddaughter Dr. Katie (Dr. Stephen) Kilgus (Eleanor), Madison, WI; grandson Todd (Rachel) Eklund (Easton), Anaheim Hills, CA; niece Sally Randall, Omaha, NE; nephew Scott Gordon, Fort Collins, CO; step-sons Dr. R. Michael (Janet) Kroeger, William (Janet) Kroeger, Terry (Jackie) Kroeger all of Omaha, NE; step-grandchildren Scott (Wendi) Kroeger, Amie (Bill) Schellpeper, Tim (Colleen) Kroeger, Sara Kroeger, Matthew Kroeger, Jeffrey Kroeger, Molly Kroeger, Maggie Kroeger, Ellie Kroeger, and Jake Kroeger all of Omaha, NE. Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband Robert W. Kroeger; husband Daryll D. Eklund, Jr.; parents Grant and Mabel Rydberg; and sister Ruth Gordon.

Phyllis Jean Rydberg Eklund Kroeger was born August 11th, 1928 in Omaha, NE to Grant and Mabel Rydberg. Phyllis attended Clifton Hill Grade School and Benson High School. As a young girl, Phyllis enjoyed her involvement in the Girls Scouts and Rainbow Girls, as well as taking the street car down to the Union Pacific Station on Saturdays to work with the Red Cross serving donuts to the troops passing through Omaha on their way to World War II. Phyllis graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Education from Omaha University in 1949. Phyllis married Daryll D. Eklund, Jr. in 1950 and taught for two years at Benson West Elementary School. Their son, Grant Eklund, was

born in 1954. In 1965, the Eklund family moved to Elkhorn, NE where they had purchased the Elkhorn Hardware Store. Phyllis taught kindergarten, fourth, and fifth grades in Elkhorn Public Schools for 25 years. Her husband Daryll passed away in 1985.

In 1986, Phyllis married Robert W. Kroeger. Bob and Phyllis enjoyed 22 years of marriage before he passed away in 2008. Phyllis was active in many groups including Chi Omega Sorority, Order of the Eastern Star (Luna Chapter), and PEO Chapter FY in Omaha. Family, friends, fellowship, and faith in her Lord were most important to Phyllis. She will be remembered for her sense of humor, love of animals, unconditional friendships, and appreciation of a good happy hour.

A memorial service will be held at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn, NE, on Saturday, July 21, 2018. The visitation will take place from 9:00-10:30am, followed by the memorial service at 10:30am. Memorial contributions can be made to the PEO Scholar Awards of Nebraska Chapter FY at <https://donations.peointernational.org/peo-donation-psa>; or to Orange Lutheran High School, 2222 N. Santiago Road, Orange, CA 92867 at www.lhsoc.org/giving.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis J. Kroeger*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Kay O'Connell lit a candle in memory of
Phyllis J. Kroeger*



Kay O'Connell - July 22, 2021 at 01:17 PM

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~♡~I sure miss you MY SWEET SUNSHINEY AUNTIE PHYLLIS~♡~I call Grant about 4 times a year~we talk for quite awhile~the last time was about where to stay when Denny and I go to Okyboji(sp)how embarrassing😬since you were a beloved teacher to so many~♡~I can see us having a good ole giggling fit on this one~♡~that's what I miss the most~never finishing a sentence, and for some unknown reason we bust out in giggles and we just can't stop it from happening~♡~no matter how hard we tried~♡~oh and just so you know I'll be busy the day before your birthday because I'm having my 20th something surgery on the 10th~♡~I call this doctor my butt doctor oh here we go again with the giggles~♡~so why are there tears running down my cheeks~oh CRAP now my nose is running~any way back to my surgery on the 10th of August @ 12pm~my butt doctor is going to go to the end of the colon and take a foot off~♡~and then he will connect to the intestines and hope my plumbing works just fine~ hey my beautiful Aunt Phyllis did you know that Chase is a plumber also~ yep just like his dad Roy and just like his dad Verne and just like his father-in-law Howdy and just like his father-in-law your dad Great Grandpa Grant Rydberg~ amazing~♡~I love you and miss you and always remember ♪♪you are my sunshine my only sunshine~you make me happy when skies are gray~you'll never know dear how much I love you~ so please don't take my sunshine away~♡~♪♪
love you more♡~♡
Kay O'Connell

Kay O'Connell - July 22, 2021 at 02:16 PM

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Kay O'Connell - July 02, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Kroeger.*



July 15, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Kroeger.*



July 15, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ *Phyllis was a very sweat and amazing lady. God received a Beautiful Angel*

Dee - July 05, 2018 at 03:25 PM