



Phyllis Rae Swanson

July 25, 1936 - January 21, 2024

Phyllis R. Swanson age 87 July 25th 1936 - January 21st 2024.

Phyllis was born in Central City Nebraska and moved to Bellevue Nebraska where she was raised and graduated from Bellevue High. She met William J. Swanson and they married in 1955. They moved to Omaha, Nebraska where they raised 4 children. She worked in the office at Payless Cashways lumberyard for many years. She was fun loving and enjoyed life to the fullest. She is preceded in death by her father and mother Ray and Isabel Ratcliff, brother Tom Ratcliff, husband William J. Swanson, daughter Vikki Swanson/Wells, son Timothy Swanson. Survived by daughter Roni (Scott) Subbert and family, daughter Terri (Ken) Rowan and family, son Shawn (Kim)Swanson and family, son Mel (Peggy) Saddler and family. 9 Grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Brother Jim (Carol) Ratcliff and family, sister Shirley (Ray) Weinacht and family, sister Pam Ratcliff/Fattig and family. Along with several nephews, nieces and many friends. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim, Shirley, Pam, & families. Only now has the recent death of Phyllis been known to me & I am so sorry for the loss of your sister, mother, & my cousin. Back when families were close Phyllis Rae & I growing up as small children shared so much together in a world & way of life that only she & I could remember trying to understand. My favorite memory from that childhood is the time in Central City where without permission we borrowed her parents (Ray & Isabelle) car for a drive around a very large city block with much of the drive being on busy Highway 30. This mostly notable with me being only 10 years old & my passenger Phyllis about 8. We were able to start it & barely able to see over the steering wheel we drove it. Of course all this witnessed by a neighbor I remember the consequences as being quite drastic..... Our not being in touch these many years is disappointing if only for sharing our memories another time. Phyllis, that beautiful little girl with whom I shared the most precious years of my childhood will never be forgotten.....
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Going far back in time more thoughts in remembering Phyllis as Phyllis Rae: She was the very last remaining member of our extended families that go back into the very early 1940's. We, our families intertwined, I remember as a small child spending so much time with Phyllis & her family. To this day when hearing certain old songs, they take me back to the Phyllis, Uncle Ray & Aunt Isabelle days where their home was my only opportunity for hearing the early 40's WW 2 era music. Only by chance just days ago when looking through an old address book saw her name which reminded me of us communicating by mail into the early 1950's. Phyllis & I always described us being double cousins with my father being her mother's brother & my mother her father's sister.....I deeply regret us not being in touch during recent years when Phyllis was my very last connection to those days from which no other living persons survive. Jim was to follow but this being later.

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