



Phyllis C. Anderson

May 22, 1927 - January 14, 2017

Phyllis C. Anderson 89, of Naples, died Saturday, January 14, 2017 at her residence at Arbor Trace. Phyllis was born May 22, 1927 in Miami, Florida, the only daughter of the late Henry and Jessie (née Tompkins) Keitel. She had been a resident of Naples since 1975 coming from Bridgewater, NJ.

She met her husband, Charles M. Anderson, in Atlanta, Georgia while he was attending Georgia Tech University and they were married on September 10, 1947. This year would have marked their 70th year of marriage.

She was an avid golfer and loved to travel the world. She was a former member of The Old Collier Golf Club, Imperial Golf Club and Audubon Country Club. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Bonita Springs.

She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Charles M. Anderson, of Naples, FL, four daughters, Denise Remes and her husband, Richard of Hillsborough, NC, Deborah L. Anderson of Bonita Springs, FL, Shelley D. Anderson of Bonita Springs, FL and Laura A. Opteyndt and her husband, Jim of Bonita Springs, FL; one son, Charles M. Anderson and his wife, Jill, of New Hope, PA; one brother, Paul G. Cutright and his wife, Lane, of Asheville, NC; 12 grandchildren, Rachel Remes, Alex Remes, Laura Hamilton, Matt Anderson, Sarah Thompson, Katelin Martini, Hunter Thompson, Amy Opteyndt, John-Paul Opteyndt, Ariel Anderson, Cole Anderson and Lexi

Anderson and 2 great grandchildren, Jake Thompson and Clark Hamilton.

Phyllis was the quintessential Mom. She cooked breakfast every morning of her 5 children's school years, she was waiting at the door every day when they arrived home, and everyone ate dinner together. Many school friends considered the Anderson house their second home and everyone was always welcome. She loved to laugh and she loved when the family was all together. She loved babies and when the grandchildren started coming along she was just thrilled. They all have many good memories of their times visiting Naples as well as their home for many years in Banner Elk, North Carolina. She was funny, kind, loving, and patient and she will be missed forever.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers from Able Healthcare Services for the loving and devoted care they provided to their wife/mother/grandmother these last few years.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for later this year and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association or Hope Lutheran Church in Bonita Springs, FL

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis C. Anderson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Her smile always lit up a room. Her southern drawl was infectious and always welcomed. Traveled with my parents most of the time as they were inseparable. One trip to Africa had photos taken at the equator and the crazy balloon ride which I'm sure ended with her comment of DAAAA! Or the time my dad stuck a South Of The Border bumper sticker on her Datsun 280Z. Wonderful family friend and will be missed.~ Corey (Christenson) Kehayes*



Corey Kehayes - May 08, 2017 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Phyllis, my sister, who was 20 y.o. when I was born, was like a second mother to me. She got married to a wonderful man that same year and they were married to each other for the rest of their lived. That in itself was an accomplishment. I don't remember this, but I do remember her and our mother telling me about how when I was a baby Phyllis (who I called "sister" because I could not quite pronounce her name), would carry me around town (Atlanta) on the bus or pushing my stroller and pretending I was hers!*

I especially remember when she and her family, my four nieces (Denise, Debbie, Shelley and Laura) lived in Pensacola, FL. Me my mother and father would drive over from New Orleans to visit and my and my nieces would play in the yard and at the beautiful white sand beaches. My nieces were more like my sisters because we were so close in age.

I miss her and will always love her and the wonderful memories I have of her. Rest in sweet peace, Sister.

Paul

Paul Cutright - January 21, 2017 at 09:03 AM

CA

“ Thanks to Shelley and Laura for putting such a good picture of Mom up on the site. This is how I want to remember her face. Happy with a big smile. The past several years had not been kind to Mom. It broke all of our hearts to see her suffer and lose her ability to communicate with us. Seeing this picture brings me right back to the times when she was vibrant. Seeing this now I can picture standing in the kitchen at their beach house, Mom busying herself cooking dinner, kids sitting on the barstools looking on. Everyone laughing and chatting, the smell of broiling grouper in the air, glasses full of Chardonnay. Through the kitchen windows the sun setting over the Gulf and everyone stopping, and turning or standing to watch, Mom and Dad standing next to each other, Mom's arm around Dad's back, as the sun dropped into the horizon, everyone straining to see that elusive green flash. Those were good times, and they wouldn't have been the same without Mom, right there in the middle of us, where she loved to be, laughing and smiling surrounded by her kids and husband. This memory and a million others like it are what I will replay over and over in my mind when I think of Mom. And when I see a picture of her like this one I won't think of the hard time she had these past few years. I'll see the Mom that made us all laugh and smile. And I'll smile back.

We love you Mom. We're going to miss you.

*Love,
Charlie*

Charles Anderson - January 20, 2017 at 02:01 PM