



Phyllis A. Rademacher

January 27, 1925 - April 3, 2017

Phyllis Anderson Rademacher passed away peacefully on Monday, April 3, 2017. Formerly of Boerne, Texas, she had been a resident of Bonita Springs, Florida since 2014. She was born on January 27, 1925 in Ames, Iowa, the daughter of Arthur Lawrence and Muriel (nee Hall) Anderson.

Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, and she will be greatly missed by her family and by many whose lives she touched with her outgoing personality and her warm and caring heart. Phyllis is survived by her loving children, Lisa (William) Sharp of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Karen (Joseph) Rayzor of Ave Maria, Florida, and Christian (Connie) Rademacher of Chicago, Illinois; four cherished grandchildren, Joseph (Sally) Rayzor III, Anna Rayzor, Douglas Sharp and Daniel Sharp; two beautiful great granddaughters, Anderson Lucille and Patricia Harrison Rayzor, and many dear nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John ("Jack") Rademacher, her parents and her siblings, Marie Anderson Baird, James Anderson and Joyce Anderson Reynolds.

Phyllis graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics and food service management, and thereafter joined the staff of the L.S. Ayres Department Store Tearoom in Indianapolis, Indiana. She married Jack in 1951 and embraced family life wholeheartedly. She was

devoted to her children, and being a mom, and ultimately a grandmother and a great grandmother, were the roles she cherished most in her life.

Jack's work in the Environmental Management field took Phyllis and family from Chicago to Denver, then from Washington, D.C. to Kansas City and back to Washington, D.C., to Chicago and finally to the Houston area. Phyllis quickly made lifelong friends wherever she called home, always finding a point of commonality between herself and new acquaintances. She loved to entertain and host parties for family and friends, and she treasured each and every relationship in her life.

Phyllis returned to the professional world in 1972 when she joined the food service division of the Fairfax County Public School system, and she ultimately became the Area Supervisor for one quarter of the county's schools. In 1991, Phyllis earned a degree in interior design and worked in that field in the Houston area until retiring to Georgetown, Texas in 1996. Phyllis held memberships in the American Dietetic Association (ADA) and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Phyllis was an active member of the many Lutheran churches in the communities in which she lived. She was also engaged in local chapters of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority throughout her life. In retirement, Phyllis enjoyed golf, travel, classical music, reading, bridge, the San Antonio Spurs and most especially, time with her family and friends. For many years she helped organize biennial European trips with her Ames High School classmates. She actively supported the local arts, and while in Georgetown, Texas, she volunteered for the symphony orchestra, the Little Theater, and was a member of the Board of the Georgetown Library Foundation. She will long be remembered for her positive outlook, her strong work ethic and her giving spirit.

A gathering to celebrate Phyllis's life is planned for Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 4:00 pm at The Terraces in Bonita Springs, Florida. Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas, on a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center or The Shelter for Abused Women and Children, Naples, Florida.

Online condolences may be offered at www.Shikany.FuneralHome.com .

Cemetery Details

Fort sam Houston National Cemetery

San Antonio, TX

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

The Terraces at Bonita Springs
26455 South Tamiami Trail
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis A. Rademacher*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We grieve with you at the loss of Phyllis and send our condolences. We are filled with wonderful memories of her (and Jack) and always marveled at her incredible energies and amazing gifts of hospitality and friendship. She was so good at bringing people together, and she seemed to have an almost photographic memory of details about everyone. We will miss her here, but look forward to the grand reunion with her at the foot of God's throne.*

Karen & Al Taylor - April 26, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ *We will not be able to attend the service for Phyllis but we want you to know how much we loved her and that you and your family are in our prayers. Phyllis was one of our favorite new friends at the Terraces. She was always so friendly and shared her positive outlook on life. We loved her quick wit and sense of humor as she always had a comment. She always spoke just what was on her mind which made for a special friendship. We had many delightful dinners with her and always enjoyed her company. Phyllis was so thoughtful and kind. We are so happy that Phyllis was an important part of our lives even if it was for too short a time. We miss her and share your loss.*

*Sincerely,
Judy and Jim Kahl*

judy kahl - April 24, 2017 at 01:24 PM