



Phyllis E. Gentry

October 23, 1937 - February 26, 2022

Phyllis E. Gentry,

On Saturday, February 26, 2022, Phyllis Gentry, in the comfort of her home, left us to join the Lord. Her marker reads, "Jesus led me all the way". Phyllis made her decision to let Jesus into her heart at 10 years old. And from that day on, He has shown her the way. Phyllis was born to Dennis and Dorothy (Mitts) Murphy on October 23, 1937. She graduated from Northwestern College in June, 1960 with a BA in Religious Education and immediately answered a calling to go to Taiwan in a missionary program. On one of her furloughs in Minnesota, she met Bill Gentry. Phyllis married the love of her life, Bill Gentry, on June 21, 1975, at the Adventurous Christians Lodge on the Gunflint Trail, near Grand Marais, Minnesota. Phyllis immediately became a mother, mother-in-law, and grandma to Bill's five children and grandchildren. Phyllis was a devoted missionary. She introduced Christianity and the bible to people across the world. She spent time in Taiwan, Papua New Guinea and China. When she wasn't sharing the gospel, she was working with young children, tutoring them, encouraging them, and always teaching them about the Lord. She loved adventure and being outside in nature. Until recently, she had a tent and all her camping supplies in her trunk so she would always be ready to camp when the opportunity presented itself. She loved hiking trails or just sitting in a park with a book and enjoying the beauty. She loved to drive. She thought nothing of hopping in her car and heading out for a 14-hour drive or longer to visit relatives or the multitude of friends she had throughout the

U.S.

Phyllis was always very involved in her church and many of her lifelong friendships began through her church affiliations. She worked tirelessly to help underprivileged children and their families find hope and faith through the Lord.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Englewood Christian Church, 57 North Rural Street, with visitation one hour prior.

Phyllis is survived by her sister, Kathleen "Kate" Murphy; brother, Richard Murphy; sister-in-law, Glady Murphy; the Gentry children, Mark Steven Gentry (Sylvia), Jane Ann Hall (Terry), Carol Kaye Frye (Art), David Kent Gentry (Cheryl) and Daniel Trent Gentry (Connie). She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren with one on the way; and one great-great-grandchild.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis Murphy and Dorothy Olive (Mitts) Murphy; brothers, Danny and Thomas Murphy; and her husband, William Gentry.

Phyllis' greatest wish is for everyone to invite Jesus into their hearts the way she did and build a personal relationship with Him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Renewal Neighborhood Ministry, 8748 Bel Air Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

9350 E Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Englewood Christian Church
57 North Rural Street
Indianapolis, IN 46201

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phyllis E. Gentry.*



March 16, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Phyllis always had a song in her heart and frequently on her lips. A frequent Scripture we have shared in recent years is Isaiah 46:4 "Even to your old age I shall be the same, and even to your graying hairs I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; and I shall bear you and I shall deliver you." Now God has carried her away in His arms to a better place and a well-earned rest. There is hope in our sorrow and joy in knowing she is with Jesus.*
Jan Burns

Jan Burns - March 14, 2022 at 06:27 PM

CW

“ *Phyllis Gentry was one of those saints that a pastor is delighted to have as a member of his church! Her love for God and others along with her faithful and sacrificial service is encouraging.*

I will always remember how Phyllis befriended my wife, Sharon. She would call, come over to share a meal, and often pick Sharon up and take her out for walks. This was especially appreciated as Sharon's health was declining due to a rare brain disease.

Sharon would often speak of her love for and trust in Phyllis. Phyllis was a godly friend! It was a blessing for Sharon and I to share times of prayer with Phyllis on the phone. Phyllis was looking forward to seeing Jesus.

After Sharon passed on November 29th Phyllis shared her sorrow for me but delight that Sharon was with Jesus. In fact she told me, "I taught that I would go to heaven before Sharon. I am looking forward to seeing her soon."

Phyllis and Sharon are doing well in the presence of Christ. May God grant us grace to love, enjoy, and serve him as they did! Tears of grief due to our lost and tears of joy due to their gain. (John 13:34-35)

Charles Ware - March 13, 2022 at 08:56 PM

TC

“ *I met Phyllis on a backpacking trip connected to the Christian Camping International gathering at Glorietta New Mexico in 1973. We ended up serving together at the Adventurous Christians camp. I was a new Christian and Phyllis was a great encouragement to me in my desire to learn how to pray. We have been in touch all these years and Phyllis blest me by attending a silent retreat that I was leading a couple of years ago on the theme of praying with poets.*

Terry Cathcart - March 02, 2022 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Phyllis and I met in Taiwan in 1962, when we were both beginning our missionary careers and we have kept in touch ever since. I followed her through her marriage to Bill, service in Papua New Guinea, widowhood and a new adventure in China. I loved her openness to people, her joy in daily life, and the ease with which she shared her faith. May you, the Murphy and Gentry families, find comfort in God’s love for you and the hope of being united with Phyllis in eternity. Shirley Hildebrand Hsu, Vancouver, Canada*

Shirley Hsu - March 02, 2022 at 10:40 AM

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“ *I met Phyllis many years ago and I care for her mother Dot Murphy for several years before her passing I got to speak with Phyllis multiple times over the last several years and even recently just a few weeks ago she will always be in my thoughts and prayers what an amazing woman Phyllis you will be missed but our live for you will remain I truly hope that piece that you believed was waiting for you and that you are with your brothers your mom and friends singing praise and enjoying eternal peace my friend*



Sharie Uberto - March 02, 2022 at 05:41 AM