



## Phylis Rose Hoffman

April 24, 1939 - November 28, 2021

Dodgeville - Phylis Rose Hoffman, age 82, of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, died on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville.

She was born on April 24, 1939, to Felice and Josephine (De Gennaro) Natiello of New York City, in the Bronx. United in marriage on October 24, 1964 to Michael Hoffman Jr. Later, Phylis moved to Bolingbrook, IL with her husband and children. She loved Jesus with her whole heart, and committing her life to Him allowed her to love others with her whole heart, too. She loved butterflies as they represented New Life in Christ. When you see butterflies, remember her and the Eternal Life you, too, can have in Jesus.

Phylis had many small businesses, including Tupperware, Avon, MaryKay, Sarah Coventry, and homemade crafts. She was especially pleased that some of her Macrame items and floral arrangements were sold and appreciated internationally!

Dancing seemed to be in Phylis' blood! In addition to the polka, and more formal ballroom dances, she had fun dancing to songs such as Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode," Chubby Checkers' "The Twist," and "Wild Horses," by the Rolling Stones. Those songs will always remind us of her. Now, she is dancing with Jesus!

Phylis so enjoyed spending time with family and friends, faithfully staying connected with them through phone calls, and birthday or holiday cards. Because she appreciated poetry, especially the work of Helen Steiner Rice, she added poems to her cards in her beautiful handwriting. Those who received these cards treasure them dearly. In addition to poetry, Phylis was an avid reader and really enjoyed Amish books. Her other favorite pastimes included coloring, doing crossword puzzles, and playing Bingo, Phase 10, and Rummikub with her friends.

Time with her family was cherished - whether going on adventures, out to eat, or just being together for special occasions such as weddings, birthdays, and holidays. She will be remembered for her thoughtfulness, care and contagious laughter. She will be greatly missed!

Phylis is survived by her faithful husband of 57 years, Michael, and by her children: James of Bolingbrook, Illinois; Michele Ann (Harvey) Stieve of Dodgeville, Wisconsin; Debra Ann (Brian) Vlcek of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Madeline (David) Yonki of Sevierville, Tennessee. Phylis is also survived by her grandchildren: James Jr., Joshua (Amani), Jesse (Arisa), and Jared (Alana) Hoffman, Kenna Stieve, Luke (Jesse) Stieve, Karissa (Amos) Langlois, and Emily Stieve, and Moriah, Briahna, Isaiah, and Elijah Vlcek, and her great grandchildren Bassam Hoffman, Harper Hoffman, Ellabrynn, Ezekiel, Judah, and Joshua Langlois, Sister-in-law Nancy Cietelli, brother-in-law: Bobby Pfeister, as well as, nieces, nephews: Anthony Mirante, Donata (Frank) Magazino, Philip Mirante, Josephine (Murray) Hertzberg, Ralphie Mirante, Eddie (Donna) Finn Jr., Michael (Marisol) Finn, Joseph Masi, Margret, Richie Jr and Lisa Citelli, Cassandra Gonzalez, Tiffany and Raquel "Rocky" Pfeister, their children and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and 3 sisters and their husbands: Carmela "Dolly" (Ralphie) Mirante, Lucille "Chubby" (Eddie) Finn, and

AnnaMarie "Sister" (Al) Masi, sister-in-law: Cindy Pfeister and niece, RoseAnn Mirante.

Private Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville with graveside services at East Side Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to your favorite charity, as Phylis truly enjoyed supporting various charities. Thank you for joining us in honoring her wishes!

Special thanks to Upland Hills Health medical staff for their tender loving care, making Phylis' entrance to Heaven peaceful. God bless!

# Cemetery Details

## **East Side Cemetery**

601 E. Division Street  
Dodgeville, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phylis Rose Hoffman*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *About 40 years ago, Phylis reached out to get to know me better. We went to lunch, sang old hymns, read the Bible, prayed and talked ... and talked and talked. After she moved to Wisconsin, we had letters, cards and phone calls. Yes, Phylis was truly my friend and a blessing to me. I will miss her.*

*Ev Prested*

**Evelyn Prested** - January 27, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Phylis was a ray of sunshine whenever she called me at the Library asking if we had certain amish books which she had read. So she told me some of her favorite authors and once she had finished that author that I knew didnt have any new amish stories I started to look for more amish books that I knew she might love to read. I knew if I didn't have books ahead of her she wouldn't have a book to read. I told her I have to keep ahead of her she kept me on my toes looking for newer authors for her to read. She told me she wanted to read all the books that was in a series. I had to wait for some to make the whole series together so she can read them in a row. She was a joy to help and glad to get to talk to her and give her joy in the books I picked out for her. I miss getting her phone calls asking me do I have books for her. Hugs to all of the family. May you all know she was loved by me and will miss the happy voice when she heard I had found a new author for her. ❤️❤️*

*Karla Margan the Librarian at the Dodgeville Library*

**Karla Margan** - December 16, 2021 at 10:30 PM

MH

*Thank you for sharing this precious memory with the family.*

**Michael Hoffman** - December 18, 2021 at 02:12 AM

SU

“ *Our deepest condolences on the passing you Phylis. It was always a joy and pleasure to visit with her at Brian and Deb’s various events and we will greatly miss her. Praying for all of you as you mourn the loss of your dear and precious mom. Rejoicing with you that she is now with the Lord and you will one day see her again. Blessings and love, Dave and. Sue LeMay*

**Sue** - December 14, 2021 at 11:40 AM

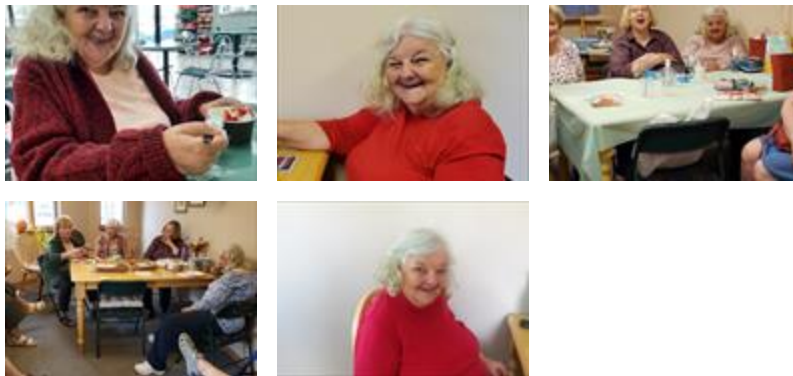
MH

*Thanks for sharing this. With the family*

**Michael Hoffman** - December 14, 2021 at 05:32 PM

MI

“ *6 files added to the album Phylis Hoffman*



**Mike** - December 13, 2021 at 10:36 AM

MH

“ *RIP Phylis Rose Hoffman*

*The butterflies are gone but will return  
You are gone but will not return in this life  
You are with Jesus paving the way for me  
My heart is broken in many pieces  
It is like a puzzle of ten thousand pieces  
Tell me how I can do this  
Some say time will heal  
I will work on one piece at a time*

*Sad as I am there is joy for our shared love  
Joy for a son and daughters  
Joy grand children, great grand children  
Joy for in laws  
Joy for cousins and all relatives  
Joy for friends and all who try to comfort us  
Hope to see you soon Phylis but not too soon*

*Love Always and Forever  
Michael*

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**Michael Hoffman** - December 12, 2021 at 09:53 PM

KU

“ Though we never got the chance to know Phyllis on a personal level our experience has been through the influence of her daughter Deb and husband Brian. Children do not appear in a vacuum but rather they are the product of thousands of hours of training and influence by parents. The influence of Phyllis for good is something we have grown to appreciate in the last 4 years we have been serving people along side Brian and Deb in training kids in speech and debate. They have been faithful workmen and trusted friends who have influenced others for good and for Christ. it is with sorrow that we share in the grief and loss of Deb's mom and our hearts go out to all the family members set back by this significant loss.

God Bless you all as you grieve.  
Sincerely,

*Kurtis Sophia Brown & family  
Western Wisconsin Speech and Debate  
Menomonie Wi.*

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**Kurtis** - December 12, 2021 at 04:39 PM

MH

*Thanks for sharing this with the family*

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**Michael Hoffman** - December 12, 2021 at 09:58 PM

MH

“ Pray for Phylis Rose Hoffman and family Jesus we need your help. Our hearts are bursting right now with deep sorrow and pain. As we grieve in our own way, please give each of us comfort. Help us to get rid of any anger, bitterness or negative emotions. Give us the strength to comfort each other and share our love with everyone.

Michael Hoffman - December 12, 2021 at 02:21 AM

NA

Praying for you right now, Mr. Hoffman. I am so sorry for all that you and your family are going through during this time.

nancy - December 12, 2021 at 03:03 AM

MH

You just made me smile

Michael Hoffman - December 12, 2021 at 07:19 AM

GH

Mom  
I'm going to miss our coffee mornings and giggling as we try to not wake up anyone  
Thank you for lending me your books to read  
My heart is full knowing you and your son made such a effort to heal and enjoy so many family occasions  
Thank you for your honesty and teaching me  
May you rest in heaven and see all the love down here for you



Gina Harrison - December 12, 2021 at 10:03 AM

AV

I'm sorry for your loss! She was a beautiful woman. Her laugh always made me smile! Praying for you all.

Amy Vicek - December 12, 2021 at 10:13 AM

KE

*Mr. Hoffman and family, please know that we are praying for you all and standing in faith with you! May God cover each of you in His peace that surpasses understanding. May He pour His love so deeply upon you that all the uncertainty and any feelings not of Him will fall away. May He bring healing to your hearts and beautiful memories of your lovely wife to all of you. May you find rest in Him and love in her memories and among one another. We will continue lifting you up in prayer!*

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**Kelly** - December 12, 2021 at 10:18 AM

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*Anthony Mirante*  
*Although we were miles away, aunt Phyliss always comforted me when we spoke.*  
*I am so happy that I got to see her when my Mom passed away. She is with the Lord now and in peace. Every time I think of her little giggle it makes me smile. Love and prayers to all of the family. ❤️❤️🙏*

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**Anthony Mirante** - December 12, 2021 at 02:53 PM

MH

*Thanks for sharing this precious memory with us. She loved you all. Keep in touch*

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**Michael Hoffman** - December 12, 2021 at 10:13 PM

DV


“ *While Waiting for Thee*

*Don't weep at my grave,  
For I am not there,  
I've a date with a butterfly  
To dance in the air.  
I'll be singing in the sunshine,  
Wild and free,  
Playing tag with the wind,  
While I'm waiting for thee.  
The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace  
After the clouds, the sunshine,  
after the winter, the spring,  
after the shower, the rainbow,  
for life is a changeable thing.  
After the night, the morning,  
bidding all darkness cease,  
after life's cares and sorrows,  
the comfort and sweetness of peace.  
Helen Steiner Rice*

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**Deb Vleck** - December 11, 2021 at 07:17 PM

MH

*Great poem, my  is fluttering in a good way*

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**Michael Hoffman** - December 12, 2021 at 07:31 AM

MS

*God bless and comfort you Deb and family as you grieve. *

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**Maureen Shakeshaft** - December 12, 2021 at 01:06 PM