



Phyllis Anne Franz

March 13, 1930 - July 28, 2009

Phyllis Anne Franz, 79, was called to the Lord from her earthly home, surrounded by friends and family in Moses Lake, Washington on July 28, 2009 after a brave fight with brain cancer.

Phyllis was born in the spring of 1930 to Martine and Gilbert Tucker. She attended Seattle Public Schools, graduating from Queen Anne High School and went on to the University of Washington. Phyllis and her husband, Victor, were introduced by mutual friends, and were married in 1951. The city girl had to learn how to be a farmer's wife.

When they were first married they lived in Lind, Washington. Phyllis and Vic then watched as their new home on the family farm was built in 1952. Here, they raised their three children. They retired from farming in 1985 and moved to Moses Lake, Washington.

Vic taught her to drive and also passed on his love of flying and so she too obtained her private pilot's license. They were long time members of the International Flying Farmers and flew in their Cessna extensively throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico and Central America. With Phyllis' gift for gab, they made friends wherever they went. Phyllis served as the Washington Flying Farmer "Queen" and wrote many national prize winning newsletters and was honored as "Women of the Year" at both the local and national levels.

How she managed to do all this with three small kids in tow is a testament to her organizational skills.

Phyllis was very active in the Menno Mennonite Church. She was affirmed as a member in 1953 and was re-baptized in May of 1962 by Pastor Lester Jansen. Phyllis served in various capacities such as President of Women in Mission, teaching Sunday school, choir, running the children's Christmas program and acting as publicity spokesperson for the annual Mennonite Country Auction for many years.

One of her favorite pastimes was wheat weaving. She was a member of the National Association of Wheat Weavers and enjoyed going to their conferences to visit with fellow weavers and learn new techniques. Phyllis enjoyed sharing her craft by teaching various women's groups and also many grade school students in Moses Lake. Her wheat weaving booth at the Mennonite Country Auction was always crowded and usually sold out. One of her wheat weavings even graced a White House Christmas tree.

Phyllis is survived by her sister, her husband of 58 years, her three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Thank you to all the people who have provided heart felt support for the family during this transitional time. A special thank you goes out to all who work for Hospice for making Phyllis' final days comfortable and peaceful.

Memorial service will be on August 8, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at the Menno Mennonite Church , Ritzville. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Menno Mennonite Church or the Mennonite Country Auction at 1378 N Damon Rd, Ritzville, WA 99169.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 8. 4:00 PM (PT)

Menno Mennonite Church
1378 N Damon Rd
Ritzville, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Randy and family, I was saddened to hear of Phyllis' passing and will certainly keep you and your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Marilyn Cole##imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 12:10 PM



“ Pam, Randy, and Curt, Victor...
I remember a lot of fun times at your house, and with your family. I am sorry for your loss. I'll remember her in my prayers.

Pam##imported-begin##Pam Gassett Brown##imported-end##

August 08, 2009 at 09:55 PM



“ Dear Vic and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about Phyllis' passing. I have so many wonderful memories of growing up with your family: all of the get-togethers, dinners, playdates, boating, church activities! So many fun-filled times! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Connie Kagele Phillips##imported-end##

August 08, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ Dear Vic and Family,
She was a wonderful person and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all.##imported-begin##Bud and Sharon Englehart##imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 02:12 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Phyllis will always be remembered. Her good deeds are icons of love and compassion.

Greg & Nadia Reimer and
Jason Reimer##imported-begin##Greg & Nadia Reimer and Jason
Reimer##imported-end##

August 06, 2009 at 10:26 PM



“ Dear Vic and family,

Polly and I will be unable to attend the memorial for Phyllis but want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have been great friends over many years.

Love,

Jim and Polly##imported-begin##Jim##imported-end##

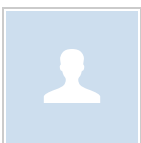
August 06, 2009 at 11:27 AM



“ What a gracious lady. We felt fortunate to be able to work with her at the auction for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this time of loss.

Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie
Polhamus##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ My thoughts are you with. Please take cars of yourself.##imported-begin##Kandi Bersanti##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 06:52 PM