



Phyllis J Freeman

February 14, 1930 - March 16, 2021

Phyllis J. Freeman, born to James and Marjorie Freeman February 14, 1930, departed this life on Tuesday March 16, 2021. Phyllis earned a Master's and a Reading Specialist degree from U.T. She taught third grade for 10 years and remedial reading for 21 years. Phyllis volunteered for "Friends of the Library" at the Sanger Branch where she was a trustee. She was a mentor for 1st and 2nd graders and volunteered at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

Phyllis is survived by her sister, Marilyn; nephews, Jeff and David Greenberg; and several cousins. Great friends, Bev Gottlieb and the Sauerlender family provided much help and care to allow Phyllis to be comfortable and worry free.

Friends are invited to visit after 9:30am at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 2820 W. Alexis Road, where services will commence at 10:30am. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Sanger Library, Lutheran Church of our Saviour or the Sunset House.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
2820 West Alexis Road
Toledo, OH 43613

Service

MAR 22. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Sisters are sisters forever. My memories of Phyllis and I growing up together are my favorite memories. I remember when we were small, she and I would play together on the long hot summer’s days. We’d eat the lunches mom would pack for us under the weeping willow tree and cool off running through the sprinkler. At night, we would catch fireflies and put them in a jar. These memories will be mine forever and I will love you for eternity. Love, Marilyn.* ”

Marilyn Greenberg - March 23, 2021 at 07:40 PM

KG

“ *Phyllis was a loving Aunt to her sister, Marilyn's 3 boys and their families! She was very devoted to helping children both as a teacher and as a volunteer at the library, which she loved, among other activities. We were fortunate to be able to spend time with her when we visited Ohio from Arizona every year or two. We kept in touch through many letters and phone calls as well and she would tell us how many activities she was involved in through the years, which usually included volunteer work.* ”



We were very blessed to be part of her family and wished we could have seen her more often. She was a blessing to all of us and will be greatly missed.

Love, Jeff (nephew) and Kathy Greenberg

Kathy Greenberg - March 23, 2021 at 04:25 PM

RD

“ I was so fortunate to have been one of Phyllis's students. In 1952 our third grade class began the year at Old Orchard School and in October we moved into the newly completed Grove Patterson School. Miss Freeman provided a nurturing environment for us all, and eased us into the transition by promoting it as a great adventure. I'm sure I learned a lot that year, but what I remember most was her consistent warmth and kindness. She was a lovely woman.

Ruthellen (Pugh) Dickinson

Ruthellen (Pugh) Dickinson - March 22, 2021 at 02:32 PM

BG

“*Phyllis and I shared a deep friendship for the past 17 years. We met when she volunteered, for four years, as an Ohio Reads mentor at Ottawa Hills Elementary School. As co-ordinator for the program, I assigned her to students who needed the most help. Her skill of personalizing reading strategies, and implementing them with great warmth and kindness, gave each student a feeling of success as well as improved reading ability.*

After Ohio Reads ended, Phyllis and I volunteered under Partners in Education at McKinley Elementary School, where she worked her "reading magic".

Phyllis and I also shared many other wonderful experiences. It was such a pleasure sharing Mother's Day teas and other delicious meals at Sunset House! Her birthday on Valentine's Day was a true celebration each year!

Phyllis strived to be a good person. She was thoughtful of others: sending cards, sending prayers, and making phone calls to family and friends. She sincerely appreciated Sunset House's staff and the wonderful care they provided.

I will miss her terribly but she will live on in the hearts of all who love her.

Bev Gottlieb

Bev Gottlieb - March 22, 2021 at 01:14 PM

DG

“ *Phyllis was a wonderful aunt to her nephews, nieces and their children. We enjoyed spending time with her when we came to town to visit. She always made time for us and we would spend hours listening to her telling us stories of her life. She told us stories of growing up at the Sunset House, her teaching career, her trip to Japan, and the wonderful stories of her time spent volunteering at the library. When we would visit she would walk us around the Sunset grounds so we could explore and she would tell our daughter about all the wonderful wildlife that lived there since they were different than the ones we have in Arizona. She was a dedicated person spending time volunteering with children, which was her favorite thing to do. She would tell us how she could see the change in children when learning how to read and how their imagination grew because of it.*

Phyllis loved spending time with her church family and we are grateful for all of the wonderful friends she made here and we appreciate their dedication to her.

We will miss her.

Love, Dave, Dawn and Lauren Greenberg

Dave Greenberg - March 22, 2021 at 10:18 AM

CW

“ Covid19 has made many of us prisoners in our homes, the ones that have health issues and we have not been able to go to church and see our friends. Phyllis always had a big smile on her face and had words of encouragement for me when I sang in the choir. Then when I couldn't sing anymore, due to health issues, I know that she prayed for me. I know that Phyllis is sitting at the feet of our King and has no pain or discomfort anymore. I will miss her smile and words of encouragement when someday, I will be able to go back to church without the fear of catching Covid19. I am so glad that our sister in Christ, will never have that fear ever again. The family of Jeff and Cindy Whitmore



Cindy Whitmore - March 21, 2021 at 06:24 PM