



Phyllis Manker

September 5, 1938 - August 20, 2023

Phyllis Manker, 84, of Manteno, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2023 in Wood Dale, IL. She was born Sept. 5, 1938, in Carbondale, IL, the daughter of Joe and Virginia (Hampton) Craig. She married Clarence “Sonny” Manker on Oct. 3, 1964, in Kankakee, IL.

Phyllis was a secretary at various schools for the Kankakee School District #111 for 35 years and the Kankakee State Hospital for 10 years. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Leader of United Methodist Women, supported Alzheimer’s support groups and Relay for Life. She enjoyed Sewing, quilting, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; Linda (Paul) Colwell, of Phoenix, Cathy (Chuck) Walker-Martin, of Manteno, and Amy (Dan) Meyer, of Schaumburg, 2 sisters; Mary Ann (Don) Badgley of Steelville, IL. and Joey Gulley of Pinckneyville, IL, grandchildren; Eric Colwell, Corinne Walker, Brinna Walker, Sarah (Michael) Becker, Ellyse (Fiancé Michael Basham) Walker, Nicholas Meyer, Emily Meyer, and Ainsley Martin, and a great-granddaughter Eleanora Becker.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, parents, granddaughter, Rebecca Hamlin and a brother-in-law Dugan Gulley.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2023, at Brown Funeral Home in Manteno with an additional visitation Saturday from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Grace Community United Methodist Church, Bourbonnais. The Rev. Steve Hudspath will officiate. Pallbearers will

be Eric Colwell, Drew Gulley, Joe Gulley, Michael Becker, Michael Basham,
and Robert Bond.

Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Visitation

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main St NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main St NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Burial

AUG 26 (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery
Manteno, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Manker* ”

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Manker.* ”



August 25, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Manker. ”

August 25, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phyllis Manker.* ”



August 24, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *My condolences to cousin Phyllis' family. She was like my “big sister.”* ”

Jim Hampton - August 24, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Phyllis Manker.*



August 23, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Phyllis Manker.*



August 23, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Manker.*

August 23, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Manker.*



August 23, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Manker.*

August 23, 2023 at 09:44 AM

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“ My sincere and deepest sympathies to Phyllis’ family and friends at her loss. When I began attending Grace CUMC many years ago, she and Sonny were the giving hands of Grace – in so many ways! Worship service? They were there. Potluck? They were there. Work day? They were there. Plethora of meetings? They were there.

Phyllis had an infectious smile, an indomitable spirit, a deep love for her family, her dog and grand dogs. Her love for Sonny was evident in not only how she looked at him but how she cared for him when he ceased to be able to care for himself. She traveled far and wide to support her grandchildren’s activities. She enjoyed life to the fullest and left a lasting legacy for all.

I’m sorry I can’t be with you to tell this amazing woman, “Farewell until we meet again”. God bless every one of your sweet memories!

Love you all!

Dorci

Dorci Schoolman - August 23, 2023 at 09:26 AM

JJ

“ Many years we shared personal, Westview High school and Kankakee High school crazies. Loved her to the moon and back.



Jolinda Jones - August 22, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JH

“ *Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Manker* ”



Joelene Hays - August 22, 2023 at 04:37 PM