



Phyllis Stahl

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Phyllis Stahl, loving mother and grandmother, died peacefully on February 10, 2021 in Fort Myers, Florida after a brief battle with lung cancer, having previously defeated breast cancer twice in decades past. She was 86.

Born on August 22, 1934 in Long Beach, NY to Frank and Mae (Stromwasser) Karp, Phyllis grew up in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, where she and her bobby-soxer friends from Lafayette H.S. formed the satin-jacketed Sirods club. Their mission was to teach the boys to jitterbug. By all accounts, they were a swinging success. She attended Brooklyn College, where she studied psychology, and landed a job as a proofreader for RCA Records. Soon thereafter, while working as a counselor for a summer camp, she met Gil Stahl of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, who would become her husband of 44 years. They married on Thanksgiving Day in 1955 and settled in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, where the first two of their sons, Jon and Andrew, were born. They moved to Roosevelt, NY in 1962, where their third son, Robert, was born, then moved to Bellmore, NY in 1967.

Life changed for Phyllis and her family when Gil, who had forged a successful career in the paper industry, contracted a debilitating case of Guillain-Barré syndrome in the 1970s. Phyllis was a compassionate and patient care-giver and she also assumed the responsibility of seeking full-time employment. She secured a position as a telemarketer for the Doubleday Book Club and soon parlayed that into a promotion. She worked for many years as a Systems Analyst for the book club and then moved into the Merchandising division. Phyllis maintained her employment for many years even as Gil's health slowly restored.

With the return of Gil's vitality, Phyllis and he developed a newfound passion for the theater. They had always been fans, attending as many Broadway shows as time would allow, but now the footlights beckoned them and they threw themselves into the world of community theater, becoming the Lunt and Fontanne of Long Island. The acting bug bit Phyllis particularly deeply, and she pursued a new career as an actress in local and regional TV commercials and corporate film productions. Yes, that was her in the spot for that neck pillow in the early 1990s.

In 1994, Phyl and Gil packed up their kit bags and moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where their lanai abutted the third tee at Seven Lakes. They became integral parts of the community, playing golf, bowling, and otherwise enjoying life on the Gulf Coast. Additionally, as the capstone of her career as a thespian, Phyllis became a company actor at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. In 2000, Gil passed away at 72 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Since then, Phyllis remained active and vital as a competitive bowler, a volunteer at the public library and the Board of Elections, a fierce bingo player and gin rummy strategist, and a bubbly member of the Red Hat Society.

Above all else, Phyllis loved her family. She is survived by her sons Jon, Andrew and Robert; her daughters-in-law Betsy and Mindy; her grandchildren Max, Liam, Natalie, Sam and Molly; and her sister-in-law Iris.

A graveside funeral service for Phyllis will be officiated by Rabbi Bruce Diamond at 1:00 PM EST on Friday, February 12, 2021 in the Gan Shalom section at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Burial will immediately follow and, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, visitors to the cemetery are requested to follow appropriate social distancing guidelines, including personal temperature screening and wearing a mask.

For those who were unable to attend the funeral for Phyllis personally, the family invites you to view a recording of the ceremony by clicking the following link (recording will be available for 30 days following the service and this link will expire on March 14, 2021):-



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In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research (<https://www.komen.org/>).

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute, or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit the memorial webpage for Phyllis at <https://www.fortmyersmemorial.com/obituaries/Phyllis-Stahl-2/#!/Obituary> and sign her guestbook.



Events

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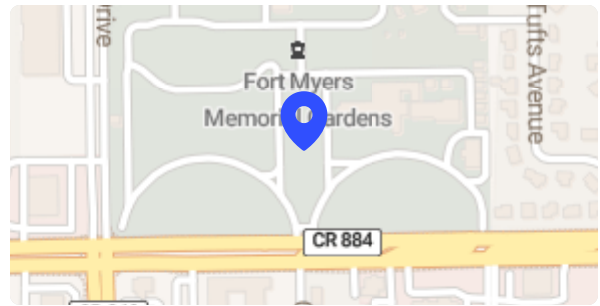
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Graveside Service

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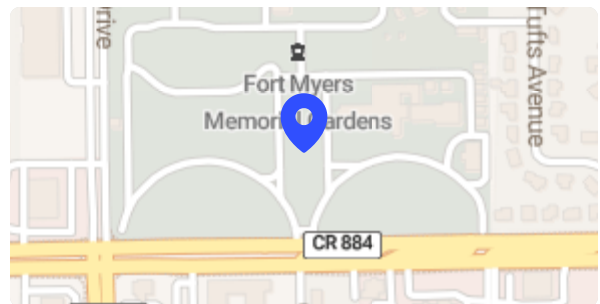
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Tribute Wall

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Barbara Summerell posted:

I worked with Phyllis when, as a volunteer, she performed much needed book repair at Lakes Library. She was always so pleasant and took the time to ask about my family and the health of my mother. I pray memories of this lovely person will bring peace to her family and friends.

March 1 at 10:25 AM



Rischa Seiden Fishman posted:

Phyllis and I have been friends since we were 12 years old. We were witnesses to each other's lives. I will miss her kindness and wisdom and curiosity and compassion —and —and —and—. There are no words!

February 12 at 10:04 AM



Lisa Jennings posted:

We had the great fortune of dining with Phyllis many times on her trips to Los Angeles, and we witnessed the deep love she had for her family -- especially the grandchildren. It was always such a pleasure to gather around a table with her. Our hearts go out to all who knew and loved her. She will be missed. Lisa Jennings and Kieron Swaine

February 12 at 9:57 AM



Peter Thomas shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Phyllis is with God who is also known as Yahweh and he told me that she will be watching over her family with care, compassion and her love, love, love for her wonderful family that she has blessed us all with. With love Peter and Lynn, And the rest of the Thomas, Harrington and Stathakis Families



February 12 at 9:45 AM



Carol Cohen posted:

We are sorry to hear about Phyllis. We spent many happy days together in Bellmore. Carol & Julie Cohen

February 12 at 5:50 AM



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SB

Sharon Barrell posted:

We are so glad we got to spend a few Thanksgivings with Phyllis while she was visiting in Durham. She was such a warm person and so much fun to play games with and talk to about books. She lived a long, full life, and we know she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with your family. Peace, Sharon and Bob

February 11 at 11:08 AM

KS

Kay L Smith posted:

My Dearest Friend I will miss our evenings at Barbara B. I will miss our dinners on New Year's Eve. I will miss all of your thoughtful calls during this pandemic. I will miss you. You will always be in my thoughts and my heart. Blessings to your wonderful family. K

February 11 at 9:35 AM

IS

Ira & Kathy Sasowsky posted:

Dear Stahl Family: We are so sorry for the loss of Phyllis. It was very nice to read about all of the good things in that she had in her life, and we hope that your memories provide solace in this difficult time. Warmest regards, Ira & Kathy Sasowsky

February 10 at 5:45 PM



Eileen Schiller-Phelps posted:

Aunt Phyllis was my second mom and there were many times especially during my teenage years and then again when my mom became ill where she was my shoulder to lean on, the warmth of her voice and the words that she said always made me feel better! Her and my mom were best friends since they were four and our families were intertwined throughout our lives. Please know that our hearts are saddened for your loss but I know she is at peace now. She will be missed everyday love always Eileen

February 10 at 4:17 PM

CD

Carol Diehl posted:

I am truly going to miss seeing Phyllis's smile every week when we went to Bingo together. It was such a short time ago. At least the end was quick for her. God bless her and her family.

February 10 at 2:48 PM



Media

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Phyllis has joined Yahweh in heaven out among all his stars.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phyllis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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