



Phyllis Mae Bender

June 15, 1936 - November 10, 2020

Phyllis Mae Bender, 84, of Pensacola, Florida, formerly of Manito, Illinois, passed away at 5:27 p.m., on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. She was born June 15, 1936, in Pekin, Illinois to Phillip “Bus” and Lula (Goodwin) Kroell. She married Kenneth Bender on September 2, 1956 at Forest City Community Church.

Mrs. Bender is survived by her husband, Kenneth, of Pensacola; five children: Cynthia Robinson of Pensacola, Kenneth (Mary) Bender, Jr., of Festus, Missouri, Joel (Jeanne) Bender of Bloomington, Illinois, LuAnne (Loyal) Hartman of Madison, Alabama, Gay Lynn (Henry) DeVarona, of Clinton, Utah; as well as thirteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one brother, David (Paula) Kroell of Forest City, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister: Mary Jane Keel, one brother: Franklin Kroell, and one granddaughter: Jacqueline Mae Bender.

As a faithful member of Perdido Bay United Methodist Church, she built her life based upon the teachings of the Bible. Phyllis enjoyed devotional readings and sharing her deep faith with others. Time spent with family, especially her grandchildren was precious. Her favorite pastimes included entertaining, golfing and traveling.

Private family funeral services will be held at Community United Methodist Church. Burial will follow the services at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito. Rev. Steve Oaks will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Perdido Bay United Methodist

Church's Building the Heart Fund at <https://www.perdidobay.church/giving> or The Assistance Fund at <https://tafcares.org/donors/donate/>. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be live-streamed through the Manito CUMC Facebook page at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Lawn Cemetery

Manito, IL

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Mae Bender*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Kathy & Dusty Justice lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Mae Bender*



Kathy & Dusty Justice - November 29, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ *Steve And Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Mae Bender*



Steve and Kim Singley - November 25, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *To Kenny & family--so sorry to hear of your loss. Trish and I both remember your Family as neighbors and friends. Trish remembers Phyllis cheerleading with her sister Laura--Phyllis always having a friendly smile. It was great to read how faithful she was to her faith. Our best wishes and prayers go with your family.*

Gary & Trish Gosda - November 24, 2020 at 12:02 PM



Thank you for sharing that beautiful memory of our mother as a cheerleader.

Lynn DeVarona - November 25, 2020 at 09:39 PM

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“ *I can remember when Lou and Gay Lynn came over to my house, and if they weren't here, my girls Valorie and Tracy Budke was over at their house. There was fun to be had at both places. I am so sorry for your loss.*
Margie Austin (Budke)



Margie Austin (Budke) - November 23, 2020 at 10:18 AM



Thank you for the memories of our fun times.

Lynn DeVarona - November 25, 2020 at 09:43 PM

SM

“ *To all of Aunt Phyllis' family, Jerry and I are so sorry about her passing. I have such very fond memories of running around your house on Sheridan Street and having so much fun with the cousins. Aunt Phyllis certainly made me feel comfortable and welcome! I can still see her throw her head back for a good laugh! I regret saying that we won't be attending her services because of our own health concerns, but please know we keep you close in thought and prayer and love all of you!*

Sandy Munter - November 22, 2020 at 06:40 PM



Thank you, Sandy. It's wonderful to hear about your memory of mom laughing.

Lynn DeVarona - November 25, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JA

“ I'm so sorry for the loss you've all experienced. Phyllis just kept on enjoying her life in spite of what the Drs said and made it hard to remember that she had a serious illness. She was so caring of us when Marge, Chester and I went down there several years ago and was a wonderful hostess. I always remember that she invited us to birthday parties for you kids when you lived in Manito, and we had so much fun together. Phyllis always had a smile and seemed so cheerful. I'm sorry that I don't have hardly any addresses for each of you so that I could be in touch in person.

Jane

Jane Armbrust - November 20, 2020 at 05:49 PM



Thank you Aunt Jane. It was wonderful seeing you and remembering happy times.

Lynn DeVarona - November 25, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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“ From your friends at Lochner Engineering - Chicago purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phyllis Mae Bender.



From your friends at Lochner Engineering - Chicago -
November 20, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Mae Bender.*



November 19, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Valorie Budke lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Mae Bender*



Valorie Budke - November 16, 2020 at 07:32 PM



Thank you!!

Lynn DeVarona - November 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Your IXS Coatings Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Phyllis Mae Bender.*



Your IXS Coatings Family - November 16, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Mae Bender*



Larry and Mary Hundt - November 15, 2020 at 05:20 PM



Thank you.

Lynn DeVarona - November 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Mae Bender.*



November 14, 2020 at 01:02 PM