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Phyllis Elouise Barksdale passed away quietly in the early morning on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Prince William Medical Center, Manassas Virginia. She was 73 years old. Phyllis spent the last two years of her life as a resident of Birmingham Green, a continuum care center in Manassas, Virginia.

"Philly" as she was lovingly called, was born February 12, 1945 to the late Althea Merle and Thomas Lee Whetsell in Terra Alta, West Virginia. She was proud of her West Virginia mountain heritage. Her father farmed for a living which brought the family to Loudoun County in the 1950s. While living most of her life in Loudoun, Phyllis treasured time spent in Terra Alta and always looked forward to trips "back home" to visit with extended family. She was one of ten children, eight of which lived to adulthood. She was predeceased by brothers Mike Whetsell, Chuck Whetsell and Buck Whetsell; and by two sisters, Betty Parks and Ann Lawson. Phyllis is survived by two sisters, Helen Cable of Bluemont, Virginia and Janet Stemple, of Terra Alta, West Virginia.

On August 16, 1964 she married Clarence Barksdale of Gretna, Virginia. They were devoted parents to a daughter, Dorothy Eloise. The first 10 years of their marriage was spent in Rockville, Maryland eventually returning to Leesburg to make their home. Clarence and Phyllis shared forty-three years of marriage together before his death in 2007. Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She had a beautiful smile and a warm, caring nature. Philly never met a stranger and was always ready for conversation. Over the years she worked as a nursing assistant at Loudoun Hospital and in newspaper production at the Loudoun-Times Mirror. Phyllis and Clarence were long time members of Leesburg Community Baptist Church.

Phyllis leaves behind her daughter, Dorothy (Dottie) Coates and her husband, Randy of

Lovettsville, Virginia and two granddaughters, Rose Coates of Virginia Beach and Hannah Coates of Richmond, Virginia.

The family will miss her kind, gentle spirit. We take great comfort in knowing Philly is at rest and in the arms of her loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Events

AUG **Reception** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Leesburg Community Church

835 Lee Ave SW, Leesburg, , US

Comments



“ Phyllis was a wonder friend she will be missed. I worked with her at The Loudoun Times Mirror, she thought a lot of Alton Carnes. Alton said she was a hard worker and everyone enjoyed having her around. She was always so cheerful. My condolences to her family and Love ones. Rest In Peace.

Terri Carnes
Bridgewater, VA



Terri Carnes - August 20, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Phyllis Elouise Barksdale.



August 16, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ I had the wonderful blessing to have shared many a conversation when Phyllis attended the Leesburg senior center when I was working at the facility. I was her neighbor for a time in Lucketts where I would sometimes get to bring her to the center when her daughter was unable to do so. She was a gentle spirit and loving person. She always had something kind to share and always asked about my mother who too passed away this year in February. She will be truly missed.

Sincerely,

Terri Howser

Terri Howser - August 15, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ Beautiful photos and tribute-Rest in peace, Phyllis—
William Coates Family

William Coates Family - August 14, 2018 at 10:33 PM



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