



Phyllis "Phyl" J. Iannicelli

May 24, 2020

Phyllis "Phyl" J. Iannicelli, 95, of Lancaster, died on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at the Lancaster General Hospital. Phyl was born in Altoona, PA. She was the daughter of the late Nelson Ray and Dorothy Barger Shellenbarger and the wife of the late William J. Iannicelli, who died in 2011.

Phyl graduated from Altoona HS in 1942 and received a BS in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University. She taught for 2 years in Altoona and at Eicholtz Elementary School in Lancaster. For many years, she served as a substitute teacher at James Buchanan Elementary School and taught at the S. June Smith Center.

She was a member of the Hamilton Park UCC, served as a volunteer for F&M Women's Auxiliary to support the campus Infirmary, American Heart Association and the former St. Joseph's Hospital. Phyl and her husband spent summers from 1958-2004 on Salmon Lake in N. Belgrade, Maine. She was an avid reader and enjoyed the challenges of Mah-Jongg with friends. She was a resident of Manor North at the Willow Valley Communities since September 2004 where she enjoyed many happy years and friendships.

Phyl is survived by a son, Michael William Iannicelli, married to Kimberley Hurst of Chesapeake, VA, her daughter, Susan, married to Per John Ostman of Orleans MA, three grandchildren: Andrea Iannicelli, Per Ostman and David

Ostman, 2 nieces and 6 nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Nelson Ray "Bo" Shellenbarger, Jr. of Altoona, PA.

A live webcast of the funeral service will be available to view on Saturday May 30, 2020, by visiting <http://client.tribucast.com/tcid/6854464> starting at 1:00 p.m. provided by The Groffs Family Funeral Home. Interment will be in St. Josephs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association, www2.heart.org or the Manor North Library at Willow Valley Communities, 600 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis "Phyl" J. Iannicelli*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Susie Richter lit a candle in memory of Phyllis "Phyl" J. Iannicelli*



Susie Richter - July 14, 2020 at 01:47 PM

SR

“ Aunt Phyllis always to me. I just discovered the last of the Best Class of 46 from Ship has left to be with all the others. Now, playing cards, singing A Little Ducky Duddle, cruising the Buffet line and enjoying the company of the Rest of the Best watching over all of your loved ones from above.

You were doing fine in April and then a fast busy signal. I knew something was up and found out by looking you up on-line.

I will never, ever, forget the annual picnics at my place and your quarterly lunches at the Host Farms. EVERYONE Showed and now you are all back together as it was meant to be. Tell them ALL I said hi and I love them.

You guys made me an honorary member of your class and I still have the T-Shirt. The rest of the gang comes back to visit...the gals tweet around the roses, snowball bush and forsythia while the guys hang out on the front patio tweeting away and looking at each other. It's like the guys never left, they just moved from the back porch. I never had so many cardinals keep an eye on me. I treasure every moment, say hello to mom and my other 'Aunts and Uncles' for me. Now the flock will be complete. I treasure the moment when you have the time to visit me even if only for a few moments. I know you have quite a few to watch over.

All my love, then, now, and forever.

Susie Richter

Susie Richter - July 14, 2020 at 01:45 PM

DZ

“ Susan, Michael, and families,

Carla and I send our deepest sympathies. Susan and Michael, you might recall I ran track at F&M. I also share the Altoona connection with Bill and Phyl. My wife and I adored both Phyl and Bill and are grateful for their friendship. We had some really nice visits with Phyl over the years and will greatly miss her. She was truly a sweet and special woman. A part of us will always be with her.

We were able to watch the streaming service, which was lovely. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Denny ('84) & Carla Zajac ('83)

Dennis Zajac - May 31, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AH

“ I've known Phyl my whole life. I referred to her as Grandma I, and as I've gotten older I appreciate so much that she thought of me as one of her grandchildren.

I have many fond memories of summer vacations spent visiting her in Maine. Spending time with Phyl at her cottage on Salmon Lake was to experience true hospitality. She always welcomed my family with an amazing dinner of Pastagina, and easily filled a whole evening telling stories about her friends and family while we played the card game Skip-Bo. She had added a rule to the game that the draw pile must be placed on a cloth trivet so that it could be easily slid around the table from player to player.

When I purchased my own Skip-Bo game, she immediately went to her desk and gave me a box that her checks had occupied. She said it was a better size for holding the deck of cards than the box they came in. Of course, she was right about that.

During every visit to Maine we would go out to eat at Big G's on Saturday evening. Phyl was always able to tell us exactly what sandwich we had ordered there the previous year. That level of detail always impressed me. As Bill would drive us into town to the restaurant, Phyl would point out all the notable places we were passing including the bright blue house that she "hoped would fade", and a stand of trees where Michael and Susan played as kids. She always talked about an 8mm recording someone had made of that, and she called it "Children in the Pines". Gifford's was always our last stop on Saturday evenings in town for a cone of Moose Tracks ice cream and a round of mini golf.

In more recent years, Phyl patiently taught my mom and me to play Mah Jong. We've been practicing for a few years, but Mom and I still need cheat sheets to remember the different hands that win. Grandma I knew them all without any prompting.

A few years ago, when we learned that Grandma I enjoyed going to

tea, my mom and I looked for opportunities to take her. She helped me to learn how much fun a tea party can be. My parents and I will miss her terribly, and the world is certainly a better place for her having been in it.

Abby Heisey Howard



Abby Howard - May 31, 2020 at 02:06 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - May 30, 2020 at 02:36 PM

BG

“ Dear Iannicelli Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Coach I and Mrs. I played a major role in my life at college, and we kept in touch afterwards. My parents would host them for lunch when Coach came on his recruiting trips to State College, and I would visit them in Lancaster each time I returned for college reunions. I am happy that I got to see Phyllis in June 2019 when I visited for my latest 5-year college reunion. She warmed the hearts of everyone she touched, Thanks for sharing Phyllis and Coach with the rest of their extended family.

Praying for you in this time of grief. Know that their extended family of people that they have touched also are thinking of you.

Sincerely,

Brian Goss, Class of 1979

Brian Goss - May 30, 2020 at 07:52 AM

JT

“ Dear Susan and Micheal,
My sincere condolence on the loss of your mother. As a Willow Valley friend, I will miss our Tuesday evening dinners, Birthday dinners and our Saturday appointments. It has been an honor to know your mother. To know her is to love her. Thinking of you and may it help somehow to know warm thoughts are with you, hoping each new tomorrow lessens the burden of your grief.

Sincerely,

June H. Tomlinson

JUNE H. TOMLINSON - May 29, 2020 at 12:37 PM

DM

“ Dear Iannicelli Family-

My wife Julie and I send our sincere condolences for the passing of your wonderful mother/grandmother Phyl. We got to know her as Coach I's wife and had many opportunities to get to know her and Bill during our time at F&M. She was a grand lady that was always there to support the Coach and his many athletes.

We will keep your family in our prayers during this difficult time. Rest assured that Phyl left this world a better place.

*Sincerely,
Bill & Julie Marshall*

Dr. William Marshall - May 27, 2020 at 12:56 PM

GS

“ Dear Susan and Michael,

So sorry to hear about your mom. I will always remember the pizza and pastagina (not sure I spelled that right) dinners. Many times I thought about going down to Willow Valley to get her receipts. She was a wonderful person. My mother died two years ago at 98 and my dad is at Moravian Manor in Lititz. He will be 100 in December. I know they enjoyed going to diner with your parents. I'm sure it's a big loss for your families, but she's in a better place and back with your dad and probably cooking up a storm.

Gary Stauffer

Gary Stauffer - May 27, 2020 at 11:11 AM

LM

“ Susan, Michael and Family

I am so sorry to hear the news of Phyl. I was a track athlete at F&M and coached by your dad. Phyl would go through Coach I's files and occasionally send me photos or meet results that I did not have. Her information packages were much appreciated.

Now one more of my links to F&M is gone and I am saddened by that fact.

I wish you all the best.

Lou Martucci - May 26, 2020 at 06:59 PM

MM

“ *I was a student athlete at Franklin and Marshall College who ran for "Coach "I", William Iannicelli. I did not know Phyl well while at F&M as she usually stayed in the background, but after I graduated, and I would visit Coach, Phyl was always welcoming. They held my son at Williamson Field when he was six months old. After the move to Willow Valley, I saw them at least once a year. After Coach "I" passed in 2011, my wife and I visited Phyl whenever we could. Her friendship and company were such a treat for us. We will miss her terribly, as she was just a great friend. Our sincere condolences to Susan, Michael, their spouses and children. Phyl was a special lady.*

Michael T McGrath - May 26, 2020 at 02:35 PM



Tim and I want to send our heartfelt condolences to Michael, Susan and their families after learning about your mom's passing.

Both your mom and dad were such great lifelong friends of my parents and I can only imagine the reunion that they are all having right now as their group has been completed.

We will always remember your mom's intelligence and enthusiasm for life and know that she will be missed.

We will be holding you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*With Love,
Tim and Holly (Hetrick) White*

Holly White - May 28, 2020 at 06:11 AM



As an F&M student athlete and a resident at Willow Valley I have felt a deep connection to the Iannicellis for 64 years. For the past 7&1/2 years Phyllis has been our neighbor and regular weekday breakfast tablemate. Bill (to me) was Mr. F&M and Phyl has been a dear friend. They will be missed. RIP.

Jim and Linda Morrow

Jim Morrow - May 29, 2020 at 06:52 PM