



## Phyllis (Altrichter) Hylla

May 7, 1951 - May 29, 2022

Phyllis Ann (Altrichter) Hylla, age 71, passed away May 29, 2022, at her home in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Phyllis was born on May 7, 1951, at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, Minnesota, to Alex and Marie (Thesing) Altrichter, the second oldest of nine children. She grew up on her parents' hobby farm in Green Prairie Township near Little Falls. As the oldest daughter, she helped her mother in caring for the younger children and with other household chores and gardening, sneaking off to read a book whenever she could. Phyllis attended country school, at Little Elk District 1195, through the sixth grade, and then continued her junior and senior high school years in Little Falls, graduating with the class of 1969. She was a good student and enjoyed her classes at every level. She was very interested in current events and learning about American government and the Constitution in particular. After graduation, she attended vocational school in St. Cloud to earn her General Secretarial degree. Phyllis enjoyed a successful career in administrative support, sales, and marketing, and her natural leadership skills and work ethic were recognized and rewarded.

Phyllis married Daryl Hylla on September 10, 1971, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, Minnesota. They made their home in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and raised two daughters together. Upon retirement, they moved to St. Cloud, and recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Phyllis was proud of her daughters and their accomplishments, and they enjoyed each other's company on a regular basis. Phyllis loved her retirement years, spending time with Daryl and her family, shopping, traveling, sipping wine, and reading good books. She also enjoyed sewing quilts and other items to decorate her home and to gift to her family to be treasured reminders of her love. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and each was invited to spend a special week with her every summer, which was precious time to reconnect, have fun, laugh, and impart a bit of wisdom. Phyllis also enjoyed the company of close friends, sharing life's moments as the years rolled by. She was an accomplished cook and baker and was always looking for just one more cookbook or recipe. She was a gracious hostess, and everyone felt welcomed and special when they entered her home. Phyllis loved all the seasons, maybe not winter so much, and the holidays, especially Christmas, and she enjoyed decorating

her home and planning the holiday meals, like soupe de peche, to celebrate with her family each year. She enjoyed flower gardening, and her favorites were peonies, lilies, and anything purple. She had a knack for putting the perfect colors together to achieve beautiful displays. Phyllis was generous with her love and thankful for the life she was blessed to share with Daryl, her family, and all those she loved and held dear.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Daryl Hylla; daughters, Stephanie Hylla and Jessica Hylla (Guy Low); four grandchildren, Mackenzie Lach, Maya Lach, Noah Lach, and Maron Lach; her brothers and sisters, Joseph (Kathleen) Altrichter, Wayne (Patricia) Altrichter, Dianne Altrichter, Luanne (Frank) Baros, Alex (Melanie) Altrichter, Jr; James (Mary) Altrichter, Paul (Julie) Altrichter, and Bernadette (Michael) Atzl; sister-in-law, Sandra Hentges; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judith and LeRoy Coyne; brother-in-law, Theron Hylla; aunts and uncles, Betsy and Clarence Koering and Roy and Connie Thesing; nieces and nephews, cousins and many good friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her parents-in-law, Frank and Florence Hylla; her brother-in-law, Timothy Hylla; her brother-in-law, Albert Hentges; and her great-niece, Grace Elizabeth Lee.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2022, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Cloud, MN.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN. The Christian Mothers will lead a Rosary at 8:30 a.m. and visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., Friday, at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Church of St. Joseph Parish Cemetery

St. Joseph, MN 56374

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 2.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring  
600 Red River Ave. So.  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

## Rosary

**JUN 3.** 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
2405 1st Street N.  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

## Visitation

**JUN 3.** 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
2405 1st Street N.  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

## Mass

**JUN 3.** 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
2405 1st Street N.  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ It is with deep sadness that I send this lit candle in remembrance of a very dear friend. I was not aware of any illness that Phyllis may have had. Sadly, I was not aware of her passing and therefore missed her mass. My deepest condolences to Daryl and his daughters. What a wonderful person Phyllis was. She was my travel companion for all of our IAAP meetings and conventions. I will deeply miss her. We lost close contact when she moved from her home on November Drive in St Joseph, and I moved from Kraemer Lake in St Joseph. My last contact was May 7th, Phyllis' birthday. Rest In Peace dear friend. I will always hold a special place in my heart for you. Your friendship meant so much to me.



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**Gloria Lenzen** - June 10 at 05:42 PM

AH

“ Phyllis you are going to do missed by me! You were my sister-in-law for 25 years. Always had time to listen and you were such a support for me throughout my cancer. You had such a good sense of humor and wit and your laughter so enlightening. Mom will be surprised to see you, tell her I miss her! Blessed is the memory of pPhyllis, a wonderful lady 🙏🙏🙏

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**Angela J Hylla** - June 03 at 10:55 AM

MG

“ *Phyllis was my classmate since we started country school (at Little Elk District 1195) in the 1st grade. Our class was just the five of us: Phyllis, Tony Kempenich, Dean Swenson, Dave Ringwelski and me, Mike Gilman.*

*Later on, we picked up a few more students in our class, after we merged with another country school for our 6th grade. Karen Kathrine, Don Vogt and Larry Ehoff joined us in our 6th grade class. Phyllis was a good student and friend. Altrichters lived next door to my grandparents (Bill and Florence Reintjes) and we crossed paths almost every day. Phyllis was part of a large family and so was ours. She was a smart girl in school and was fun to be around. The common mode of transportation for all of us was to ride bike or walk to school, to friend’s house or everywhere we went.*

*One of our grade-school teachers was Mrs. Hyatt, who came to MN from Nebraska, and had our whole class doing things we never dreamed of (like square dancing, acting in plays and pageants, doing art projects and reading and writing stories. Phyllis seemed to be pretty good at doing all that with plenty of talent.*

*Mrs. Hyatt kept track of our class after we moved on into Junior and Senior High School in Little Falls. She was proud to know that Phyllis (and all us other guys) were on the Honor Roll every quarter, every year.*

*I didn’t see much of Phyllis after graduation, as I left the area for a while for work, school and relocation. I was able to reconnect, for a bit, at our 50th Class Reunion. I had posted some pictures and clippings about our grade school activities; Phyllis remembered the activities from our formative years in a country schoolhouse.*

*She will be missed. A ‘69 classmate, neighbor, Big LUM – Mike Gilman*

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**Mike Gilman** - June 03 at 08:07 AM

GL

“ *Gammello-Pearson Law purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Phyllis (Altrichter) Hylla.*



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**Gammello-Pearson Law** - June 02 at 11:10 AM

MM

“ *We will miss our beautiful, life-long friend. Daryl, Stephanie and Jessica are in our hearts.*

*Not enough words to say how much she will be missed.*

*Mary Kay and Scott May*

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**Mary Kay May** - June 02 at 10:55 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Phyllis (Altrichter) Hylla.



June 02 at 10:39 AM



“ '69 Flyer Classmates purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Phyllis (Altrichter) Hylla.



'69 Flyer Classmates - June 01 at 05:14 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Phyllis (Altrichter) Hylla.



June 01 at 02:40 PM



“ 42 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wenner Funeral Home - June 01 at 02:31 PM

LH

“ A neighbor, a classmate and always a good friend. Growing up a few hundred yards from their family farm in Little Falls it became one of our many hangouts. I think Phyllis was far too smart to get involved with a bunch of trouble makers like us (her brothers included), but not smart enough to say no to a first date with me in 11th grade. I don't think she was very impressed either with me or by Clint Eastwood's "Fistful of Dollars". Smart girl. Still, she was always nice to me and took the time to talk in school, just a great friend. We lost track after high school but I was lucky enough to see her at our 50th Class Reunion 3 years ago and her personality hadn't changed one bit. I never really got to chat then, with her and her husband, about family, kids and the missing 50 years since our graduation. I think the world is probably a little less friendly without her here. So bye for now Phil, perhaps we can catch up on on the other side. Hi to your Dad.

'69 Classmate, LUMS and Neighbor

Louie Hoffmann

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**Louie Hoffmann** - June 01 at 02:01 PM