



## Phyllis Griffith Waddell

June 7, 1936 - October 28, 2023

Our dear mother, Phyllis Griffith Waddell, 87 of Leesburg, Florida met her Lord and Savior face to face on Saturday, October 28th at 6:03 pm. She is survived by her three daughters and their families: Kathy (George) Mulford, Lorna Stalcup (Bobby Avant), Jan (Jim) Thurnau, eight grandchildren, Shannon (Tonya) Mulford, Stephen (Victoria) Mulford, Seth (Jennifer) Mulford, Rebecca Miller (Tony DiSabitino), Rory Stalcup, Brooke Thurnau (Stephan Blatt), Bethany (Nick) Orluski, Noah Thurnau, and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband William "Jack" Waddell, son Benton Lee Waddell and granddaughter Shari Mulford Oulman.

Phyllis was born on June 7, 1936 in Jewell Ridge, Virginia to Lee & Blanch Griffith. She and her husband moved to Oneco, Florida in 1956; a few years later they moved to Sarasota and resided there until 1998. In 1998 they moved to Leesburg, Florida.

She had a very diverse career. In Sarasota she worked at Sears in their Cafeteria and store, was a school bus driver for many years and helped her husband in his cabinet shop as well as cleaning houses and businesses. She was also an operator at an answering service and a caregiver. When they moved to Leesburg, she worked at First Baptist Church in their daycare and Mother's Day Out program. When she was still able, she and her best friend, Pat Hilton, would come to her church, Grace Bible Baptist, and clean the

nursery and toys each week. She was an avid reader and enjoyed puzzles, word search, coloring, and southern gospel music.

She was outgoing and loved people, was always willing to help those in need. She especially loved her family and was so proud of her children. Looking at their pictures was a great joy and blessing to her.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ I love recalling how at a church event where I was speaking and had invited several friends outside our church fellowship. Afterward, Phyllis asked if she might sit with us at the table. I was delighted that she chose us and we enjoyed the fellowship. Afterward on the way home every woman with me, spoke of how sweet Phyllis was. Her warm personality spoke to every heart. The memory of her will always live in mine.

Lynn Kramer - November 07, 2023 at 12:48 PM

KM

Thank you Lynn. She was a people person and was always reaching out to others. I appreciate you sharing this special memory of her. Love you ❤️

Kathy Mulford - November 07, 2023 at 01:05 PM

AH

Phyllis became so dear to me, especially in the past year. I was honored to be able to help in a small way with her care. We loved doing puzzles together and sharing stories from years ago. I loved her and will miss her.

Alice Hulburt - November 07, 2023 at 01:20 PM

KM

Thank you so much for the time you spent with her. She enjoyed your company and you were such a great help to me. Love you ❤️

Kathy Mulford - November 07, 2023 at 01:47 PM

JW

*When we began attending GBBC, Phyllis became a friend to us. She was caring and always had a smile, even when she wasn't feeling her best. We grew to love her and we will miss her. When Jerry was in rehab for five weeks at South Campus, she came by to sit and visit with him so I could take a break and do some errands and even rest a bit. I remember when I worked in the office and she stopped by or called, she always took time to have a little chat.*

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**Jerry & Marge Wnuk** - November 07, 2023 at 06:01 PM

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*Thank you. She had the highest regard for both of you and enjoyed your visits.*

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**Kathy Mulford** - November 07, 2023 at 08:36 PM