



## Phyllis Jean Jackson Bowling

June 2, 1934 - February 13, 2022

Phyllis Jean Jackson Bowling, age 87, of Bristow, Virginia, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Born in Bartley, West Virginia, she was the daughter and eldest child of the late Clovis Edward Jackson and Vertie Terry Hale, and the stepdaughter of the late Clayton Dye.

Phyllis retired from Battlefield Ford in Manassas after a 37-year career as a bookkeeper. In her retirement, she took up substitute teaching for the City of Manassas and spent several years spreading her special joy to tiny elementary school students. She was an active member of the Chapel Springs Assembly of God for 32 years. Volunteerism was a theme throughout her life and over the course of six-decades she served variously as a Girl Scout Troop leader, a community resettlement educator during the 1975 Vietnamese refugee crisis, a docent at the Manassas Museum, a Pink Lady with the Prince William Hospital Auxiliary, and a Volunteer Reader for Prince William County Public Schools. She also volunteered with the Prince William County Public Library System, the Prince William County Gypsy Moth and Mosquito Control Branch, the George Mason University Environmental Science Department, and the Chapel Springs Food Pantry. One of her most significant volunteer commitments was serving as a full academic-year host to a high school foreign exchange student from Albania, thus serving not only as a cultural ambassador but also a surrogate parent for a 16-year-old far from home.

She was an avid reader and Scrabble player. Many family members have fond memories of times spent at the Scrabble board with her. She loved to travel, taking numerous trips with her family and her church and had visited 32 countries across Europe, the Middle East, and North America, as well as travelling extensively throughout the United States. While she spoke no language other than English, she was fluent in the universal language of friendliness and interacted pleasantly with everyone she met on her travels. She loved to act and had been a thespian in high school. She returned to acting in her retirement and found great joy playing the roles she secured in several productions of the Vpstart Crow company in Manassas and many productions of the Dunbarton Players in Bristow. With the right resources, training, and opportunities earlier in life she would have been a star!

Phyllis was a gregarious person and made everyone she met feel special, largely by giving freely of her love and showing so much interest in everyone around her. She was a wonderful mother, an extraordinary grandmother, an awesome great-grandmother, a beloved sister, and a cherished friend.

She is survived by her daughter Kim (James) and son Todd (Shirley); her granddaughter Hannah (Glen); great-granddaughters Vale and Eira; siblings Evelyn, Barbara (Rolly), Claude (Judy), Sandra (Ron), and Clayton (Carol); brother-in-law Johnnie (Brenda); eight nieces and six nephews; and seven great-nieces and six great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband Bill, sister Wanda, and brothers-in-law Dale and Bill.

A graveside service will be held Monday, February 21, 2022, at 12:00 pm, at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, Virginia. A celebration of life will be held later in the spring. Those wishing to bring and leave at the graveside individual flowers or hand-held bouquets may do so, glass vases are not permitted by Stonewall Memory Gardens; Individuals who order flowers should confirm with the florist that the arrangements will not arrive in glass vases. Those wishing to honor her memory may do so with a gift to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway

Manassas, VA 20109

<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I met Phyllis while working in my garden. Our back yards are near. She came by and we introduced ourselves. She told me about Paw Paw WV and spoke of her children and grandchildren. When I missed seeing her drive her car with flags on both sides of front windows I started to wonder. Sadly I read this obituary and although it's after the fact, my prayers are with the family for their healing. Phyllis is resting peacefully.  
RubyD

Ruby Dargan - May 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DS

“ I just read about Phyllis, so sorry to hear about her passing. She was a friend for ever, lost a beautiful person. Kim and Todd, my prayers go out to you both. Will miss my friend. ❤️🙏

Dottie sfreddo - March 31, 2022 at 02:55 PM

TW

“ My deepest sympathies to you all.  
Tina Woodard



Tina Woodard - February 22, 2022 at 09:30 AM

TA

“ Phyliss worked with my father odie jordan at battlefield Ford she was a very lovely lady whenever I would go to the Ford dealership I would go upstairs to talk to phyliss and I have kept in touch with her over the years may she rest in peace toni jordan chapman

Toni adams - February 21, 2022 at 04:56 PM

TB

“ Mom

*Thank you for being there for me through my troubled years and always giving me encouragement. How I already miss your beautiful voice and laugh and will also miss our games of Scrabble. I Love you more Foot-Foot❤️*

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**Todd Bowling** - February 17, 2022 at 07:58 AM

BU

*She did LOVE her scrapple games. SHE LOVED YOU AND KIM MORE THAN YOU GUYS WILL EVER KNOW.*

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**Buck** - February 17, 2022 at 11:05 AM

GB

“ *I worked with Phyllis for many years. She certainly was a classy lady. Beautiful smile and never had a cross words to say about anyone. She certainly loved her family. It seemed like we them but had never met. And Hannah was her delight. What a beautiful angel she will be.*

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**Gail Brown** - February 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM

BS

“ *Once I had. Too gill a form for work and 1 question was what I was allergic to I said Ashburn but was meant to be aspirin she came down and ask me why are you allergic to Ashburn I said oh it is aspirin and she laughed so hard , was funny as he'll, love her she was the best*

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**Bob shields** - February 16, 2022 at 05:47 PM

CF

“ Aunt Phyllis had the most amazing smile and the best laugh, she had such a soothing voice. When Todd and I were little kids and I use to spend the night she would lay us on her lap and rub our backs so we would fall asleep. I remember going to church with her when I was a kid and I'm not sure exactly how but somehow she got stuck taking me to ballet class. I hated it . We had a good laugh about that not long ago . She made everything fun . She was an amazing lady.

Carol Bowling Frye - February 16, 2022 at 03:59 PM

RL

“ Roger Wilder & Daniel Lam purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Phyllis Jean Jackson Bowling.



Roger Wilder & Daniel Lam - February 16, 2022 at 03:53 PM

DL

“ Mrs. Bowling and I attended the same church and I had the pleasure of greeting her as a door usher. I now have the pleasure of working with her son Todd. Prayers for the family and friends during this time of sorrow. Heaven has gained another angel.

Daniel Lam - February 16, 2022 at 03:49 PM

B(

Thanks for doing that. I know TODD will. Appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Buck (ROLLY) - February 17, 2022 at 11:10 AM

JR

*I always enjoyed working with her and we would have some great conversation through the years she will be missed by alot of people because she was such a great person and the stories about her trips with her family she is like a library that just burnt to the foundation with everything in it see you again friend*

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**Jeffrey Rogerson** - February 18, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Jean Jackson Bowling.*



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February 16, 2022 at 03:38 PM