



Phyllis Gene Schmidt

July 15, 1928 - December 17, 2022

Born July 15, 1928. Died peacefully after a short illness on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at the age of 94. Survived by loving children, Randy (Marlene) Schmidt, Patricia (Gary) Brand, and Lee (Tamara) Schmidt; grandchildren, Christopher (Julia) Brand, Kelly (Brandon) Koll, Janel (John) Clausen, Michael Schmidt, Katie (Chad) Svendsen, Cory (Destiny) Schmidt and 13 great grandchildren. Further survived by other family members and friends.

There is one word that encompasses Phyllis's long, beautiful life, and that is harmony. Throughout the years, from her childhood as the baby of six children growing up in South Milwaukee to living in California as a young mother and then returning to Racine to raise her three children, music and singing was a constant thread of joy and light. She sang with the Sweet Adeline Chorus in the 1970s and 80s, which included cherished travels abroad. She formed a quartet called the 5 ft. 4 that sang at nursing homes and social gatherings, she played piano by ear, and no family birthday song was complete without her pure voice.

Phyllis was tiny, but fierce. She was feisty, funny, opinionated, kind, generous and joyful...our little energizer bunny 'til the end. She was an amazing cook and baker, including the best rhubarb pie and chicken dumplings. She loved birds and animals, especially her beloved dog Buddy. She also loved watching the cardinals that often visited her bird feeders. Native American tribes believe that red cardinals are messengers of departed ones. Phyllis: mom, grandma,

great grandma, we see your spirit in the fiery red cardinal. We hear your singing. We feel your harmony. We will love and miss you forever.

Preceded in death by Boots, her loving husband of 68 years, and many other family members. Her intermediate family will hold a private celebration of life, with no formal funeral services.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Gene Schmidt*

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“ *Aunt Phyllis was a very special lady to me. She was there for me when I needed her. I remember all the good times we all had with her. Singing while doing the dishes at your house, encouraging me to continue playing my accordian, playing catch, going trekking through Pets, or down to the lake front. She was always sincerely interested in what you or your immediate family was up to. She encouraged everyone to be proud of what you do and who you are. You guys wrote up a beautiful, right on, euelagy for her. It says it perfectly!! I have such fond, dear memories. Rest In Peace Aunt Phyl! <3 <3*

Cindy Boedecker - December 21, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *Phyllis was a dear sweet loving woman who was a joy to be around. She was funny, silly, goofy and loved her family fiercely! When my parents passed, she told me her and Boots would adopt us, her loving heart was as big as the universe! We loved her dearly and she will be missed!*

Janice T Hansen - December 21, 2022 at 01:31 PM