



## Phyllis Huff

January 24, 2026

Phyllis was born in Berlin, Oklahoma as the eldest of a family with seven kids. Phyllis spent her youth picking cotton, playing basketball and using her imagination to escape the challenges of the farm life. She spoke often of daydreaming in the cotton fields about a device that she could fit in her ears to listen to music. She was certain she was the first to invent the iPod. You should know that she often referred to herself as The Happiest Girl in the Whole USA after the song from 1972. Her persistent turn toward joy started in the cotton field out of necessity and became a deep part of who she was and what we will miss most.

When the time came to leave Oklahoma, she was excited to attend Abilene Christian College in Abilene Texas. While working as a cashier in the bookstore, Phyllis met R. Lynn Huff. As a very popular young woman, she had to clear her schedule to make a date with the striking young man from Austin. She did so willingly and that was the beginning of 70 years of love and commitment; in all its forms, sickness and health, on two continents, richer and poorer, in youth and old age.

Phyllis earned a degree in elementary education and spent a few years teaching while they lived in Winters and Hearne, Texas. Soon they welcomed a daughter, Denise in 1961. Then with courage and conviction left to become missionaries in Brazil with the churches of Christ, arriving in 1962. While in

Brazil, Phyllis learned Portuguese through a dear friend and later, family member Lucia. If you can laugh in two languages simultaneously that's what these two did for decades together. Phyllis set to work supporting the churches and the effort by teaching and mentoring women. Richard was born in Brazil in 1965 and then the family added Andreia in 1971 as an adopted member.

Phyllis returned to the US in 1975 and continued in her role of homemaker. She continued her personal ministry with women in home classes and bible studies. Phyllis loved to make carrot cake, watch Phil Donahue and later, Oprah Winfrey. Her "office" then was the phone where she encouraged, taught and nurtured women in their parenting, marriages and faith.

In 1984, Phyllis joined Mary Kay Cosmetics and became a senior sales director. She loved the lessons of servant leadership and positive encouragement that the company promoted. This was an extension of how she had already been serving for most of her life. At one point her office became a pink Cadillac symbolizing excellence in her efforts but mostly her commitment to helping others.

The loss of her son Richard in 2003 was a pivotal and life-changing event. She loved him with all the fervor one can love a son. She respected him. She honored him. She missed him every day she was on this earth. Now we know she is enjoying him again with deep joy. This is the joy she taught him and he reflected so well.

In life, Phyllis perfected the art of story-telling and loved to weave a punchline with perfect timing and impish grins. You could see her father Arthur in these moments. She would delight all those around her and requests for repeats of stories were common. She made biscuits that only a farm girl could make. She loved a great burger and fries probably from the early ones her mother

Merle made and sold.

If you needed encouragement, she would call or visit. Often, she knew you needed it even if you did not. She had a way of knowing these things.

Phyllis loved her surviving siblings, their spouses and their children; Michelle and Cletis Viers, Anne and Jerry Mathiews, Joe and Diana Wells, Max and Lee Wells, Von and Susan Wells. She is now reunited with sister Ruth and Kenneth Burcham and sister Donna and Tom Hicklin.

Phyllis would want you know Kim Huff, Darrell Howard, John McEwen and Derek Dippon who through their dedication and love were one in her heart.

Phyllis would also want you to be reminded of her grandchildren and their spouses Monika and Seth, Austin and Emilee, Tyler and Alyssa, Tori and Ty; Holden, Ava, Jackson and Audrey.

And she would want you to see her in her great grandchildren Austin and Emilee's Andrew and Hallie, Tyler and Alyssa's Rory, Reese and Ryan; Tori and Ty's Jackson and Cannon.

In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted for Lynn's continued assistance. You may mail to John McEwen 9 N. Timber Top Drive Spring, TX 77380.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Huff family during this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Magnolia church of Christ  
823 S Magnolia Blvd  
Magnolia, TX 77355

## Funeral Service

JAN 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

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823 S Magnolia Blvd  
Magnolia, TX 77355

## Burial

JAN 30. 3:30 PM (CT)

Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery  
18000 Interstate 45 S  
The Woodlands, TX 77384

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ We extend condolences to Denise & John & all the family. We have both bid goodbye to dear moms and know that journey. God's comfort and mercy cover all of you. Blessings, Danny and Julie Henderson

Danny and Julie Henderson - February 14 at 07:51 PM



“ I met Lynn and Phyllis Huff when I was 19, I became a member of the buckshot lane church of Christ, I was young and felt so out of place, Phyllis helped me feel welcomed , and whenever I struggled with things back then she was always a very patient and caring friend to me, I remember her opening her heart to me in a very difficult time, as this was a little before the loss of Richard Huff, and we had bonded over the similar heart condition Richard and I had, I remember her being there for me in a very trying time, and I always knew no matter what even when I was no longer a member of yeh church she still was a great friend to me, she helped me find a place to belong back then and helped me go understand what being a good Christian woman and wife was about. I loved the seminar that they used to to and applied may if the things they taught me and applied them to many aspects of life, I remember her well and was very sad to see she has passed my heart and love goes out to all of you , I hevby seen y'all in years but from Myself Jay and Sarah Fauth we send her off with the greatestove and memories, and I we send our condolences.



Elizabeth Fauth - February 03 at 09:09 AM

KB

“ God's blessings on her family.

Keith and Diane Bellamy - January 30 at 12:51 PM

TR

“ Pastor Huff, my heart & prayers go out to you & your family. God has received another beautiful soul into His kingdom. I pray God wraps you in a veil of peace & comfort 🙏  
Tim

Tim Robertson - January 30 at 05:39 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Huff.



January 29 at 10:21 PM

CM

“ Caroline, Kim, Linda, and Earl Mullins purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Phyllis Huff.



Caroline, Kim, Linda, and Earl Mullins - January 29 at 08:33 PM

DH

“ May God greatly comfort all of you in the loss of Phyllis.

Dean and Mindy Huff - January 29 at 07:43 PM

FC

“ *Fort Gibson church of Christ purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



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**Fort Gibson church of Christ** - January 28 at 02:18 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



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January 28 at 12:05 PM

DF

“ *David and Sara Perry and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



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**David and Sara Perry and Family** - January 28 at 10:58 AM

RK

“ Lynn, I was so sorry to hear about Phyllis! I'm praying for you and your family as y'all go through this time of grieving. I know that God has blessed you & Phyllis with many, many memories over the years and I pray they bring you comfort as you go.

*In Christ's Precious Name,  
Rev. Jacquie Klockow*



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**Rev. Jacquie Klockow** - January 28 at 10:04 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Huff.



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January 27 at 11:17 PM

KK

“ Kent, Kelley, Kyle and kids purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Huff.



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**Kent, Kelley, Kyle and kids** - January 27 at 02:46 PM

AF

“ *Ann, Michelle, Joe, Max and Von and Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



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**Ann, Michelle, Joe, Max and Von and Families** - January 27 at 12:46 PM

PS

“ *Pam Spradlin lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Huff*



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**Pam Spradlin** - January 27 at 08:51 AM

PA

*Phyllis was a true inspiration, a brilliant light in this world, & a wonderful Christian lady who exemplified Christ to all who knew her. In my heart I know that there must have been an incredible celebration as she was welcomed in heaven by the wide open arms of Jesus, hearing the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant"! May she rest in perfect peace.*

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**Pam** - January 27 at 08:59 AM

AS

“ *Uma lembrança que tenho é exatamente na sala aprendendo sobre Jesus. Sou uma das meninas que tiveram o privilégio de conhecer de perto essa pessoa maravilhosa e amorosa. Sou Adriana e morei no Lar Irmã Inês até os 17 anos e ainda lembro quando o casal foi se despedir de mim, quando voltaram para seu país, eu me senti muito especial. Ela me abraçou com muito carinho e se eu fechar os olhos agora, posso sentir o conforto que senti. Ela cumpriu a missão que estava destinada e com muito honra. O Senhor está muito feliz em recebe-la. Os céus estão em festas chegou uma filha do Senhor!*

Adriana Aparecida dos Santos - January 26 at 03:55 PM

NI

*Translation:*

*One memory I have is precisely from that classroom, learning about Jesus. I am one of the girls who had the privilege of knowing this wonderful and loving person up close. I am Adriana, and I lived at the Sister Inês Home until I was 17 years old. I still remember when the couple came to say goodbye to me when they returned to their country; I felt very special. She hugged me with great affection, and if I close my eyes now, I can still feel the comfort I felt. She fulfilled her destined mission with great honor. The Lord is very happy to receive her. Heaven is celebrating; a daughter of the Lord has arrived!*

Nina - January 27 at 10:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



January 26 at 11:17 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



January 26 at 10:22 AM



“ *Chad and Stacy Engelhardt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



**Chad and Stacy Engelhardt** - January 25 at 06:51 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Huff.*



January 25 at 06:46 PM



“ *A sweet lady.*



**Cornelia Armstrong** - January 25 at 03:44 PM

AB

“ *What a great woman. I remember Phyllis, her sisters and Grandma Wells in the kitchen of the Sayre house drinking coffee from their saucers and making breakfast for the clan.*

*She was a woman who dedicated her life to teaching others about Christ in this country and Brazil.*

*When my mom was sick with cancer she came several times along with her sisters and my mom lit up like a Christmas tree each time they visited and I will forever be thankful to Aunt Phyllis and her sisters for their visits.*

*I know she is in Heaven today having coffee with mom and dad with no pain awaiting the arrival of the rest of us.*

*Love you aunt Phyllis and uncle Lynn. No better Godly people have I ever known.*

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**Arthur Burcham** - January 25 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ *Lynn, I hope you know how much I dearly loved Phyllis. My friendship with her was more precious than gold, and I'll cherish those memories forever. I know you'll miss her everyday and I know you know she's in a far better place. We love you and we cherish your friendship so much too.*

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**Judy Henss** - January 25 at 10:02 AM

KB

“ Some of my earliest memories of Phyllis and Lynn (not Lynn and Phyllis-lol), were of them always being in the front left bedroom of the Sayre house and Lynn taking his naps:). The “Mary Kay” days... I remember all the cosmetic samples and all the women; trying them out.

*Most importantly, I remember her and Lynn loving God. They loved God and never missed any opportunity to talk about Jesus. Nothing she or Lynn ever did was more important than that. Recently I came to that realization that they were people I greatly admired, they committed their lives to God and reminded me that everything else is meaningless. She was a great person that will continue to inspire me to be a true Christ-follower. Their lives were not defined by fame or fortune, but by loving God and never missing an opportunity to share the Good News!*

*She was one of the good ones and I am so glad that my Mom has her older sister with her in heaven!*

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**Kyle Burcham** - January 25 at 04:58 AM