



Phyllis Green

April 24, 2024

On April 24, 2024, Phyllis Mae Green passed away peacefully at age 89.

Mom and Dad loved to travel and have adventures. They loved their trips on their motorcycles into their late 50's, then traveling in their RV and 4-wheeling in their Jeep well into their late 70's. They also loved visiting Lillian, Alabama starting in 1981 and then permanently moved to Lillian once they retired. Mom and Dad started their adventurous trips on their motorcycles once their daughters were grown. Mom was not thrilled about always riding behind Dad so she demanded her own motorcycle. She proudly shared that she still maintained her motorcycle endorsement on her driver's license. Mom and Dad would take off in the RV and travel for months at a time all over the continental US. Nephew Scott said it best: Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Donald were somehow both one-of-a-kind. As a 10-year-old kid, I got things like postcards in the mail (and lumps of coal from a mine, and fossils, etc.) and always thought of Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Donald as real explorers. And they were.

Mom had quite the sweet tooth. She didn't eat much ... unless it was dessert. The bread pudding with that wonderful bourbon sauce at Fisherman's Corner was always a favorite. She also fiercely loved her pets. She adopted dogs from the shelter, tamed feral cats, rehabilitated an orphaned squirrel, tried to rehabilitate a garter snake that she accidentally hit with the lawn mower. He

happily lived for months in a fish tank by a window so that he could see his habitat.

Mom was a lover of music – especially gospel. Mom and Uncle Joe became amazing pianists as children at the insistence of their mother. Mom played the piano and rocked at playing a huge accordion. She could play polka with the best of them. She also thrilled us all by playing polkas at granddaughter April's high school graduation party at April's request. She was the pianist at Park Place Church of God for years. She also played for a gospel quartet for years with the Short Family. She sang in the choir at her beloved Lillian Methodist church for about two decades. She loved her church and choir family.

Mom kept an amazingly clean, loving and welcoming home. It was not a problem if family or friends wanted to stop and visit or stay for a week (or month). They hosted a niece working on her master's for several summers and even loaned her a car. All friends and family were welcome to stay and enjoy the beautiful gulf beaches and amazing seafood. Mom and Dad considered Lower Alabama to be the best place on Earth to live.

Phyllis is survived by daughter Lisa, son-in-law Rick, son-in-law Jan, brother and sister-in-law Joe and Diann, grandchildren Morgan, Alex, Caitlin, Emily (husband Ethan) and April, great grandchildren Gracelyn, Octavian, Phoebe and Jake. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Donald, daughter Joan, and parents Leonard and Zella.