



Phyllis Margaret Zack

April 12, 1927 - November 1, 2022

Phyllis Margaret Zack, 95, of Vacaville, California, formerly of Allison, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Pacifica Senior Living in Vacaville, California, with family by her side. A public graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2022, at the Allison Cemetery. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Allison is caring for Phyllis and her family.

Phyllis Zack, "Aunt Phyl" to those left behind, lived to the wonderful age of 95. She was born on April 12, 1927, in New Hampton, Iowa, to Otmar and Margaret (Lubker) Zack.

Phyllis was truly an amazing woman! She never married, taking a different path in life. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Iowa State University and went on to acquire a Master's Degree from Michigan State University. She began her teaching career at the University of Wyoming and later moved to West Lafayette, Indiana, where she was an Associate Professor for over 30 years at Purdue University, teaching Home Economics and specializing in fabrics, textiles, and sewing. In addition to her fabulous career, she became the full-time caregiver to both parents and her brother Bruce, who was handicapped from birth. They all lived in her tiny apartment in Lafayette while she worked, and moved back to Allison, Iowa, in the summers. After retirement, they moved between Brownsville, Texas and Allison.

After Bruce passed, Phyllis decided to sell her home in Allison and move to Vacaville, California, to be near her brother, Jim, and sister-in-law, Peggy. She lived in Vacaville for about 10 years, outliving both Peggy and Jim. She spent the last few years of her life enjoying time with her niece and nephew, Mike and Diane Smith, and their two dogs. Phyllis was an avid college sports fan, following both football and basketball, supporting her teams; Iowa, Iowa State, Purdue, and Michigan State. Family was so important to her. She was the glue that kept the multi-generations of the Zack family together. She was loved by all and will be missed by her family, friends, and colleagues.

Phyllis leaves behind her nieces and nephews, Ken Zack, Randy and Jan Zack, Susan Zack, and Mike and Diane Smith. In addition, her great nieces and nephews, Raven and Karen Zack, Morgan and Kendall Zack, Kelly and Carrie Smith, and Katie and Jake Lear.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otmar and Margaret Zack, her three brothers, Keith, Bruce, Rolyn (Jim), and her sister-in-law, Peggy.

Cemetery Details

Allison Cemetery

IA-14
Allison, IA 50602

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis was such a wonderful neighbor to my parents when she came back home to care for her brother Bruce. She was an amazing woman who, I believe, was a college professor in her younger years. My Mom just loved to chat with her. Our sympathy to her brother and family John and Maureen Allan*

John and Maureen Allan - November 03, 2022 at 04:24 PM

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My Mom told me many years ago she was a professor at Purdue.

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