



Phyllis Clare Hopper

September 7, 1928 - August 10, 2015

Obituary for Phyllis Clare Hopper

Previously known as Phyllis Morgan Keller

Phyllis Hopper, previously known as Phyllis Keller, 86, of Carmichael, CA, passed peacefully August 10, 2015 in Carmichael.

Phyllis was born in Eugene Oregon September 7, 1928, to Alfred and Helen Morgan. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1950. She lived most of her life in Carmichael, California. Phyllis was happily married to Bruce Keller for 56 years before his passing in 2006. Together they had 3 children, Lyn, Kay and Bryce. Bruce and Phyllis were active participants in their community, including the Parkinson Association. They loved to entertain, and enjoyed friends and family in their home. Phyllis and Bruce loved to take their family camping and boating. The great-grandchildren remember ice cream with Grandma, making cookies together and enjoying other Grandma activities.

Phyllis continued to be active with her sorority (Delta Gamma) and P.E.O. Sisterhood organization throughout her adult life.

In 2008 Phyllis married Richard Hopper. They enjoyed 7 great years together mostly staying in Oak Harbor, Washington. Rich and Phyllis knew each other

growing up in Eugene Oregon and both attended the University of Oregon.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her 1st husband of 56 years, Bruce, and her sister, Mildred. She is survived by her brother Gerald Morgan, her husband Richard Hopper and her children, daughters Lyn, Kay and son Bryce; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

At this time, there are no services planned and or scheduled.

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In her own words Phyllis wrote the following in 1994:

I was born in 1928, the third and youngest child of Alfred and Helen. Our Mother died when I was almost eight years old and my Dad was only 51. My Dad was a gentle man and exceptional to keep our family together and happy with long working hours and a small income. His friends all called him A. J. In my eyes he could do anything... repair cars, cook, fix appliances or radios, build anything, sew, knit, fish, hunt, can food , and be there when I needed him! My big sister has always been very special to me. From the time I was small she has showered me with lots of affection and caring. Of course, now I am bigger than she is.

I also had the good fortune to have the type of big brother girls dream about.

He protected me, invited me to join the boys on skiing trips and included me in his fraternity and social affairs. My Brother could do NO wrong in my eyes.

I had a wonderful time growing up... many friends, honors, a devoted family, a love of school and the outdoors. Our Dad often took us camping and we even built a boat in our basement, a project of several years.

The month after graduation from the University of Oregon in 1950, I married Bruce M. Keller. Lyn was born the next year in 1951, Kay in 1954 and Bryce in 1956. Our life circled around these three young children ... school activities, Blue Birds, Camp Fire, Scouting, Little League, etc. We did a lot of camping with our children, using the same heavy canvas 9x9 tent that we used to camp in with my Dad. We also had a water-ski boat and the entire family had a lot of fun water skiing and camping. Bruce and I enjoyed snow skiing and our children also learned to enjoy that winter sport.

Delta Gamma Sorority was an important added dimension to my college years and is special to me as an alumna. I have enjoyed serving as a local officer in various alumnae chapters and also served on National Board for 10 years.

P.E.O. is another National organization in which I am always involved.

I feel I have had a wonderful life. I have been blessed with loving and caring immediate and extended family.

As told by, Phyllis Morgan Keller, September, 1994

Tribute Wall

Tress
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Tress Putnam - September 12, 2015 at 01:15 PM

MW

“ Phyllis will be greatly missed. I first met Phyllis in our Delta Gamma Alumni Group. We played Bridge together in a D.G. Bridge Club. She also introduced me to P.E.O. We had many good times together. My first husband died before her's, and I ended up marrying my second husband that I had known since college. She told me about communicating with her second husband that she had formerly known before Bruce after Bruce had died. He wanted to see her and I convinced her to meet him again since I was in a similar situation. I am so glad that her last years were happy with him. I will miss Phyllis, but I know she is in a better place now and not suffering.
Sincerely,
Margaret ("Maggie") Wegener-Harrison

Maggie Wegener-Harrison - August 26, 2015 at 02:01 PM

LN

“ Oh, what fond memories I have of sweet Phyllis. She was always so nice to open her home to me when I would come to Sacramento to stay with her daughter 'Kay'. I would feel like part of the family. She raised such a wonderful family and has left a great legacy to follow in her footsteps. What a special lady she is and I hope the family knows that they will be with her again someday. My love and prayers are with the ones left behind at this time. I love and miss you all!!

Loretta Neil

Sandy, Utah

Loretta Neil - August 22, 2015 at 10:57 AM

DF

“ Lyn, Kay and Bryce: I am sorry to learn that Phyllis has passed. When I first met Phyllis as a Delta Gamma Collegian and the mom of Lyn and Kay, two of my DG friends, I knew she was a gem. That opinion only intensified as an alumnae and I was able to see what dedication and love she had for Delta Gamma as she served in a variety of positions at the national level. Phyllis became one of my role models. I remember enjoying many an afternoon at your house swimming and relaxing in the pool. I was pleased that she and Rich had an opportunity to reconnect, enjoy travel and their home in Oak Harbor. Her surprise bridal shower was an absolute highlight since it took her a while to figure out that the luncheon was to honor her! My thoughts are with you as you honor your mother and a wonderful friend to so many of us.

Best Regards, Diane Ford

Diane Ford - August 21, 2015 at 08:34 PM

AM

“ Hi Phyl. I remember that Phyllis had another name, the one by which I knew her best,---MORGAN. Our memories go back to sleepovers, playing on our bear rug at 1312 Lincoln in Eugene, BEAN PICKING, TOMATO picking where we gave George his greatest 3 years of profit! Sharing so much fun with her. She could ride on the handlebars on my bike for 2 miles going home from school, the last several blocks UPHILL!! Rich, you told me to answer quickly, shame on me for not following through. Phyllis was a friend to so many, rich, poor, in between (most of us) and especially to her sister and brother. You earned the trip to Heaven and I know you believed in getting there. So sorry you had to suffer to finally get the EXPRESS ride! Love from your bean-picking Buddy....And Rich, you had a great last companion for the last journey. Alice Kingman McCullough

Alice Kingman McCullough - August 21, 2015 at 06:22 PM

CM

“ I remember Phyllis as such a kind and loving mother. She also had a spirit of adventure and a wonderful sense of humor. She was always cooking wonderful food, too!!! She will be greatly missed. Thank you for sending me this beautiful tribute. Carol Mathews

Carol Mathews - August 20, 2015 at 12:31 AM

JK

“ Janis Keplinger lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Clare Hopper



Janis Keplinger - August 18, 2015 at 11:12 PM

NT

“ When I moved to Sacramento in 1973, I knew no one and was very lonely. A mutual friend in the Bay area told Phyllis I had moved to Sacramento. Phyllis contacted me right away and invited me to play bridge with a Delta Gamma alumnae group. I was so grateful to find friends, thanks to dear Phyllis. This was her generous, caring nature.

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Nancy Tooley

Nancy Tooley - August 17, 2015 at 09:12 PM

LV

“ Lynne Vernon lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Clare Hopper



Lynne Vernon - August 17, 2015 at 04:40 PM

LV

“ Keller Family,

Your mom was always near and dear to my heart. So many wonderful memories over the years! I will forever cherish them. I feel blessed to have had Phyllis in my life since I was a kid. She was always , so kind and thoughtful and always there in a time of need.

May her spirit be at peace now. My thoughts and prayers are you.

Love Always,
Lynne Vernon
(Sacramento, CA.)

Lynne Vernon - August 17, 2015 at 04:37 PM

KC

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