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Phyllis Marie Shearer



Phyllis Marie Shearer, 86, of Grinnell died on Friday, February 17, 2023, at St. Francis Manor. The family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2023, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Newton. Memorials to Camp Sunnyside may be left at the funeral home.

Phyllis, the daughter of Gail and Lelah (McLaughlin) Duncan was born on July 29, 1936, in Rooks County, Kansas. Growing up she worked on her family's wheat farm. She later moved into town to live with her aunt and work at the local café. While working at the café, she met

her future husband, Don Shearer. They were married on October 7, 1955, in Phillipsburg, Kansas. They were blessed with three children: Gaylin, Lonie, and Rick. As a family, they moved to Iowa in 1965. Phyllis worked for DeLongs and later for Grinnell College, retiring from there in 1988.

Phyllis lived life to the fullest and her and Don's biggest passion was riding motorcycle together. They traveled from Acapulco, Mexico, to the Artic Circle and everywhere in between on two-wheels. She was in two bad motorcycle wrecks, the first being in 1987 which forced her retirement and the second in 2014, ending their 44 years of trips to the Sturgis Rally. Those wrecks never stopped her love of motorcycling; she was a true enthusiast. Phyllis helped start "Women on Wheels" of Iowa and was an Ambassador for Gold Wing of Iowa. She and Don also did a lot of charity work for Camp Sunny Side - always on a motorcycle.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Gaylin (Vernon) Duryee of Newton, Lonie (Deb) Shearer of Grinnell, and Rick (Pat) Shearer of Grinnell; five grandchildren, Shana, Cory, Lee, Amy, and Monique; her eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Don in 2016; a brother, Billy; and a sister, NorMae.

Many years ago Don gave Phyllis a nickname - "Phid." Phid would always say ... "See you on the Road."

"See you on the Road, Phid"