



Phyllis Ann Richards

May 20, 1942 - January 6, 2023

Phyllis Ann Richards, 80 of Lakeland, Florida passed away Friday January 6, 2023 at her home. Phyllis was born Wednesday May 20, 1942 in Moundsville, West Virginia to Robert and Mary (Garey) Mickey.

Phyllis started her career as a nurse in West Virginia before moving to New York and then finally to Florida. After moving to Lakeland, she opened and operated The Residence Retirement Center, Inc. for 45 years.

In addition to her parents, Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Thomas J.L. Richards and three brothers, Dean, Julius and Leo Mickey and a sister, Alice Ralbusky.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Tomas (Kim) Richards of Lakeland, Mildred Ann Hayes of Palm Beach and Matthew (Sara) Richards of Lakeland; her grandchildren, Austin (Aislinn), Ridge (Karli) and Zen Richards, Madison & Lauren Hayes and Cora & Zoe Richards; her great-grandchildren, Taylor, Emmie, Reese, & Archer Richards; her sister, Pauline (Dale) Parson of Canton, OH; her brother, Roger (Gerry) Mickey of Moundsville, WV; her sister-in-law, Jean Mickey of Cameron, W. Virginia and several nieces and nephews. Phyllis's family would like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to Good Shepherd Hospice for their support.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

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“Phyllis was a good sweet soul who gave back to others every day through her care and support at The Residence. She always had a wonderful smile on her face as well as the spunk to take care of others. I feel blessed to have worked with her to provide for the needs of the residents of her facility. She will be greatly rewarded hearing the words well done my good and faithful servant!! Prayers for the Richards family who have lost a real gem in Phyllis!

Mary Jane Oglesby - January 11, 2023 at 03:44 PM

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“Such a beautiful, kind woman. She always had the biggest smile on her face. My heart goes out to her family. She is with her Tom once again and I know she's very happy there. Rest in Peace sweet lady. I'll miss running into you in the store ❤️



Tara Hurley - January 11, 2023 at 02:22 PM

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“Phyllis was one of the kindest people I've ever known. She loved her family deeply and the care she offered the residents of her facility was amazing. I got to spend some time with her before she passed and listening to her stories of her early days growing up. We even shared a meal of chicken livers and gizzards, something she loved, before she passed. She was so surprised on her 80th birthday when I presented her with a box of 80 birthday cards I collected through friends and friends of friends including handmade cards from an elementary school in Georgia. My heart goes out to the family and know that she'll live forever in our hearts and memories.

Sue Koepfle - January 11, 2023 at 01:02 PM