



Phyllis Louise Hess

December 3, 1935 - March 17, 2021

Phyllis Louise Hess, 85, of Lewis Center, OH passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in the home her husband built in 1965 with family by her side. She was born December 3, 1935 to Russell and Louise Ream in Worthington, OH. Phyllis married David J. Hess Jr. on September 5, 1958 in Columbus, OH. She was an Olentangy Schools bus driver for 30 years, retired in 2003. Phyllis was known as the “Voice of the Braves” announcing HS football games for 25 years and HS basketball games for 10 years. She was inducted into the 2019 Olentangy Braves High School Athletic Hall of Fame making Phyllis and her daughter the only mother/daughter team inducted. She was the Director of the Central Ohio Grasshoppers, golf group, for 25 years, served 10 years as Secretary and 3 years as Executive Director for the American Daffodil Society and won their Silver Medal Service Award in 2008, and was a member of the Heisey Collectors of America where her mother was their first president. Phyllis is survived by her husband, David J Hess Jr; brother, Roger H. (Susan) Ream; children, Teresa (Michael) Rice, Bradley and Douglas (Kimberly) Hess; grandchildren, Ashley (David) Shore, Natalie Rice, Melissa Rice, Sierra Hess, Savannah Hess, Patrick (Kayla) Hess, and Nickolas (Olivia) Hess; great-grandchildren, Marissa, Alannah, Everett, Cohen and Conor. A ‘Celebration of Life’ service will be held at the grave site at 11 a.m. Thursday March 25, 2021 at Fairview Memorial Park on State Route 23, Delaware, OH. In lieu of flowers, donate to American Daffodil Society (daffodilusa.org) or Heisey Collectors of America at 169 W. Church St. Newark, OH 43055. Condolences

may be made to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairview Memorial Park
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Louise Hess*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To Phyllis's family. I was so sorry to read, just recently, of Phyllis's death. I am Historian for the Bexley Class of 1953. We all shall miss her, and her great sense of humor. I was just about ready to type in her mini-bio (I'm finally finishing the class history book.) I was catching up with my newspapers and saw the obituary. She certainly was a very special woman, and I appreciate that the Olentangy Schools recognized her amazing efforts. I'm sure that my classmates would join me in expressing sympathy to your family. May you rejoice in her life, lived for those whom she loved. Janet Bez Ebert*

P.S. I taught at Elm Valley many years ago!

Janet Bez Ebert - May 03, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Teri, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Eileen*

Eileen Mapes - March 25, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Louise Hess.*



March 23, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Louise Hess.*



March 23, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Louise Hess.*



March 23, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Very sorry to learn of Phyllis. Condolences Dave, Brad and family.
Todd Thoman*

Harry Thoman - March 22, 2021 at 07:07 PM

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“ *The Robbins family would like to express our sorrow for your loss. As neighbors of Phyllis, we enjoyed her flowers and words of wisdom. We have many bus stories. We could always tell when it was a snow day because the bus was not warming up. Phyllis was wonderful to our son Bart. I remember when Earl, also a neighbor on Powell Road, threw up on Bart on the bus. Then next week Phyllis laughingly told me that Bart threw up on Earl the following week. She had a great sense of humor.*

I loved to visit her daffodil beds. She gave me bulbs and explained how to plant and take care of them. Her words of wisdom were greatly appreciated by our young family.

*Warren, Cece, Bart, and Courtney Robbins
Former Powell Road neighbors*

Cece Robbins - March 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM

TR

What a wonderful memory. My mom had so many tales from the "Bus" and I appreciate you sharing this one with us.

Teri Rice - March 21, 2021 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ *Mike and I send prayers to all the family! May God be with you all as you say so long, not goodbye ! As you will join her and loved ones on that Mountain in the Sky, when God calls you home some day !*



*God Bless,
Michael & Betty Hopper*

Michael & Betty Hopper - March 19, 2021 at 11:45 PM

TR

Hi Betty, Thank you for your kind and encouraging words. It is greatly appreciated.

Teri Rice - March 21, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Phyllis Louise Hess.*



March 19, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Phyllis Louise Hess.*



March 19, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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“ *I remember Phyllis and her husband, Dave, quite fondly from the early 70s when I played softball for G&H Construction when the sport was just beginning to take form at Greenlawn. She attended every game and kept score as we traveled the state. I also have Phyllis to thank for my initial teaching job at Olentangy back when that system only had one high school. I certainly remember her children, especially when they tagged along and later as growing kids at school. Dave and I also played a lot of basketball and Phyllis often came to watch. Just a great family! My sincerest condolences but appreciative of the fond memories.....Nick Damopoulos*

Nick Damopoulos - March 19, 2021 at 11:56 AM

CL

Dave, i also remember. Phyllis from our ball game playing days when we traveled to Dalton Ga, and Des moines Iowa to play in tournaments together and then playing against one another here in Columbus Phyllis was always there routing for us and sometimes forgetting that we were not on the same team here in Columbus and she would root for me when I was up to bat.

After a day of tournament games we often took our wives out to dinner as a group and I treasure those memories that brought us closer as friends and the fellowship we enjoyed!!!

R.I.P. Phyllis Charlie and Peggy Lemon

charles Lemon - March 21, 2021 at 12:46 PM

TR

Thank you for sharing your awesome memories of my mother when my parents managed the softball team. I remember you both and the many days/nights spent at the ball park watching you guys play. I played softball during HS and in rec leagues well into my 40s. My Dad continued to played well into his 70's until shoulder surgery made him hang up his bat and glove.

Many thanks from her daughter, Teri (Hess) Rice

Teri Rice - March 21, 2021 at 04:52 PM

AS

So very sorry for loss, Teri! May all of the wonderful memories that you have carry you through this difficult time. Thinking of you and your family.

Angie Stetzer - March 26, 2021 at 04:51 PM