



## Phyllis Kay Matthai

September 14, 1944 - January 5, 2024

Phyllis Kay Matthai of Easton, MD passed away on Friday January 5, 2024. She was 79 years old.

Born on September 14, 1944, in Williamsburg, MD, she was the daughter of Lloyd and Helen Poole.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Patsy Bandoch and her only child Chesley Lee Hargraves, IV who passed away on November 5, 1996. There wasn't a day that went by that she deeply mourned Chet's passing, but she kept her game face on. Phyllis prayed for Chet every single night until she wasn't able to remember him anymore. She will be laid to rest next to her son in the Oxford Cemetery.

Phyllis graduated from Colonel Richardson High School and after a brief stint in the Air Force in Germany, she returned to the states and began her secretarial career at Easton Hospital where she remained for 45 years. She connected to so many people and in time referred to them as her "other family." It was not unusual for Phyllis to work or volunteer some hours outside of the hospital because she wanted to stay active and be around others. She retired in 2013 and at that time she was Executive Assistant to the President of Shore Health Systems.

Many will remember Phyllis as fashionable. She said, “when you look good, you feel good.” She was skilled in choosing the right outfit, hair style, make up and accessories. She was always very grateful for the compliments she received.

Her fashion sense brings us to her hobbies and joys. Phyllis loved shopping, trying out new recipes, reading, and going out with her friends to lunch or dinner. She also enjoyed the slots at the casino and prior to her illness was an avid golfer. She had so many happy memories with all her golf partners, especially when she had a really good game. Phyllis was a member of the St. Marks United Methodist Church in Easton.

Phyllis is survived by her brothers, Ronnie Poole (Patti) of Laurel, DE, Teddy Poole (Connie) of Preston, MD and Gary Poole (Teresa) of Easton, MD. Nieces and nephews: Sarah Poole, Alicia Greenhalgh (Matt), Tracy Poole (Robin) and Tina Bandoch, as well as several grand nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to send their sincerest appreciation to all those that have cared deeply and comforted Phyllis during this heartbreaking journey of her life; her close friend, Suzanne, Queenstown Landing Assisted Living, Candle Light Cove Memory Care and Talbot Hospice.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday January 11, 2024, at 12pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton. A visitation will be held from 11am – 12pm before the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Talbot Hospice in Easton, MD or American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton  
200 S. Harrison St.  
Easton, MD 21601

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

 Martha  
Suss

“ I’m am so sad to know that Phyllis had passed away..she was such a fantastic lady....I mean really fun, funny and more. She was always polished to perfection and brave. I remember when she lost Chet and how heartbroken she was and all of us rallied to be there for her. I feel awful that we lost touch and now I know she gone. It was a brighter room when she walked in — she was a darling wonderful ray of sunshine even though her heart was broken with the loss of her dear son Chet. Rest in Peace dear Philly🌸you were a love.

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**Martha Suss** - January 14, 2024 at 04:15 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Kay Matthai



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**Carolyn Lane** - January 12, 2024 at 08:22 PM

DT

“ Diane Towers lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Kay Matthai



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**Diane Towers** - January 11, 2024 at 08:16 AM

KF

“ Karen Fishell lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Kay Matthai



Karen Fishell - January 11, 2024 at 06:33 AM

QL

“ Queenstown Landing is deeply saddened by the loss of Phyllis. We adored her and were honored to have her with us, we wish it had been much longer. Such a charismatic woman, so fashionable and put together, we will remember her fondly. Our sincere condolences to Gary, Teresa and the entire family.

Queenstown Landing - January 10, 2024 at 02:24 PM

AL

“ Amy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Kay Matthai



Amy Lowe - January 10, 2024 at 02:00 PM

BJ

“ Bart And Vicky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Kay Matthai



Bart and Vicky Johnson - January 10, 2024 at 11:25 AM

VB

“ *Phyllis was my dearest friend who I could talk to about anything, work or personal. It was a joy to work with her for many years. I have missed seeing her and talking to her these past difficult years. Rest in peace my beautiful friend.*

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**Vickey Bramble** - January 09, 2024 at 02:42 PM

SD

“ *Gary, Teresa and all her family, sending my sincere condolences. I worked with Phyllis over 35 years at the hospital. She was always smiling and truly a fashionable lady. She is now at peace.*

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**sherry dolby** - January 09, 2024 at 12:23 PM

BR

“ *As a nurse at the hospital ,I always admired her, and later a twist of events where now I'm providing care to her , I now not only admired her , I saw what a funny and exceptionally sweet person she truly was. I always joked she was "so classy and a little sassy ! " RIP my friend .*

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**Betsy Roe** - January 08, 2024 at 07:29 PM

MB

“ *Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Kay Matthai*



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**Mary Baker** - January 08, 2024 at 06:23 PM

AR

“ *I did her nails for years, I haven't seen her lately. She is now at peace.* ”



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**Amy Rogers** - January 08, 2024 at 02:50 PM