



Phyllis Ann Saylor Obituary

June 3, 1943 - October 13, 2007

Phyllis Ann Eckler Saylor of Bradenton, Florida died Saturday October 13th surrounded by family and friends. Phyllis was born in Covington, KY June 3rd, 1943 the oldest daughter of country musician Garner "Pop" Eckler and Helen Gervaise (Eckler) Browning. She was raised in Albany, Georgia and graduated from Albany High School in 1961. She was dedicated to her family and moved to Florida in 1999 to be near her grandchildren. Phyllis was an active member of Sarasota Baptist Church, Lakewood Ranch Campus. She always had a kind word and took genuine joy in serving others. Phyllis worked as a volunteer docent at the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. She studied art history in her spare time to give every visitor the best possible experience. Her tours often started with a handful of people and ended with dozens flocking to hear what she had to say. Her boundless energy and passion to learn took her around the world. Some of her favorite adventures included trips to Paris, Rome, Hawaii and Las Vegas with her mother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Garner Eckler and Helen Gervaise Eckler Browning. Survivors include: Her husband of 46 years William Jerry Saylor of Bradenton, FL; 3 children, Lisa Diane Saylor Biach of Bradenton, FL, Michael Jerry Saylor of Arlington, VA, and Stephen Mark Saylor of Hollywood, CA; two beautiful granddaughters, Victoria Lynn Biach and Lauren Elizabeth Biach of Bradenton, FL; 2 brothers, Joe Mack Eckler Sr. of Albany, Georgia and Jimmie Lee Eckler of Pasadena, Texas; and 1 sister Joy Lynn Eckler Ballard of Orange Park, FL; 2 uncles, Alvin Vann (Hilda) of Sasser, GA, Sherman Vann

(Eleanor) of Virginia Beach, VA; 3 aunts, Nancy Vann Barronton (Tom) of Valley Grande, Alabama, Earline Vann of Edison, GA, Anita Vann of Columbus, GA; 1 brother-in-law Floyd Gene Saylor (Millie) of Marianna, FL; 2 sisters-in-law, Sandra Saylor Crane (Jerry) of Greenville, South Carolina, Ginger Saylor of Athens, TX and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews. Memorial services will be held Friday, October 19th at 11am at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. Her final resting place will be in the Columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art: Attention Saylor Fund, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, Florida 34243. You may sign the online register and share your own thoughts and memories with the family of Mrs. Saylor by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrelstern.com

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“ *Michael,*
I send my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your mom was a spectacular woman who brought much love and delight to those lucky enough to know her. I am sincerely sorry for your loss.
- Megan

Megan Lordeon - October 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have never been so shocked or saddened in my life as when I heard that Phyllis had passed away. She was one of the most generous and loving women I've ever met. My heart aches for the whole family and you're in my thoughts.

Glenda Thomas - October 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ i'm am so sorry to hear about ms sissy.i worked with ms "b" in the lab for 22yrs.i will keep you in prayer & it was a pleasure knowing her & the family.in memory,sheryl

sheryl nichols (mclean) - October 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM