



Mrs. Phyllis Gilham Alvis

March 29, 1943 - March 30, 2015

RICHMOND-Phyllis Gilham Alvis passed away March 30, 2015. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Doug. She is survived by her daughter, Julie Alvis-Bupp and husband, Jim; two stepsons, Andrew D. Alvis, III, and Derrick W. Alvis; grandson, Caleb Bupp; seven step-grandchildren, Andrew, Cassandra, Casey, Lauren, Levi, James and Mary-Charlotte; a step-great-granddaughter, Evelyn.

The family will receive friends Friday, April 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge. A graveside service will take place at a later date in Serenity Gardens in Largo, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, <https://donatenow.heart.org>, or to the American Cancer Society, <https://donate.cancer.org>.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Shirley, Gordon and Debbie over the passing of their beloved sister and aunt. We know how much you loved her and that you will cherish her memory forever.

The Robins Family

Marsha Clements - April 06, 2015 at 12:36 PM

MA

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Julie, Jim and Caleb for your loss. We stayed in with Phyllis touch over the years and distance since visiting Douglas and her in Seminole. Such a character and caring wife, mom and grandmother, everyone that knew her will miss her greatly.

*Mason and Janie Alvis
Brentwood, TN*

Mason ALVIS - April 02, 2015 at 10:21 PM



BC

“ Julie, Jim and Caleb my prayers are with you. Phyllis will be missed very much by all of us who knew her as a dear friend. We share in your pain. Betty Cousins

Betty Cousins - April 01, 2015 at 10:25 PM



GM

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gaynelle morris - April 01, 2015 at 06:45 PM

GM

Annual Christmas at the Jefferson Fun all day trips, better have no plans if riding with Phil as would be an all day affair. Carytown, then off to our old stomping grounds, there were no limitations. Oh will surely miss all the great adventures we shared but most of all just having my buddy close by. With us are Ellen, me, Nancys friend, Nancy, Pat, "Phil" Betty, Cherl and Barbara.

gaynelle morris - April 01, 2015 at 06:59 PM

IJ

“ *Dear Julie, My heart has been humbled by hearing of your loss. I would like to offer my deepest condolences and I pray that the Lord will comfort you and yours during this trying time. Irving Johnson Jr.*



Irving Johnson Jr. - April 01, 2015 at 05:46 PM

ND

“ Dear Julie, Jim, Caleb, Dougie, Derrick and all of your families, This may duplicate (as I started it once & it disappeared), but still just as sincere. My heart aches for our loss, but I know she is in a better place and will rest with her beloved Douglas (Doug). They were a wonderful couple who loved each other and all of you very, very much. Phyllis was my favorite first cousin, Douglas, who became my friend. I did get to visit them in Florida a couple of times and then after his death. With her move back to VA, we got to go one several trip (I drove too fast a/k/a wreckless to her) so she drove on our long journey to Southwest VA in all the mountains - at least 3. We thoroughly enjoyed our Annual Acca Temple Crab Feast until they discontinued it. My sister-in-law, Rosemary, joined us later too and they became friends. We also loved the West Point Crab Feast with Julie, Jim & Caleb. She always said she loved to go down and get devil crab from Dick's (or Diggs) at West Point or nearby where she got her car serviced as they were the best. Although a smoker, Phyllis always was considerate and stepped away from whoever to do so or went outside. You never smelled it on her either. She loved her friends/family and her special Christmas Eve's will always be remembered. Memories we all share or the special ones only each holds dear - may your memories enfold and comfort each of you in God's love.

Love,
Nancy Salmon Denby



Nancy Salmon Denby - April 01, 2015 at 11:59 AM

RF

Phyllis, Nancy and I shared many happy times at the Crab Feasts. Now Phyllis will enjoy Heavenly Feasts...

Rosemary Fahed - April 02, 2015 at 01:06 PM

GM

“ The true definition of a friend is the one with me in this picture, Phyllis Alvis. She and I remained friends through thick and thin. For over 50 years we always had each others backs and never judged one another. Oh yeah she lit into me sometimes but always out of love, compassion and concern. When I was at my absolute lowest she listened, I cried on her shoulder and in the end she always knew what to say and that would always pick me up, as I did her. The day trips were always a blast. She loved to drive, I rode and we laughed. Never a destination, always a journey. Get lost, who cares, just another surprising discovery to add to our list of many. Talk about two Chatty Cathy's, well that was surely the two of us. Expecting nothing, loving it all. Christmas Eve was the best ever just knowing she, her family, Sammy and I would be spending it together. Her grandson, the light of her life Caleb was right there between us, what a little cutie. We laughed, we cried, we did it all. The best thing that happened when I was 16 (other than marrying Sammy and having my daughter Kim) was walking into People's finance on Fulton Hill, praying to get a job and that day meeting this beautiful, amazing lady who would be a constant in my life for many years to come. Today, I say goodbye to someone who I have loved so very, very much, Phil. While my heart is breaking just know you will always share a large piece of it and that just knowing you has made me a better, stronger person. I thank you for convincing them to hire me that day and then choosing me as a lifetime friend. For that I was truly blessed. I will see you one day and we will pick right up as if nothing had ever changed. Phil, you gave such a brave fight and today the lord has wrapped his arms around you, comforted you and took away that awful pain. I now ask all to join me in praying for Jim, Julee, Caleb, all her family and the many people she touched so lovingly and in return loved this special lady. Goodbye for now Phil. I will love you always! Gaynie (Gaynelle Lamb Morris)



gaynelle L morris - April 01, 2015 at 09:38 AM

TB

“ *Julie, I'm sorry to hear about your loss. May God comfort you in time of you need and cherish the memories*

*Tammy Boyd
King William VA*



Tammy Boyd - April 01, 2015 at 09:26 AM

PD

“ *My condolences to Phyliss' sister Shirley and her daughter Julie. Peggy (cousin)*

Peggy DePuy - March 31, 2015 at 06:44 PM