



## Phyllis E. Hilliard

November 25, 1943 - June 20, 2015

Phyllis E. Hilliard, 71, of Rockford passed away Saturday, June 20, 2015 into the arms of Jesus. She was born November 25, 1943 in Rochelle, daughter of Thomas and Ardelle (Hamrick) Rainey. Married Larry Hilliard in Byron on June 9, 1962. Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother as well as friend. She will be greatly missed. Survived by husband, Larry; children, Julie (Brian Jensen) Spain, Scott (Alaire) Hilliard and Darin (Lavender) Hilliard; grandchildren, Alyssa Hilliard, Kelsey Hilliard, Paige Spain, Nolan Spain, Alexandra Hilliard, Logan Hilliard; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Ryder and Barrett; brothers, Bill (Rosie) Rainey and Hugh (Jill) Rainey; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Susan Yingling, Helen Watson and infant brother. Funeral Service, Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Journey Church Ministries, 7825 Forest Hills Road, Loves Park, with visitation at 9 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Bart Bentley and Rev. Steve Mathews will officiate. Private family interment in Byron Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Phyllis' family are appreciated. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Journey Church  
7825 Forest Hills Rd.  
Machesney Park, IL 61115

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis E. Hilliard



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - June 24, 2015 at 09:24 AM



*This is so beautiful it showed the spiritual love the family had for one another; their smiles and happiness and closeness. How beautiful, a very heart touching video memories of a God loving family and the heavenly family the tears filled my eyes as I watched this a beautiful women who showed her love for all. God Bless the family, sorry for your loss and thank Jesus for a mother ANGEL in his grace in heaven above AMEN. Love you with myheart, Bernadine and Tom McMullin*

Bernadine McMullin - June 25, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JS

“ Julie Spain lit a candle in memory of Phyllis E. Hilliard



Julie Spain - July 20, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JS

*Can't believe you have been gone for a month .. We all miss you so much!*

Julie Spain - July 20, 2015 at 10:14 AM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Phyllis E. Hilliard*



Julie - July 02, 2015 at 08:43 AM

JU

*Miss you mom... This is a hard birthday without you.*

Julie - July 02, 2015 at 08:44 AM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Phyllis E. Hilliard*



Julie - June 27, 2015 at 11:06 PM



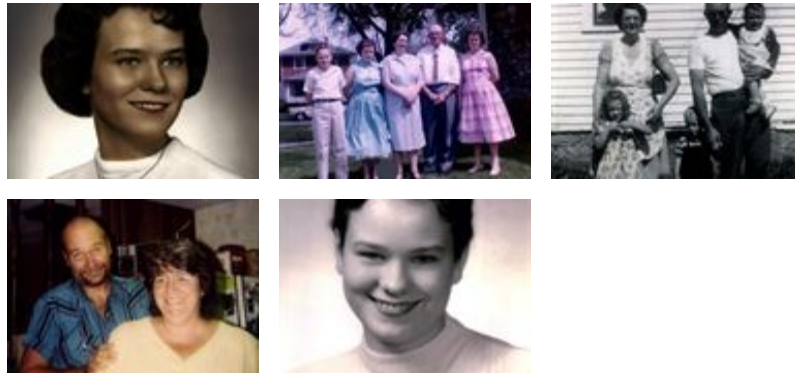
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis E. Hilliard.*



June 25, 2015 at 07:29 AM



“ 119 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - June 24, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Phyllis E. Hilliard*.



June 23, 2015 at 09:00 PM



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Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - June 23, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ *You were always a pillar of strength, and calming influence in trouble time. I will miss you greatly but Im rejoicing that your struggle is over and your new and young again. I pray for strength for the family to find peace .*

*Dan Spain*

Dan Spain - June 23, 2015 at 08:07 AM



“ *She will missed by all. She shared love for so many. Phyllis made me a folder with scripture to help me get closer to God; she put beautiful prayers in it. She was a great teacher, involved at church, who reached out to others. It was a great celebration when she joined the Lord, but a great loss to all. I love you Phyllis, until we meet again. I will always give thanks for all of your prayers.*

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**Bernadine McMullin** - June 22, 2015 at 10:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis E. Hilliard.*



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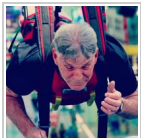
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“ *She was and still is an amazing lady. She was one of the very first people to befriend me while going to Journey Church, and she helped me so much.*

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**Sarah Thom** - June 22, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ *Craig Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Phyllis E. Hilliard*



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**Craig Goodwin** - June 22, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ To Scott and Julie, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a great person. She will be greatly missed. And welcomed in heaven with open arms. Where one day we will all meet again. My prayers are with the whole family.  
Craig Goodwin.

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**Craig Goodwin** - June 22, 2015 at 03:41 PM


TO

“ Julie , Paige, Nolan and rest of family. So sorry to hear this. May she rest in peace.

*Aunt Toni*

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**toni** - June 22, 2015 at 03:18 PM

 Debra Kopicio

“ A great woman of faith is with her Lord in Heaven totally healed! Will miss her laughter and friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

*Joe and Debra Kopicio*

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**Debra Kopicio** - June 22, 2015 at 12:32 PM

RC

*Yes she was a great woman who trusted GOD*

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**Renee Casey** - June 22, 2015 at 04:04 PM