



Phyllis Johnson

April 21, 1942 - February 12, 2015

North Litchfield Beach

Phyllis Shirley Johnson, age 72, died on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Waccamaw Community Hospital.

Mrs. Johnson was born on April 21, 1942 in Norwich, CT, the third child of Wilfred Sutthill and Phyllis Brewer Sutthill. Phyllis launched herself into the world with gusto. After completing her nurses training program at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, she took on the adventure of marriage, wedding Bill Johnson in Norwich on September 21, 1962. Their partnership spanned more than five decades as they covered the globe, following Bill's employment in the oil industry. Over the years, Phyllis left her distinctive mark on New Orleans, West Texas, Boston, New York City, Springfield, VA, and Saudi Arabia. The couple retired to North Litchfield Beach, SC, in April, 1998.

Phyllis was an accomplished artist. Many of her paintings were bought by both friends and strangers they met along their journey. In addition, her fishing exploits were legendary. She was a standard in the surf of Litchfield Beach every fall, chasing the blues until her last days. Tenacious, skilled, ever vigilant and always at dawn, the fish won few battles against "The Silver Fox." Her sparkling personality always lit up the room, and her warmth, ease and caring way created many friendships. Phyllis adored life, and when she would

burst into peals of laughter at the silly or the absurd, everyone in the room was swept away on a wave of joy.

Phyllis was a ray of light in a world with too much darkness. Tough as nails yet gentle as a feather, she was taken from this earth too soon. She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege to be a part of her life.

Her survivors include her husband, Bill. of Litchfield Beach; her sister, Lesley, of Philadelphia, PA; her sons, Bill, Jr. of Richmond, VA, Douglas of Socastee, and Neil of Bristow, VA. Her seven grandsons loved their Buddy Grammy with all their hearts.

A Celebration of Mrs. Johnson's life will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 245 Windover Drive, North Litchfield Beach, SC 29585.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Family Residence