



## Phyllis Ax

June 28, 1949 - April 15, 2023

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Phyllis J. (Hoffman) Ax, 73 of Godfrey, Illinois passed away at her home on April 15, 2023. She was born June 28, 1949 in Alton, the daughter of the late Herbert Hoffman and Pauline (Ogle) Hoffman.

Phyllis attended the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) from Kindergarten to high school, graduating in 1968. She cherished her time at ISD with the teachers and friends who became like second family to her. Phyllis was an active member of the deaf community and enjoyed spending her time attending various events and traveling with her friends. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother and friend and her sense of humor, laugh and her kindness will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Phyllis is survived by three children, Andrea (Garrett) Ax of Edwardsville, Ellen Ax Godfrey of Godfrey, Mark (Sarah) Ax of St. Louis, MO; two grandchildren, Emily Johnson and Brooke Godfrey; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Penny Hoffman; niece and nephew, Kelsie (Hoffman) McCoy and Kyle Hoffman of Jerseyville, other extended family and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Pauline Hoffman. In accordance with her wishes, cremation rites were accorded and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf or the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. Gent

Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis was a sweet and funny. I saw her three times. We talked and laughed. She come in room at the hotel. We changed a nice clothes for the banquet. We really enjoying to socialize. I really miss her and prayers for her family.* ”

Sandra Harris - April 19, 2023 at 03:30 PM

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“ *Phyllis looked like my sister, best co-worker of our job St. Louis Diecasting Corp, traveler, share many things. She was funny, humor, friendly smiles , love to go many deaf events and more. Miss her real sorely but Best Memories since little girls at ISD. Till life end.* ”



Brenda McClintock - April 18, 2023 at 07:33 PM

JK

*Phyllis and I shared many adventures i didn't see her again until I visited the USA it had been 20 years last time we saw each other was 2016. I miss miss her friendship and her wacky sense of humor. My love goes out to her kids whom she loved so much*

Jodi Hamilton-van Keeken - April 19, 2023 at 12:07 PM

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*I worked at ISD for 30 great years ! I not only taught Phyllis but was advisor to her graduation class. She was a delightful person to be around---laughing, smiling, supportive of others. She loved I.S.D. and we all loved her. Harry Lee Hall, Teacher, Principal*

Harry Lee Hall - April 19, 2023 at 03:33 PM

JV

*Andrea, Ellen, and Mark,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**jane van vertloo** - April 19, 2023 at 07:17 PM

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*Phyllis and I shared a lot of fun since I was new girl at I.S.D. When we moved jacksonville from Chicago suburb and visit her more. I love her humor of sense, laughing and smiling. She always is in my heart. I won't forget her.*

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**Ellen M Thing** - April 22, 2023 at 06:42 PM

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*Phyllis was a jewel of a person!!! Sweet, kind and great sense of humor! It was so easy to love her and sit down and have a great talk! She is being so missed!!! She so loved her family and friends!!! She was behind me as an ISD student but stood out as a ray of sunshine!!! Rest well dear Phyllis! You do earned it! Love Cayhy*

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**Cathy Knoblock Vincent** - June 28, 2023 at 02:53 PM