



## Phyllis Fuess Davidson

November 21, 1942 - March 15, 2025

Phyllis Jean Davidson, 82, of Newnan, Georgia, and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died Saturday, March 15, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Phyllis was born November 21, 1942, in Carlinville, Illinois, to the late Walter and Ella Fuess. She was preceded in death by her husband, Davey Lee Davidson. Phyllis fought hard against lung cancer utilizing a research cancer treatment, yet she was unable to overcome the terrible disease. She is survived by her son Todd Davidson and his wife Tanya Adderson-Davidson, grandson Teagan Xander Davidson, sister Susan Curry (husband Dan Curry), niece Ruth Curry, nephew Matthew Curry (wife Macailagh and son Cooper), niece Mary Gwen Curry, and nephew Andrew Curry. Phyllis graduated from Carlinville High School in 1960 and from Illinois State University in 1964 with a degree in health and physical education. She began her career as a physical education teacher at Hinsdale High School in Hinsdale, Illinois. She met her mate Davey in 1965, and they were married July 15, 1967. After the birth of their son, she dedicated her time as a mother and a community helper through her church. In 1990, she and Davey established the James E. and Robbye Garret Scholarship, providing financial aid to many deserving students. She and Davey relocated to Newnan after his retirement, where she had numerous opportunities to pursue her many hobbies. She was known to play a fierce game of bridge and was a spirited and dedicated St. Louis Cardinals fan. Her unquenchable fandom would take her to Jupiter, Florida for the Cardinals' spring training every year. Her days each spring were spent in

the pursuit of autographs and the chance to talk to her favorite players. She loved being a grandmother and enjoyed entertaining her sister and her nieces and nephews (and many of their friends) in Florida.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

The memorial service is Friday, April 4th, at 2p.m. at Christ Our Shepard Lutheran Church, 101 N. Peachtree City, GA 30269 with Pastor Weise officiating. A reception will follow at the White Oak Golf Club, 141 Clubview Dr, Newnan, GA 30265. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the James E. Garret Scholarship Fund: P.O. Box 190, Vega TX 79092.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, Newnan, GA (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Andersonville National Cemetery

496 Cemetery Road  
Andersonville, GA 31711

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
101 N. Peachtree Pkwy.  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

# Tribute Wall



“ We met Phyllis at spring training many years ago while watching the Cardinals practice. She approached us and introduced herself, which she said was totally out of character for her. That started a friendship with her and Dave which lasted throughout Dave’s and her lives. Phyllis was a lifelong Cardinals fan (Dave adopted the Braves). We shared our loyalty to the Cardinals and visited Phyllis and Dave at our home in O’Fallon, IL and in Newnan when we drove through as well as at spring training. After Dave’s passing, we continued our friendship with Phyllis after we moved to Jupiter, FL. She would mail clippings from the St Louis Post-Dispatch about the Cardinals and chat/text frequently. We will miss that. She was a lovely person whom we will miss terribly.  
Carolyn and Phil Callahan

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**Carolyn and Phil Callahan** - April 07, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Fuess Davidson.

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April 03, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Phyllis Fuess Davidson.



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GS

“ Gail S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Fuess Davidson.

Gail S. - March 23, 2025 at 10:34 PM

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“ Gail S. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Phyllis Fuess Davidson.



Gail S. - March 23, 2025 at 10:34 PM

JR

“ My wife, Joan, and I would like to send our condolences to the family. I worked for both Phyllis and Davey when they were at their house in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. It was wonderful, knowing both of these people. Phyllis would often call me and talk to me about the Cardinals. She would also ask me to tell her a story. She said my stories always put a smile on her face. Well, that's the least I could do. She always put a smile on my face. My wife and I will pray for everyone in the family.  
Joan and Jim Reichardt

jim reichardt - March 23, 2025 at 12:23 PM

ML

*Phyllis and Dave were my neighbors at Paloma in Palm Beach Gardens since we moved there in 2010....In the past two years , we really became good friends ... We loved our walks and our shopping and oh, of course the baseball game ! I wasn't a Cardinals fan, but she took me anyway!!! She kept me well informed with all her newspaper articles... I will forever cherish the time we had together and will miss her terribly ...My sincere condolences to the whole family Rest in Peace, my friend ❤️*

**Marilyn Lepor** - March 24, 2025 at 11:49 AM

JS

*My husband and I were friends and went to Vega, Tx. School with Dave. Our school was small and we were all like family. One of my granddaughters was one of the first students to receive a Garret scholarship the year Dave set this up and another granddaughter and some great grandchildren have the scholarship since then. I have met Phyllis here in Vega but don't know her well I have heard good things about her through my cousin Margaret Knox... My sincere condolences to her family and friends. God bless you all 🙏*

**Jo Sides** - March 25, 2025 at 05:06 PM

DR

*I feel fortunate to have gotten to know both Davey and Phyllis over the years. They were wonderful, kind people and generous with friends and their community. We enjoyed going to baseball games together in Atlanta. Phyllis had endless curiosity and we always had lively conversations. There was also always a lot of laughter. Condolences to Todd and the family. My children loved seeing both Davey and Phyllis and we will miss her.*

*Diff Ritchie  
Atlanta, Georgia*

**Diff Ritchie** - April 02, 2025 at 11:59 AM