



Phyllis Jean Ponder

June 6, 1937 - August 29, 2008

Phyllis Jean Runner Ponder, age 71, of Sharpsburg, Ga passed away at her residence August 29, 2008. She is survived by her daughter, Kim Danielle Ponder, Kim's father, Daniel Robert Ponder both of Newnan, sister, Mary Lynn Fuchs of Canton, Ohio and several nieces and nephews throughout the United States. She was preceded in death by her father, Creed Runner, mother, Sylvia Inez Runner, brother, Drew "June" Runner and sister, Donna Leah Runner Fuchs.

Phyllis was born in Montrose, West Virginia and moved to Canton, Ohio as a child attending Timken Vocational High School and then on to Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Phyllis was involved in extracurricular activities throughout her high school years which reflected a passion for English and Literary studies. Some of these included, Editor of the school newspaper as well as participating on the yearbook staff. After graduation from high school in 1955, Phyllis went on to pursue her degree in English and Journalism studies. The world of Aviation, however, drew Phyllis and she subsequently left school to work for Eastern Airlines, first in Miami, Florida and then Atlanta, GA. While at Eastern, Phyllis worked in different capacities. She particularly enjoyed working as a Stewardess and then as a supervisor in In-Flight service crew Management/ Scheduling. It was in crew management that Phyllis spent many memorable years. After leaving Eastern due to her department being moved to Miami operations, Phyllis went to work for Sprint communications, where

she had many equally memorable years. Throughout her life time, Phyllis loved to read, listen to music, helping others and cooking. She had a passion for gardening which she gained from her Mother. In her working years, she was instrumental in successful campaigns of both the United Way and the March of Dimes. When Phyllis completely retired from the employment world, she continued being active in her church, Riverdale Presbyterian as well as Bible study groups and the Red Hats Society. Recently, Phyllis had started to work for the American Kidney Service, calling perspective donors, seeking donations Phyllis was vivacious in spirit and enjoyed life immensely. She knew and loved so many and was rewarded with the same.

While it would take volumes to describe her life experiences and beauty, perhaps the best way can be summed up in two words, "She Lived". The family of Phyllis wishes to express their heartfelt love and appreciation to all for calls, cards and visits. It has meant so much to know how loved Phyllis was by so many. Thank You!

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to the American Heart Association, 1101 Northchase Pkwy, Suite 1, Marietta, GA 30067 or Newnan Coweta Humane Society, P.O. Box 785, Newnan, GA 30264.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 5, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA. With the service following in the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel at 7:00 PM with Dr. Stephen Austin officiating.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
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Service

SEP 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Kim: We are so sorry to hear about your mother passing on to be with the Lord. I pray that God will heal your heart and bring you comfort through this time. Please know that God is always with you and we are here for you. Love to you, Leah and family

Leah Miles - September 06, 2008 at 08:49 AM

LL

“ Kim, my heart and prayers go out to your and your family. Getting to know your mother through Clayton State Alumni was a joy. She was always ready to volunteer to help at Alumni functions and we appreciated her participation. God Bless.

Lanelle LaRue - September 05, 2008 at 03:50 PM

LH

“ Kim - I adored your mom and was so sad to hear of her passing. We worked together at Sprint many years ago but I continued to send her Christmas cards and think of her often. She was so much fun and always made me laugh.

Louise Hanson - September 05, 2008 at 03:39 PM

FB

“ Dear Kim, As soon as I heard about your mom, I remembered her "sweet and gentle spirit" and especially her smile. I can not think about EAL without thinking about the supportive crew management staff she supervised. Whenever your mom and I talked in the past, you were always the topic of our conversation and the joy of her life! My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I hope you find comfort in knowing what a blessing Phyllis Ponder was to many; but beyond that, in your sorrow, know that God promises to comfort the brokenhearted in the deepest places only He knows how to meet. Peace and Grace, Fran Botts

Fran Botts - September 05, 2008 at 12:57 PM

GK

“ Kim, Even though we didn't know your mom, she must have been a beautiful lady to produce a wonderful daughter like you. God bless you during this difficult time and know that we are here if you need us. Love to you.

Gayle & Chuck Kreckman - September 05, 2008 at 11:53 AM

BA

“ Kim: Bill and I share in the loss of your sweet, caring Mother. There will never be another quite like her. What a pleasure it was knowing and loving her and what a honor to call her our friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill and Tonia Anding - September 05, 2008 at 11:02 AM

SW

“ May GOD provide your family with peace and comfort during this time. She will be missed but not forgotten by her Sprint Family.

Selena Wright-Johnson - September 05, 2008 at 09:52 AM

DJ

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Phyllis. I worked with Phyllis at Sprint and affectionately called her "Philly Phil". I absolutely loved her spirit and she could always make me smile. She will be missed by many.

Dahlia Johnson - September 05, 2008 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ Kim: My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I know you will be strong and have wonderful memories to carry you forward. Fondly Sharon

sharon saperstein - September 04, 2008 at 09:49 PM

BJ

“ Kim & Family, Phyliss was a very sweet person, with a heart as big as life itself. Although it's been a number of years since I've talked to her, I've thought of her often, particularly at Christmas time, when we decorate our tree. Her spirit is always with us during that time of the year, when we place the ornaments, that she gave us, on the tree. We share all the stories and memories of the times we spent with Phyllis at Sprint, during our tree decorating, and share the laughter. Phyliss will be missed.

Brenda N. & Michael L. Johnson - September 04, 2008 at 12:29 PM

JP

“ Kim, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mom. She was a wonderful and loving person and I have so many great memories of all the fun times we had at Eastern Air Lines. It has been a while since I have seen you or your Mother but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. The Lord will give you the strength you need to get through this and to carry on. Fondly, Jackie Prillaman

Jackie Prillaman - September 04, 2008 at 08:52 AM

MC

“ *in my heart i am with all of you my dear family. may God bless us all. and may Phyllisbe with God Aunt Margie.*

margie cousino - September 03, 2008 at 04:08 PM

JM

“ *Kim....my prayers and thoughts are with you. Phyllis expressed so much joy and love and those qualities will never be taken from you. No one can lose memories and that is what we must hold to right now. You are a strong woman and I know that you will be ok. I am here for ANYTHING that you need....call anytime, night or day, if you need me! Lots of love and support... Janie Montague*

Janie Montague - September 03, 2008 at 01:43 PM

JF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Phyllis was a funny and thoughtful lady. God Bless*

Joe Ferrero - September 03, 2008 at 10:04 AM

CS

“ *our thoughts & prayers will be with you kim. phillis will be surely missed by all.*

chuck & edna mae skidmore - September 02, 2008 at 02:48 PM

CS

“ *our prayers & thoughts will be with you on this sad day kim. phillis will be sadly missed she was the apple of grandma skidmores eye & everyone as far a sthat goes. god bless you..chuck.*

charles & edna skidmore - September 02, 2008 at 02:44 PM

DB

“ Kim, my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. As you know Phyllis and I worked together at EAL for many years and have so many fond memories from that period. One thing you and I know , 100 per cent certain, your mother loved and adored you from the day you were born. You "lit up her life".She will be missed. Dot Brock

Dot Brock - September 02, 2008 at 10:28 AM

CB

“ There has been much time that has passed since I last saw and spoke with your Mom, Phyllis; however thoughts and memories of our times shared has been many and often. She lit up the room when she entered and did so with such grace, as her heartfelt warmth embraced each one with such love and sincerity. She touched so many lives as she traveled her life path journey, therefore she will not be forgotten and will continue to live within each of our memories of times shared. I will light a candle in her memory and keep you in my prayers. Please accept my condolences for your loss. You are your mother's daughter and she is the daughters' mother and now as you travel your life path journey, you do so, not alone. May God Bless and Keep you always.

Coni (Lang) Binkley - September 02, 2008 at 01:47 AM

DB

“ Kim, Your mom was such a great friend and a person all of us in Atlanta Inflight looked up to. She always made the work enjoyable even in time of Stress. May God Bless you in this time. Dorothy

Dorothy Burroughs - September 01, 2008 at 06:38 PM

JG

“ Kim, We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Phyllis was such a beautiful lady with such a great spirit and had such a great daughter and passed it on to you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you, please know you are and have always been in our hearts. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. We Love you, Jean and Tommy Grimes

Jean Grimes - August 31, 2008 at 09:11 PM

MI

“ Kim, Jerry and I are shocked and saddened to hear about Phyllis. We're so glad we got to see her at that reunion and sorry we didn't get together after that. I wish we had some wonderful words of wisdom to give you as you adjust to this loss, but I'm sure you know anything we can say. We just want you to know thoughts and prayers are with you and all who love her. If there is anything you need or that we can help you with this week and later, please let us know. Just keep in mind that this is only a temporary seperation, and you'll have a grand reunion someday. God bless and comfort you and all the family.

Mary and Jerry Ingram - August 31, 2008 at 08:53 PM

GE

“ Kim, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family. I think of both you and mom so many times and the laughs we had. She will be missed. She was a wonderful and gracious lady. Love to you and your family. Gina

Gina Saint Easter - August 31, 2008 at 08:22 PM

BA

“ Dear Kim, I was so disheartened when I read about your Mom. It would take me days to tell all the stories and adventures we have gotten into, produced, & experienced! Phyllis was one of my best influences in life and her guidance & counseling will always stay with me. I cannot ever think of Eastern Airlines without thinking of Phyllis. I cannot think of my wedding day without thinking of Phyllis. She was truly a great friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Betty

Betty Ammerman - August 31, 2008 at 05:01 PM

HS

“ Kim, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We wish we could be there with you, but rest assured you are in our prayers and thoughts. What a lovely lady and wonderful person Phyllis was; she will be missed.

Harry & Cherrell Skidmore - August 31, 2008 at 04:11 PM

PM

“ Kim, My heart goes out to you. Your mom was special to all who knew her. She will be missed. We have the hope of being with her again one day in Heaven. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and the arms of our Lord hold you in His care. Keeping you close in thought and prayer. Love, the other Phyllis Jean

Phyllis Morgan - August 30, 2008 at 09:52 PM