



Phyllis Lorraine Heckman

January 24, 1928 - November 16, 2019

Phyllis Heckman, age 91 of Dixon, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2019. She was born to the late Jon & Elsie Mantsch on January 24, 1928, where she grew up in the West End of Dixon with her siblings, Glen, Sis, Johnny & Bud.

Phyllis graduated from Dixon High School and married Dugan Heckman, the love of her life, in June 1946 after Dugan returned from the war.

Phyllis was “one of a kind”. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to tease. She was a confidant to co-workers, friends and most certainly family. Never one to shy away from stating her opinion on a variety of issues, she was always willing to listen to others and offer great advice.

Family and friends were Phyllis’ passion and delight. Being born during the depression had an enormous influence on her life. Her awareness and combination of financial and social skills and her ability to stand up for what she believed was right & true, made her a very special woman, mother and friend. She enjoyed a career working as a Lab Technician at Borden’s, Personnel Manager at Anchor Coupling and Bailiff at Lee County Courthouse in Dixon.

Throughout their lives, Phyl & Dugan enjoyed many happy times camping on the Spangler farm, hosting numerous parties on their house boat and their homes. The couple lived in Dixon and later in Franklin Grove, where they continued their love for life together while raising their three girls, Becky, Debra & Jeannie. As a mother, Phyllis was like a lioness with her cubs -

protector, advisor, ruler but also playful and fun!

Phyllis is survived by her 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a number of other loving relatives and close friends.

Of note; Cindy Lightner provided friendship, kindness, love and care through some of the best of times and during Phyllis's last days. She became a 4th daughter/sister to Phyllis's family.

For those who knew Phyllis, a "Celebration of Life" will be hosted at the Dixon Elks Lodge on Saturday January 18, 2020 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dixon Elks Lodge #779
1279 Franklin Grove Rd
Dixon, IL 61021

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Lorraine Heckman*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Phyllis Lorraine Heckman*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Remembering your Mom Phyllis as a friend of my Mom's (Mariam Boehle) especially through their Pinochle Club. Also our parents shared good times boating. Did love her laugh and her style.*
Judy

Judy Boehle Truckenbrod - November 20, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ *I will miss her deep, throaty laugh; seeing her at the American Legion on cabbage roll night and her “Hi Pammy” greeting; her stories about my Grandma Nagy and her mom dancing while she and my Uncle Pete as youngsters watched from the sidelines. I have lots of wonderful memories of the houseboat days, parties, and her's and Dugan's hilarious stories. Please accept my sincere sympathy.*

Pam Cunningham - November 20, 2019 at 12:16 PM

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“ I first met Phyllis and Dugan as a young bank employee in the 80's, I was immediately struck by what a great relationship they had, they had such fun together! I so enjoyed waiting on them and seeing your mom throughout the years, she always remembered me and gave a hug!

Karen Tucker

Karen Tucker - November 20, 2019 at 10:25 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Heckman family I have fond memories with both Duggan and Phyllis, and enjoyed my last visit with Phyllis when she stopped by to visit with my mother in law Mary McGonigle I still have the picture of them on their windjammer cruise ,Paul and Jacob Wiederaenders

Paul Wiederaenders - November 20, 2019 at 10:17 AM