



Phyllis Gail Bunce

September 20, 1939 - November 15, 2022

Phyllis Gail Bunce, 83, loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away November 15, 2022 at her home in Cary, North Carolina.

Phyllis was born on September 20, 1939 in Crichton, West Virginia to Homer Richmond and Nina (Kincaid) Richmond. After graduating from Crichton High School where she was a cheerleader, she moved to Melbourne, Florida and attended Brevard Community College. She started working for the Boeing Company in Melbourne, Florida as a Secretary. From there she worked as an Executive Secretary for Pan American World Airways and NASA where she saw the original seven Mercury astronauts and watched their first space launch from mission control. She also participated in Pan Am's bowling league. In 1982 she and her family moved to Cary, North Carolina where she worked as an Executive Secretary at North Carolina State University for the Dean of Agriculture, and then the Dean of Electrical Engineering until she retired.

In 1962, Phyllis met Clarence at Pan American World Airways in Cocoa Beach, Florida. They had two children, Susan and Timothy. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 27th, 2022.

Phyllis was blessed with a vibrant personality and beautiful smile, and was loved by everyone who knew her. She liked reading, travel, cooking, music, knitting, sewing and fishing. She loved playing with her children's dogs. But her greatest enjoyment in life was her family.

She is survived by her husband Clarence Bunce, daughter Susan Bunce, daughter-in-law Heidi Stern Bunce, granddaughters Ashley Bunce, Taylor Bunce and Camryn Bunce and great granddaughters Sarah Ungar and Isabella Ungar, siblings Dreama Davis, Kathryn Paschal, Carolyn Cales, Larry Richmond, Rose Richmond, Diane Smith, Rebecca Warren, and Darrell Kessler.

She was preceded in death by siblings Jim Richmond, Kermit Richmond, Chester Bennett, and her son Timothy Bunce.

A Celebration of Life to be scheduled at a later date, and will be updated via Phyllis' memorial site. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Food Bank of Central and North Carolina.