



## Phyllis Lillian Tabbert

December 18, 1928 - March 24, 2021

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Phyllis Lillian Tabbert, 92, passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Phyllis Lillian Tabbert, nee Ketter, lived for ninety-two years an ever loving, ever loyal everything: sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend—person. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she lived many places, eventually calling Lafayette, Louisiana, and Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin home. She earned a degree from The University of Wisconsin Madison and worked as a registered nurse for 20 years, always the caregiver.

A quilter of note, busy conventioner and a many-times award winner, Phyllis also enjoyed birding and hiking about the Pike Lake Chain outside Lac Du Flambeau, where she loved the foliage and time spent with her family. She was an avid crossword puzzler and widely read. A quietly spiritual Lutheran and a woman of great intelligence, a high grammarian and a writer of great depth, despite a forgone degree in Journalism in order to be hands-on helpful down hospital wards. She was good for a laugh, dark, goofy, or otherwise. She loved Klondike bars after dinner and once upon a time Olympia beer. These are surely facts, and important enough, though they do little justice. They mislead and misrender. They belie her acute strength, her warrior

woman spirit. The truth: Phyllis spent her ninety-two years firstly and firmly without complaint. She cut a resolute figure, a true boot-strapper, a doer, bullish always to make do, always forging on. Self-pity was for the birds. Her final days were no different, her attempt to do for herself what she could no longer do, to help—this was something to admire despite her large frustration: the caregiver given over to others' care. This was her, Phyllis Lillian Tabbert, nee Ketter. This is how she should and will be remembered by those who loved and adored her, family or otherwise, those so sundry of us out here living under the warm patchwork of her life, fully-lived despite all circumstance.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 68 years, Robert Leland Tabbert; her twin sister, Carol Ave'Lallemant, her children, Lori Marie (nee Tabbert) VerHey and Matthew Garth Tabbert (Vickie); her grandchildren Brooke Elin (nee VerHey Orgeron), (Giovanni), Erin Beth (nee VerHey) Redding (Andrew); Travis Colin VerHey (Dawn), Jaclyn Nicole (Tabbert) Williams (Erik), Mallory Elizabeth Tabbert (Ryan), and great-grandchildren Declan Anthony Orgeron, Holden Nicholas Orgeron, Lucas Charles Redding, and James Leland Williams.

She was preceded in death by; Philip Carl Hugo Ketter (father); Caroline Ketter (mother); Nicholas Charles VerHey (son-in-law)

In Lieu of Flowers: Donations can be made a memorial gift in Phyllis' name to: First Lutheran Church, 301 W Farrel Road, Lafayette, LA 70508

Online obituary and guestbook may be viewed at [www.CypressFunerals.com](http://www.CypressFunerals.com)

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 West Lafayette St., Maurice, LA. 70555, 337-740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

SF

“ My husband, Eric and I have had the honor of knowing Phyllis for the last 50 years. She was a wonderful, reliable, industrious woman. She never complained, never gossiped, and never spoke an unkind word about anyone. She was all one could hope for in a friend.

She inspired creativity and a love of nature in anyone who spent any time with her. The world has lost a good soul. Go with God , my friend.

Sheri Frodesen

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**Sheri Frodesen** - April 02, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CA

“ Phyllis was my one and only sibling and twin sister. I was able to have her in my life for 92 years and loved her dearly! My only regret is that we lived apart for much of that time. When she married, her husband's career took her to the south and I stayed in the north where my husband where he was employed. She went to nursing school with me, and I have many memories of our growing up together. However, we managed to see each other at least once a year and our children bonded in those visits. And we wrote letters or telephoned before computers and cell phones came into being.

When both of our hearings began to “go”, we had to resort to texting each other. When she had her strokes, I wasn't able to go to her.

However, I was able to talk to her on FaceTime, whether she was aware of it or not. Her son Matt said he felt that she Knew it was me somehow. I pray that I will be with her again when I die. All the things her children have said about her are true! I loved her all my life and I will miss her for the rest of it! Rest in peace, Sissy

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**Carol Avelallemant** - March 30, 2021 at 11:13 AM

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“ As a midwesterner like Phyllis, having lived time in Wisconsin, I so loved her subtle humor and stoic style. What an angel of a friend. A gentle, caring and firmly loving woman. I think who wrote the memories of her in the obituary knew her soul. It was such a vivid picture. It made me cry to remember her so clearly. Thank you for that. I'm so sorry she's gone. Clint

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**Clint** - March 29, 2021 at 07:15 PM

TR

“ Grateful for a beautiful Americana quilt that I have from Phyllis. Apparently she had made an error and was going to throw the quilt away but I am so grateful she did not because it is spectacular. Very humble woman! My deepest sympathies in your loss. Trina Keene

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**Trina** - March 29, 2021 at 06:57 PM