



Phyllis Robb

June 16, 1938 - November 12, 2023

Phyllis Robb
85, of Edgewater

A memorial service for Phyllis Robb (nee: Larson), 85, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement at 5749 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago. A period of sharing will follow with internment in the Atonement Columbarium.

Phyllis passed away on Sunday, Nov. 12. She is survived by her husband, Thomas P. Robb, daughter, Catherine Lattuner, son, Eric Lattuner, sister, Judith Dyke, and other family.

Phyllis lived in Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood for more than 50 years. Phyllis retired as the corporate secretary of the Art Institute of Chicago. She often said that the 20 years in that role were the best years of her life. She was beyond overwhelmed when at her retirement party a Gallery within the Museum was named after her.

Phyllis graduated from Stone Elementary School, North Park Academy, Miami University of Ohio with a B.S. in Education and Northwestern University with a Masters of Arts Degree in Literature.

Phyllis began her career as a teacher at East Prairie Elementary School in Skokie. She then worked for the Chicago Architecture Foundation in the late 1960s and '70s when they were headquartered at Glessner House. Phyllis then held several administrative positions prior to starting her career at the Art

Institute.

One of the highlights of her life was her ten years as a member of The Sweet Betsy From Pike Memorial Autoharp Band.

Phyllis transferred from Lutheran to Episcopalian in the early 1980s and was dedicated to serving in two churches, St. Luke's in Evanston and Atonement, for the next 45 years. Her ministries included serving on the Vestry and Moveable Feast.

She was very involved in and was an active leader in the refugee programs at both churches. A cause that she was passionate about. During her service she helped in the resettlement of over 1,000 people from many countries. Seeing the successful restart of the lives of many of these people was overwhelmingly meaningful to her.

Her other passion was her over 20 years of teaching Education For Ministry (EFM). This intensive, college level course that was designed for lay people to explore their faith included her becoming an Adjunct Professor of the University of the South.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Church for their refugee program.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering in Church

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of the Atonement
5749 N. Kenmore
Chicago, IL 60660

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I had no idea she had passed. I saw Tom at the bank today and when I asked about her, he told me she had passed. I was so broken with the news
I asked Tom if I could give him a hug and did so.

Pamela Mojekwu - April 18, 2024 at 08:33 PM

BS

“ My deepest sympathy. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Phyllis in the 1980s at the AIC.

Beth Hemke Shapiro

Beth Hemke Shapiro - December 08, 2023 at 12:24 PM

VB

“ Virginia B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Phyllis Robb.



Virginia B. - December 02, 2023 at 06:43 PM

MT

“ Phyllis Robb – and her bellowed husband Tom – exemplify one of the finest qualities that God yearns to see manifest in all of us – an open, generous, and loving heart for our fellow man. Yet Phyllis and Tom exhibit the most “muscular” aspect of this quality – their commitment to help refugees, to actually “roll up the sleeves and do what needs to be done”, to host strangers in one’s home, to care, with love and concern, for their well-being, and to make sure that their beneficiaries gain the succor and support that they need to realize a more stable life. Phyllis, you have been a Blessing to so many, may you Rest in Peace, knowing that the words, “Well done, good and faithful Servant” describe you perfectly.

Mike Twaddell - December 02, 2023 at 03:38 PM

NC

“ I will forever remember our Christmas’s together❤️
We miss you so much💔Nives& Miro



Nives Cvijovic - November 22, 2023 at 11:00 PM

NC

“ Our hearts are broken losing our second Mother; Phyllis will live in our hearts forever. Our dearest Tom, we love you with our whole heart.

Our deepest condolences to you and your family💔💔

Nives&Miro



Nives Cvijovic - November 22, 2023 at 10:54 PM



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

November 22, 2023 at 08:09 AM

MM

“ Christmas of 2000, my families first Christmas in US my two boys were very excited for snow and holiday. Of course Tom and Phyllis invited us for Christmas dinner. First turkey and ham also the most beautiful Christmas tree with miniature Christmas house collection. She was the kindest host ever and always room in her heart for more new people. We never forget you Phyllis

Marita Megerdichian - November 22, 2023 at 08:06 AM