



Phyllis A. Jensen

December 18, 1944 - July 22, 2010

Phyllis Jensen, age 65, of Twin Valley, Minnesota, died Thursday, July 22, 2010, in Sanford Medical Center, Fargo, North Dakota.

Phyllis Ann Olson was born December 18, 1944, the daughter of William and Virginia (Marsh) Olson in Fargo, North Dakota. She grew up there, attending school at Fargo High School where she graduated with the class of 1962. On October 27, 1962, Phyllis was united in marriage to Gary Jensen in Moorhead, Minnesota. Phyllis and Gary were blessed with a son, Tim, then nine months later, had twins, Debra and Daniel. The family lived in Idaho for a short time before moving to Cleburne, Texas, for three years while Gary owned and operated an auto repair shop. They then moved to Blaine, Minnesota, for a few years before coming to a farm near Twin Valley in 1974, where Phyllis and Gary lived the rest of their lives together. In the early 1990's, Phyllis proudly received her nursing degree. After Gary's death in April of 2004, Phyllis continued to live on the farm until moving to Twin Valley to make her home two years ago. Phyllis was employed at the Twin Valley Retirement Center, which recently became the Lincoln Terrance Assisted Living Center, as an LPN for the past 35 years, where she was still employed part-time.

Phyllis was an avid Twins baseball fan, never missing a game on television as well as enjoying a live game this summer with Deb. In her spare time, Phyllis enjoyed knitting and crocheting, but most of all she treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her companion dog,

Buddy. She also enjoyed the time she spent at weekly card games with her friends.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Debra (Tom) Knapper of Dilworth, MN; son, Daniel Jensen of Nampa, ID; grandchildren, Charles Jensen of Dilworth, MN, Christopher Jensen of West Fargo, ND, Jessica Knapper of Moorhead, MN and David Knapper of Dilworth, MN; great-grandchildren, Kaden and Ethan; a daughter-in-law, Betty Jensen of Glyndon, MN and a sister-in-law, Lynn Carlson of Pelican Rapids, MN.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Timothy and brother, Thomas.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 25, 2010, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, Twin Valley. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, July 26 at 1:00 PM at the Lincoln Terrace Chapel, Twin Valley.

Officiating will be Marilou Bade, Chaplain with Monica Winter providing special music. Pallbearers will be Dwight Fuglie, Dennis Bueng, John Wickern, Mark Knapper and Jeff Jensen. Honorary pallbearers will be her co-workers and the residents at the Lincoln Terrace.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Glyndon, Minnesota.

Tribute Wall

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“ My mother was one of Phyliss daily patients at Normandy for 8 years, they had a special repore and I got to know her through my visits, there. Phyliss and I had the same birth date and Mom and her had the same anniversary day. She was wonderful to my mother and took such good care of her. I was shocked when I stopped in TV on the 30 and heard she passed away so suddenly. I came through TV the evening of her funeral, but I was on my way to DL and had just gotten out of the hospital in Minot with a emergency appendity, so I was not in real good shape that night. She will surely be missed by all the residents and Normandy and Lincoln Terrace. She was a special person to them. Thanks for having such a wonderful mother who took care of my mother. Karen Vosen

Karen Vosen - August 08, 2010 at 11:17 AM

DB

“ Such a loss. I worked with her and went to LPN school with her. She had a heart of gold. Will miss her. Her memory will live on.

Donna Burda - July 26, 2010 at 01:05 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear of Phyllis' death. She cared for my mother, Norma Garden, so wonderfully, from 2000-2007. Phyllis went beyond the call of duty to provide care and friendship to Mom. She would call me whenever there was an issue or concern. She even drove Mom to the Mahnommen Hospital a couple of times when she knew I couldn't get there fast enough. My brother and I tried to pay Phyllis for all she did for Mom but no amount of money could compensate for the care she gave. Mom and Phyllis were about the same size and since Mom loved clothes, she had way more than she needed. We gave much of Mom's clothes to Phyllis when she died. Yesterday I drove through Twin Valley for the first time in over a year (on my way back to GF). I drove by the funeral home, saw some people standing outside but of course, had no idea at that time that Phyllis had passed away). Then I drove by Lincoln Terrace and my thoughts came back to Mom and Phyllis. You had a wonderful mother and I hope knowing the wonderful care she gave others will help you in this time of sorrow. Audrey Glick

Audrey Glick - July 26, 2010 at 01:04 PM