



Ann Shanedling Phillips

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Obituary for Ann Shanedling Phillips

Ann Shanedling Phillips, 1935-2022.

ANN SHANEDLING PHILLIPS died peacefully at age 86 early on the morning of November 14, 2022, after a long battle with frontotemporal dementia. Raised on the Iron Range in Virginia, Minnesota, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School, she attended Vassar College, but spent her junior year at the U of M. She married Felix Phillips in 1958. They formed a loving bond that lasted more than 60 years in a life filled with family joys, travel, and deep friendships. Her female friendships, the cherished Ladies Club, were profoundly important to her. She worked as a social worker at the Washburn Child Guidance Center in Minneapolis, helping troubled young people and providing family counseling. A world traveler, tennis player, hostess, gourmet chef, and most dedicated mother, her extensive philanthropic energy found its most successful and creative outlet in her work restoring and preserving the B'Nai Abraham Synagogue in Virginia, Minnesota. She helped lead the charge to win state grants for the building's redevelopment as a museum and cultural center. She also worked avidly for the League of Women Voters, the Council of Jewish Women, and the Hennepin County Library, among many others.

Her final years were softened and made bearable through the loving care of Meron, Terrance, Sophia, and Gigi Joseph. Preceded in death by parents, Monroe and Ruth Shanedling; sister, Ralpa Shanedling; and husband, Felix Phillips. She is survived by children, Diana, Michael, and Arthur Phillips; son-in-law, Peter Magyar; daughters-in-law, Julia Bucknall and Barbara Muschietti; grandchildren, Zsuzsa Magyar, Felix Phillips, Eva Magyar, Tashi Bucknall, Livia Magyar, Oscar Phillips, and Alice Phillips; and niece and nephew, Stephanie and Jon Maslansky. She will be interred Thursday, November 17, at 10:30 am at Temple Israel Memorial Park, 4200 3rd Ave. S., Mpls. Memorial service Thursday at 2:00 pm at Temple Israel, 2323 Fremont Ave S., Mpls. Service also available on zoom, email zoom4@hodroffepstein.com for the link. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name would be most gratefully received by The Dementia Society of America or Northern Lights Music Festival for maintenance of B'Nai Abraham Cultural Center, northernlightsmusic.org.

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