



## Phyllis Whitehurst Honor

June 24, 1945 - January 4, 2022

On January 4, 2022, Phyllis Whitehurst Honor (76) departed this earth for her eternal home.

Phyllis was the fourth child born to the late James L. and Fannie Whitehurst. Due to her illness, she returned to the Tidewater area living in Norfolk, Virginia until the time of her demise.

Phyllis was baptized into Christianity at an early age, growing and practicing her faith at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Portsmouth, VA. Later in life she attended Preservation of Zion Fellowship in Fairfax, VA. She was educated in the Portsmouth Public School System, graduating from I.C. Norcom High School. Phyllis continued her education at Virginia State College, Petersburg, VA, where she earned her degree in accounting. Later, she became a lifetime member of the Virginia State University Alumni Association.

While attending college she became aware of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. It was with these young women she chose to associate, serve, and become a member. Phyllis later joined the Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, became a Diamond Life Member, and was recognized for being a benefactor of the Delta Research & Education Foundation.

Phyllis worked in various capacities within the US Federal Government, including several years in Germany. At the time of retirement, June 2002, her position was that of Acting Administrator Chief Financial Officer, Risk

Management Agency, US Department of Agriculture. She was recognized for her noteworthy contribution in the implementation of the first FSA, FAS, and RMA National Mentoring Program. Phyllis was also a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

She was known for her charming and outgoing personality that won the hearts of many. Phyllis, with her radiant smile and spirit of adventure, was comical, a great conversationalist, very generous, and never met a stranger. She loved to read, enjoyed traveling, and often vacationed with family and friends.

Phyllis had a great interest in humanity contributing to various organizations for the betterment of people. She volunteered and served in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In addition, she volunteered at the Lamb Center, a day shelter for the homeless in Fairfax, VA, and performed mission work in Mexico. In all that she did and accomplished, she still found time to serve as a Realtor with Better Homes Realty, Inc.

Phyllis was the loving and supportive wife to the late Lieutenant General Edward Honor, Sr. They hosted many dinner parties and social events for US dignitaries and Army Officers. They enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, and cooking on the grill.

Phyllis was predeceased by two brothers, James L. Jr. and Marvin Whitehurst and older sister Rose Ann Miller. She is survived by two brothers, Eugene and Michael Whitehurst, younger sister Betty Temple, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22314

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Whitehurst Honor



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 12, 2022 at 05:08 PM

DV

*Knew her during the earlier years...never pretentious, always giving and concerned about others.  
--del*

DEL M. VAUGHAN - January 12, 2022 at 08:54 PM

 Iris Adams

*Phyllis always had a smile for everyone she met. She was witty and funny. She will be missed*

Iris Adams - January 14, 2022 at 01:26 PM

TW

*Lovely memories of my Aunt Phyllis ❤️*

Tiffany Webb - January 14, 2022 at 09:00 PM



*Liked her immediately! Lost contact after I retired! Fond memories of few times we were together.*

Creola Loyd - 17 January

Creola Loyd - January 17, 2022 at 01:17 AM

MS

*Phyllis was my supervisor at USDA; she was my role model; she was always well-dressed, hair beautifully done and always poised. She was a great supervisor and a great leader and even more than that a great friend. Thank you, Phyllis for helping me navigate my federal career; thank you for being someone I come come to to talk about any and everything. You helped so many people. Well done. Rest. Mary Slay-Rachlin*

**Mary Slay-Rachlin** - August 11, 2022 at 06:44 AM

AS

“ *Amy Falex Eley Shields lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Whitehurst Honor*



**Amy Falex Eley Shields** - January 12, 2022 at 11:25 PM

RS

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to our 1966 I.C. Norcom High School Classmate, Betty Whitehurst Temple and the Honor and Whitehurst Families. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. May your sister Phyllis Whitehurst Honor , Rest In Heaven. Sincerely,  
Alton and Regina Long Southall  
Chesapeake, Virginia*



**Regina Long Southall** - January 12, 2022 at 11:00 PM

LD

“ This month, I lost my wonderful, loving friend and coworker, Phyllis. I always admired her sense of compassion, love and generosity for everyone. She brought so much joy to many. You couldn't ask for a better friend. I always knew she would be there for me if and when I needed her. When my husband passed away, she was the first one at my door with her suitcase packed ready to go to Pennsylvania with me for his funeral. She refused to let me drive from Virginia to Pennsylvania by myself. That is a TRUE friend! I will miss her but will cherish our great memories and happy times together.

*Lexie Davidson*

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**Lexie Davidson** - January 12, 2022 at 07:06 PM

BS

“ Many beautiful and distinguishing characteristics come to mind when thinking about Phyllis: Always stylish with a can-do attitude, willingly extended a helping hand to anyone and without hesitation went the extra mile, valued and celebrated differences among others, forgiving, compassionate, encouraging, strong and courageous, doer of service to and for others, believer in God and Jesus Christ, and much more. And, she did not hesitate to express her views whether agreeable or controversial on an issue. I am happy that our paths crossed and will forever appreciate our friendship and happy times shared. Beatrice Squire

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**Beatrice Squire** - January 12, 2022 at 12:43 PM

AG

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My husband, Norbert Grabowski, was the executive assistant to Gen. Honor at the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) and Phyllis and I spent quite a bit of time together at their annual forums across the country. She was always great fun to be with and always very caring about her friends and family.

Anava Grabowski

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**Anava Grabowski** - January 12, 2022 at 10:45 AM

CS

“ In loving memory to someone we've ALWAYS admired from afar, may your brightness always shine down from above, you cannot lose a person, only their body, for the rest of them can be found in your heart and mind. Phyllis was a well respected hometown girl from Truxton and she will be greatly missed, my two sisters Beverly Jordan and Kim White as well as myself Cheryl Diane ALWAYS looked up to Phyllis because she was always cool, calm, and collective. My mother Laura King loved her like a daughter. Farewell Homie until we meet again we will NEVER forget you.  
The King Family.

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**Cheryl Van Sichem** - January 11, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 11, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AE

“ Love is eternal. The Whitehurst Family is a family of love that spans many many years. Phyllis' smile radiates love that warms this page. May God keep her entire Family in His Loving Arms. We are both from large families and to know one is to know all. Phyllis carried the torch for her generation and the light continues to shine through her loved ones. Betty you are a great sister and I pray that God's Love for you and your family will sustain you all during this time of Her joining her ancestors and Him. Ann Gourdine, Esq.

A. A. GOURDINE, ESQ. - January 11, 2022 at 03:11 PM

RS

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our 1966 I.C.Norcom High School Classmate, Betty Whitehurst Temple. Alton and I were saddened to learn of the passing of your sister, Phyllis Whitehurst Honor. Many of the Southall family members have been friends of the Whitehurst family for years gone by. Phyllis is now in heaven with her husband smiling down on you. God will see all of you through this most difficult time. May you find strength knowing that Phyllis is now in a better place. Sincerely,  
Alton and Regina Long Southall  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Regina Long Southall - January 13, 2022 at 01:17 AM

BS

“ *Beatrice Squire and other NoVAC Sorors.  
purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for  
the family of Phyllis Whitehurst Honor.*



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**Beatrice Squire and other NoVAC Sorors.** - January 10, 2022  
at 11:29 AM