



Phyllis Selser

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Phyllis Selser, 85, of Clinton, died Saturday, June 14, 2014 north of Clinton on the Mississippi River after a tragic boating accident.

Funeral Services will be 1:00pm, Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be James A. Selser, Jr., Michael Stoltenberg, Donny Stage, Bruce Selser, Terry Selser, and Nevada Gehrig. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 6:00pm Wednesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

She was born Nancy Phyllis Johnson on August 9, 1928 in El Dorado, Illinois daughter of Orville D. Johnson and Della N. Trusty. On January 21, 1949 she married James Edwin Selser in Rock Island, Illinois, he preceded her in death October 30, 1976. She is survived by four daughters, Sandy I. Dawson (Albany, IL), Penny A. Soto (Dewitt, IA), Genny G. Clark (Fulton, IL), Denise Selser (Clinton, IA) and three sons, James A. Selser (Clinton, IA), Bruce Selser (Clinton, IA), Terry Selser (Deridder, LA). Her other son Charles Ray Selser died with her in the same boating accident on June 14, 2014.

Phyllis Selser lived the majority of her life in Clinton, raising her eight children. Later in life she enjoyed traveling and took many trips visiting her children when they moved to other states and countries with her friend Harlan Bartels who preceded her in death on June 29, 2007. She was always a very social personality, and enjoyed spending the day going from person to person, business to business, sharing bits of laughter and discussing any bit of news. In her later sixties Phyllis starting showing signs of memory loss and agitation in evening hours, indicating in hindsight the early stages of Alzheimer's. In 2007, she was moved to Louisiana to live with her son Terry when she could no longer live alone. There she enjoyed her days with a special care companion, Angel Mcleod. Even with advancing Alzheimer's, Phyllis's bubbly personality brightened the day of those she met up with each day. As Angel would many times say with a knowing grin "Come on, Ms Phyllis, let's go find us some victim's." Because Phyllis would fuss over all the babies and exchange silly smiles, expressions and conversations with anyone she took



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a fancy too, (especially if they were as short as she was.) But with Alzheimers, once the sun started going down so did her emotional switch, one of the hardest thing for family and friends to deal with.

In November 2011, after her son Terry's heart operation, she was moved back to Clinton to live with another son, Charles Ray, (she was in the later stages of Alzheimers). Charles and his girlfriend Sally Jo cared for Phyllis in their home. On Saturday June 14th, Charles decided to bring his mother with him on a day of fishing with his son Eddy and 2 grandchildren. While they were fishing in the boat ,wind and waves capsized the boat. Eddy was unable to maintain a hold on both his young children and Phyllis's life preservers. Both Phyllis and her son Charles perished.




Events


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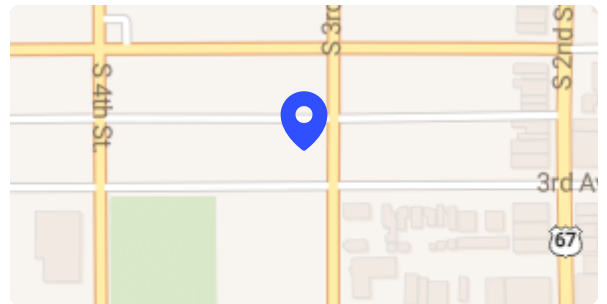
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, June 18, 2014

 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT

 **Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory,
Clinton**


302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



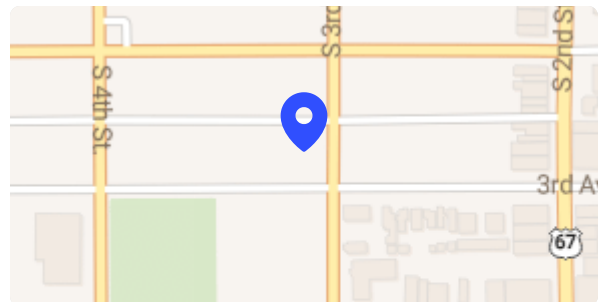
Service

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Genevieve Selser posted:

I remember the first time I met her I was scared to talk to her or touch her. She was fragile.

October 12 at 9:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Selser family.



June 18 at 4:08 PM



Mick Stage lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.



June 18 at 2:05 PM



Angie lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.



June 17 at 5:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Summer's Light Bouquet to the Selser family.



June 17 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Selser family.



June 17 at 5:36 AM



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TS

The Stage's lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

June 17 at 5:15 AM



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The Dawson's lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

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TF

The Dawson Family lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

June 17 at 5:14 AM



TS

The Clark's lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

June 17 at 5:13 AM



TF

The Clark Families lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

June 17 at 5:12 AM



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The Stage Family lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.

June 17 at 5:11 AM





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Amy Stage posted:

Grandma used to come over to our house all the time or I would bring my daughter's to see her. We spent a lot of time talking, shopping and laughing. We always enjoyed having her over for supper. She was always a fun lady to be with. I am so glad my husband and daughters got to know her and love her as much as I did. She will be dearly missed always and will never be forgotten.

June 16 at 3:22 PM

RH

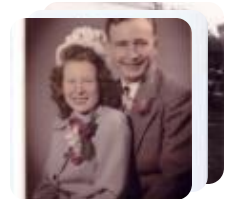
Richard And Nancy Hinz posted:

She will be deeply missed, she lived next door to my sister, and took her under her wing to help her through some rough times. Plus her son Terry was in my scout troop and so i was invited into their home and treated as if i was family not just a friend. Our deepest sympathy for the family. Always in our thoughts and prayers

June 15 at 1:20 PM

TS

Terry/Rhonda Selser shared an album called **New Album Name.**



June 15 at 12:35 PM



Terry/Rhonda Selser shared 3 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

June 15 at 12:35 PM



Phyllis and James Wedding Day



Phyllis with her mother Della



Early Marriage life



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phyllis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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