

### PHYLLIS ALLEN HOLDEN



Phyllis Amelia (Allen) Holden, 74, of Jacksonville, cherished Mother and beloved Matriarch, passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on December 19, 2020. Phyllis was surrounded by her loving family after a courageous year-long battle with late-diagnosed Grade IV Glioblastoma. The third of five children, Phyllis was born May 4, 1946, in Jacksonville to the long-established Allen-Bryant family of Folkston and surrounding counties. Phyllis was widely known for her love and support of children, having retired after 34 years as a paraprofessional educator from Southside Estates Elementary School. Phyllis' kind and nurturing nature instilled in her boys compassion for people, a love for animals, and a strong sense of adventure with a wanderlust for travel. She nurtured her sons to share her innate sense of curiosity, which led to their lifelong passion for learning and a shared love of reading. She encouraged each of her sons to be true to himself. Phyllis' infamously wry and sweet sense of humor lives strong within each of her sons. Her constant inspiration, storytelling and laughter will be missed by every life she touched.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 56 years, Frank Delano Holden; sons Dwayne and Brian Holden of Jacksonville, Travis Holden of Satellite Beach and Phillip Holden of Hilliard; grandchildren Brittany, Ethan, Colin, Harper, Hudson and Virgil; a brother 'Buzz' Allen; and sister Carol Allen.

Dwayne, Travis, and Phillip wish to express their deepest, heartfelt gratitude to their brother Brian for his constant care for their mother over this past year. Phyllis' boys are grateful to their cousins Melissa Priest and Kimberlee Carter for the emotional and physical support they've provided to their Mom and the entire family. Frank and the boys would like to thank his sister, their Aunt Diane Carter for the countless home-cooked breakfasts, lunches & dinners personally prepared and delivered, for nearly an entire year.

Phyllis leaves behind Frank who would like to thank his sister-in-law Connie Allen; brother-in-law Dale Blair, son-in-law Timothy Hoal and daughters-in-law, Charlotte Holden, Jaclyn Holden; nephews & nieces Ken Priest, Eric & Kim Blair, Bobby and Robby Allen for their constant visitations, as well as long-time neighbors and friends Mr. and Mrs. Gene and Grace Shimp for their continued calls and a lifetime of family support.

Phyllis is predeceased by an infant daughter Dixie Holden; sisters Patsy Kennerly and Cherry Blair; mother Joyce (Bryant) Allen and father Iver Novada Allen.

The Holden family is grateful to Vitas Hospice Care of Jacksonville as well as the support of Concierge Care of FL.

Per her request, Phyllis will be laid to rest next to her sister, Cherry Allen Blair in Traders Hill Cemetery, Folkston.

The family received friends prior to the funeral service held Monday, December 28 at Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home. Following the committal at Trader's Hill Cemetery, a reception was held at the Trader's Hill Campground Pavillion with catering from local Folkston favorites. Please feel free to bring your favorite covered dish.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.shepardfh.com](http://www.shepardfh.com).

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.