

Phyllis Krenn

May 23, 2022



Rockport - Phyllis (Raymond) Krenn formerly of Rockport, MA., passed away on May 23, 2022 at Haverhill Crossings in Haverhill, MA.

She was born in Chicago, IL on April 29, 1929 to the late Alice (Wing) and Ralph Raymond. Her family later resided in Downers Grove and Elmhurst, Illinois.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phyllis graduated magna cum laude from Colorado College with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. She went on to earn a master's degree in physical chemistry at the University of Michigan where she was also a teaching fellow.

Phyllis met her husband, John Mark Krenn at the University of Michigan's first Graduate School dance and they were married in Elmhurst, Illinois on Groundhog Day 1951. After living in Marblehead, MA, Wheeling, WV and Washington

Township, NJ for John's career moves, the family settled in Rockport in 1962. Phyllis taught chemistry for several years at Rockport High School and later pursued a career as an engineer in the Technical Assistance Labs for the GTE Sylvania Lighting Division. For 25 years while teaching and after, Phyllis designed, sewed and collected costumes for the Rockport High and Middle School plays and musicals. In the late 1960's and early 70's with Phyllis as Manager, Chef and Innkeeper, Phyllis and John operated the Beaches Inn at the end of South St. They also resided at 13 Pleasant St. before building their new home on High St in 1995.

Phyllis was a long-time member of the Rockport Rights of Way Committee, Friends of the Rockport Library, the Rockport Art Association, Rockport Garden Club, the Cape Ann Play Readers, the Book Club and the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. She was an avid seamstress, needle pointer, quilter, and former chair of the Essex County Needlecraft Guild.

For many years she managed the Rockport Garden Club Plant Sale and administered the club's Rena Kurth Scholarship awards as well as managing the fund-raising book sales for the Friends of the Library. Phyllis is predeceased by her husband, John. She is survived by three daughters, Jaime Krenn of Georgetown, MA, Kathryn Krenn of Annandale, VA, Susan Krenn of Towson, MD and son Christopher Krenn of Essex, RI. In addition to her children, she is survived by her grandchildren, Nicholas Hrubec, Keris Raisanen, Christopher and Alex Pinto, James Nass, Liza Loza and Julianna Miller and great-grandchildren, Huxley and Ingrid Raisanen and Sophia and Liam Pinto.

In keeping with Phyllis' wishes, there will be no funeral service. Contributions in her memory may be made to Friends of the Rockport Library, P.O. Box 31, Rockport, MA 01966 or to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, or simply do a good deed in her memory.