



Iris Phillips

September 4, 2013

Mrs. Iris Phillips, age 79, of Newark, DE, a cherished teacher and mentor to many generations of local students, passed away on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

Born in Boston, MA on November 13, 1933, Mrs. Phillips was the daughter of the late Rev. Christos and Jennie Pappas. She received her bachelor's degree in education from the former Lowell State (MA) Teachers College in 1955. A truly gifted educator throughout her over 40-year career at Brookside Elementary School in Newark, she was always passionate about teaching and deeply committed to helping all of her students reach their full potential. Her students adored her; many of them have kept in close contact with their beloved Mrs. Phillips over the years with frequent visits, calls, and letters.

Mrs. Phillips was also well known as an accomplished artist. As a painter, her favorite subjects were depictions of still life and landscapes.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Joanne Carr, in 2011. She is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Ernest Phillips; son-in-law, Dan Carr of Lake Oswego, OR; grandson, Alex Carr; brother, George Pappas and his wife Sarah of Sarasota, FL; many nieces and nephews; and her pet dog, Siri.

A gathering for family and friends will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm on Sunday, September 8th, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, Newark.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Name: Michael Klezaras, Jr.*

Message: So sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Phillips. She was my Sunday School teacher and I can still vividly recall her classes in the kitchen area of the old community center behind Holy Trinity. Mayher memory be eternal!

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