



Phoebe M. Matthews

February 8, 1922 - May 15, 2014

Phoebe M. Matthews, 92, went home to be with her beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at her home in Stevenson Ranch, California on May 15, 2014. She was born on February 8, 1922 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to William and Johanna Saint-Vincent.

As an older daughter in a large family, Phoebe had the responsibility of helping her mother tend the home and assist in the care of her siblings. After graduating from high school, Phoebe had the opportunity to train as a practical nurse. After completing her training, she was employed in patient's homes where she cared for the elderly, new mothers and their newborns. All this training prepared her for a future as a wife and mother.

Phoebe met Tom Matthews on a streetcar in Pittsburgh around 1942, and shortly after that they began dating. They were married on September 25, 1943. Shortly after their marriage, Tom was shipped to the South Pacific to serve in the United States Navy during WW II. During this time, Phoebe lived with her parents, where she worked and cared for their firstborn son, Tom, Jr., who was born in 1944.

After the war, Tom came home and they established a home in Pittsburgh. Their son Don was born in 1946. In 1951, Tom and Phoebe realized that California would hold better opportunities for their family, so they traveled across country where they eventually settled in Fullerton. In 1960, their daughter Connie was born. They then moved Yorba Linda in 1994. In 2000, after being married for 57 years, Tom went home to be with the Lord.

As Phoebe was nearing the age of 90, it was apparent that she needed more care and companionship, so she moved in with her daughter Connie and son-in-law Ted Jackson. Phoebe was diagnosed with cancer in May of 2013. She steadily declined, needing more and more care. In December 2013, our family had the honor of meeting Carol Hubbard, who was a loving and wonderful caregiver to Phoebe. She helped us tirelessly for 5 months, working at Phoebe's side for many hours during her final days. The family extends our utmost love and thanks to Carol for her devoted care for their mother and grandmother. In addition, Phoebe's granddaughter, Barbara, who has experience in the medical field, moved home after college, and was there to help her family and grandmother by tenderly caring for her until the very end. Phoebe devoted her life to her family, was a fervent servant of the Lord, and always given to hospitality. She was known as a faithful prayer warrior and portrayed God's love to others.

Just before her death, she quoted to her family her favorite verse: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4.

Phoebe is survived by her 3 children and their spouses, 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her 2 brothers and their wives, 1 sister, and many dear nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Bible Truth Publishers or Bible Pathways in the name of Phoebe Matthews. The links to connect to their websites are provided on the left side of the page.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Dear Grandma and Great-Grandma, You will be missed here, but we treasure the love and memories you left behind. We are so grateful that the Lord gave you to us for such a long life. We look forward to seeing you again someday.

Thom - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Phoebe was a very special lady. We have many happy memories of being with her. She will be greatly missed. There's not many of "the lady's" left. The Lord's coming is soon!

Neil and Eileen Adkins - May 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ A sister indeed and always a smile and a word for me. Her gracious care, love and kindness for young and old alike. We (my brother Paul and I) were invited so many times to their home. The encouragement and wisdom from God's Word was so helpful.

Nelson Wright - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We have so many fond memories of Phoebe. There is actually a photo of Phoebe holding Tom Jr. and Eleanor Jackson (my Mom) holding Barbara when Tom and Barbara were babies! Jim & Don have been good friends since the 1960's. We especially remember the many years Phoebe volunteered at the Bookstore in Buena Park and her cheerful willingness to help with all the jobs there. She will be greatly missed!

Barbara Wilhelm - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ There are so many good memories of Aunt Phoebe I would need a BOOK! She was all sweetness, graciousness and generosity to make me a "surrogate" daughter and companion to my dearest childhood friend. She was a treasure I will never ever forget. *hugs* to all the family.

Ruth Fournier - May 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ How I remember all of us going to Plow Boys once a week together! We five neighbors had such a great time doing that with you Phoebe! Our car was just stuffed with wonderful fruits and veggies! Thanks for being an example to us on how to take care of our family's and be hospitable to others, you were the champ in this! You were one of my California Moms after I moved here in 1963 from Ohio, I could always count on you for wise council! I'll miss you, I will always love you!

Jean Wright Spence Harlow - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My grandmother was one of the sweetest, most loving grandparents. She filled my heart with so much love. She will hold a very special place in, not only my heart, but my wife and daughter, Lupe and Isabella's heart, as well.

Ben Matthews - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I have so many precious memories of Phoebe's gracious loving spirit. She was truly a "Mom" to me in many ways as well as a loving "grandma" to all my children and grandchildren. Looking forward to seeing her soon!

Sherrey Andersen - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So many memories. What a wonderful aunt. Now with Christ and a rich reward to come.

Mark Saint - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ With loving memory of a beautiful woman who meant so much to so many. So thankful to have known such a loving example of a Proverbs 31:30 woman.

Carol Johnston - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM