



Phyllis Jean Lightsey Dodds

December 4, 1948 - May 12, 2023

Phyllis Jean Lightsey Dodds, age 74, of Rockdale, TX, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, May 12, 2023.

Memorial services will be held on May 20, 2023, at Forrest Grove Christian Church at 10:30 AM in Rockdale, TX. A time of fellowship with friends and family will follow at the church.

Phyllis was born to Claude and Inez Lightsey on December 4, 1948, in Rockdale, Texas. She graduated from Rockdale HS, went on to become a LVN, and served her community with love for many years. Before graduating high school, she met the love her life Buddy Dodds. They shared a life of absolute devotion to each other, and their family, for the last 57 years.

Phyllis or “Nini” to her grandbabies, was a fun loving, adventurous, and full-of-life personality, who loved her family fiercely. Throughout her life, she kept her youthful spirt, and she never lost her desire to try new things. She cherished quality time with her siblings and loved to try out new recipes with family members, especially Buddy.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her father, Claude Lightsey, beloved mother, Inez Lightsey, brother, James Lightsey, and sons Michael E. Dodds and Douglas Neal Dodds.

She is survived by her loving husband, William E. “Buddy” Dodds, son Phillip Joseph “Joey” Dodds and wife Margo, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, sister, Joyce Bankston and husband George, sister, Janice

Keen and husband Jimmy, brother, Steve Lightsey and wife Janie, brother Ronnie Lightsey and wife Lott, brother and sisters-in-law, Joyce, Bonnie, Linda, Thomas, Ann, and Sandra, and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her absence is already felt among those who knew her, and she will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Forest Grove Christian Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Forest Grove Christian Church
8902 South Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Randall Lombard lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Jean Dodds*



Randall Lombard - May 22, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Phyllis Jean Lightsey Dodds.

May 17, 2023 at 07:40 AM



“ *Sharen Dodds purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phyllis Jean Lightsey Dodds.*



Sharen Dodds - May 16, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Phyllis Jean Lightsey Dodds.

May 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Jean Lightsey Dodds.*



May 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Laura Senkel lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Jean Dodds.*



laura senkel - May 15, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tandy Ellender - May 15, 2023 at 06:24 PM