



Dr. Phyllis Bowman Conklin

June 28, 1935 - September 3, 2018

Dr. Phyllis Maxine Bowman Conklin, age 83, of Farragut, TN, passed away on Monday, September 3, 2018. Phyllis was a member of West Hills Baptist Church of Knoxville. Dr. Conklin was born June 28, 1935 in Sweetwater, TN. She attended Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, TN, graduating with a BS degree in 1957. She attained an MS from the Ohio University, Athens, OH, in 1967; and her PhD in Food Science from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1983. During her career she served as the President of the Iowa State Home Economics Association. She retired in 1997 from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, after 29 years of teaching in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Conklin's passion was for the science of nutrition, cooking, and the education of her students.

Phyllis enjoyed traveling and was known for her hospitality, especially hosting and feeding many of her husband's Collegiate Debate teams. She was known for her kind heart, her generosity, and was beloved as a devoted mother and wife.

She was preceded in death by her husband R. Forrest Conklin, parents: Lester Earl Bowman and Gladys Montooth Bowman, father-in-law and mother-in-law: Royal Forrest and Monte Lee Sneed Conklin. Survivors include son: Chris Conklin (Allison Sheridan), of Cedar Falls, IA, aunt: Doris Montooth, Sweetwater, TN, and nieces, nephews, students, and special friends. The family will receive friends on Saturday September 8, 2018 at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, TN, beginning at Noon. Funeral services

will begin at 2:00P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Jack Pennington officiating. Interment to follow in the Sweetwater Memorial Gardens. In lieu of memorials, please direct gifts to The Stray Connection, Knoxville, TN. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Phyllis Bowman Conklin*



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“ *Dr. Conklin was an instructor of mine upon taking "Foods Class". She was so knowledgeable, and inspired me to think that I wanted to be a teacher just like she was. She knew her material, yet was so patient with all her students asking questions. She led many to go into her discipline. Later when teaching with her, she still had that funny sense of humor, and patience. She was so kind with everyone around her. One of my very favorite people! I miss her dearly and am not alone in saying to the family, thank you for sharing her with us. Donna Waltermann Schmeidel*

Donna Schmeidel - September 09, 2018 at 07:47 PM

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“ *Chris am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was the reason I got into food and nutrition. Always enjoyed her classes. Also.wonderful neighbors. I will never forget when she brought you home. Your parents were so excited. Again sorry for your loss. Allison Ketter and Ketter family.*

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“ Dr. Melba Widmer purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Dr. Phyllis Bowman Conklin.



Dr. Melba Widmer - September 07, 2018 at 12:12 PM

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“ May God's abiding presence and your memories bring strength, comfort, and peace in your loss of Dr. Conklin. We are grateful for her service at Carson-Newman.

Nenette Measels
Chad Morris
Michelle Hodge
Campus Ministries Staff
Carson-Newman University

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