



Phyllis Elder Rietzke

September 14, 2023

Phyllis Elder Rietzke died Thursday September 14, 2023. Born in Portsmouth, NH, she is the daughter of Francis T. and Emerson C. Locke.

Phyllis attended school in Portsmouth, NH, Buffalo, NY and Ohio State University where she met and later married Fred E. Elder Jr. They had two children, Andrew and Bonnie.

Phyllis enjoyed singing in her church choir and leading Bonnie's Brownie and Girl Scout troupes in Grosse Pointe Park, MI. Before and after these years, she worked for Traveler's Insurance Co. for 19 years in Denver, CO and Toledo, OH branch offices. She was a loving, dedicated mother and homemaker, always thinking of those she loved. Phyllis later married Jacques D. Rietzke in 1983 in Toledo, OH where they lived for 26 years until his passing. She then moved to the Hudson area finally residing in Whittier Assisted Living. Here she resumed her favorite hobby, painting. She sold paintings of local landmark buildings in the Hudson area. Phyllis is survived by her son Andrew (Jacquelyn) their children Nicole and Andrew Jr., daughter Bonnie Elder and her children Andrew, Heidi and Deborah Billow, along with six great grandsons: Zak, Tavian, Jadon, Max, Arthur and Wallace.