



## Phyllis A. Mohler

October 21, 1930 - February 3, 2016

Phyllis A. Mohler, 85, passed away on Wednesday February 3, 2016 in Crystal Lake, Illinois. She was born October 21, 1930 in Evanston, IL. Following her graduation from Evanston Township High School in 1948, Phyllis attended the Northern Illinois State Teachers College. She married Douglas Mohler on September 29, 1951 at the First Methodist Church in Evanston and in 1955 she and Doug moved to Mundelein where they raised their children, which remained their home for over 50 years.

Phyllis had gifts of artistry, teaching, leadership, and loving care which she shared throughout her life. Phyllis was very active in church and civic life and had created floral arrangements for the church altar every week for over 50 years. She was a founder of the Mundelein Art League and was active in Women's Club and several garden clubs. Flower gardening was a passion and her yard was beautiful. Phyllis volunteered at the Chicago Botanic Garden where she was a member and was also a Master Gardener and judged flower shows. Phyllis loved teaching, taught art classes privately, was a long time teacher's aide at Mundelein H.S. and was also a merit badge counsellor for the Boy Scouts.

The Mohler house was a warm gathering place and second home for many who knew Phyllis as Mom. Phyllis was a hugger with a big heart and unconditional love she shared freely.

Surviving is her sister, Geraldine Yohe of Forsythe, MO; brother, Kenneth Collins (Debbie) of Powder Springs, GA; children, Jeffrey (Sheila) Mohler of

Crystal Lake, Forrest (Mary) Mohler of Hendersonville, N.C. and Heather Levchenko of San Diego, Calif.; grandchildren, Scott (Jenny) Mohler, Jacob (Leigh Anne) Mohler, Nathaniel (Vanessa) Mohler, Meghan (Scott) Castellini, Robert Mohler and Daria Levchenko; great-grandchildren, Sam, Emi, Isla, and Hadley Mohler; honorary daughters, Kelli Quinn and Karen Peterson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Phyllis had also been blessed with many foreign exchange students who have been as sons and daughters to her, including Naouki Fukushima of Japan, Pia Zeller of Colorado, Robert Kroc of Germany and Lena Nilsson of Sweden.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the Chicago Botanic Garden would be appreciated. For information, call 847-362-3009 or sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom Mohler was always welcoming to us and I have many great memories from the Mohler household. We love you and rest in peace!

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**Cathy Langlois** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM

KM

“ I used to call Phyllis to remind her about the color pencil meetings on Sundays. We always chatted a little bit. She was always appreciative and kind. We will miss her at our meetings. MY deepest condolences.  
Kimberly

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**kimberly mullarkey** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM

BD

“ I met Phyllis through the Colored Pencil Society chapter here in the Chicago area. She came whenever she could and I know it was an effort to come to Palatine from Mundelein. She always had a smile and was so grateful to participate in the program's we put on. She truly demonstrated a love of art and learning and we will miss her presence at our meetings. My deepest condolences to the family.

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**Beth Daleo** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM

DE

“ Mrs Mohler was like a second mother to me...to many of us. Art teacher. Merit Badge counselor. She played a key role in my Eagle Scout ceremony. I slept over at the house several times and for various reasons, most recently ten years ago when I visited Mundelein for my 20th class reunion. She joined my wife and I at Quig's Orchard for breakfast the next morning. Most recently I saw her in July, for the last time, when she drove out with Jeff and Kelli to attend my parent's 50th Wedding anniversary in Rockford. Wonderful person. God Bless her soul.

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**David English** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM

CS

“ Heather and Kelli, what a creative mom. Remember the good times. Love you and hugs.

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**Cheryl Shearer** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM

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“ Heather and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful lady. She was always so welcoming, kind, and encouraging to me. I can remember taking painting lessons from her and she had a way of keeping me believing that I could paint and make beautiful creations. I loved her openness about the Lord. She played a big part in my desire to pursue a fine arts major in college. I will always remember her playing a special part in my life, influencing me not just in art and creativity, but also in the open way she lived out her faith. May God comfort you and give you peace as you grieve.

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**Amy Jo (Anderson) Saller** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM

KB

“ *I would like to extend my sympathy to Phyllis' family. Phyllis was a fellow colored pencil artist and we shared many an enjoyable Sunday afternoon meeting.*

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**Kathleen Burke** - April 27, 2018 at 05:04 AM