



# Phyllis Suzanne Jensen

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**P**hyllis S. Jensen  
(Nee Floody)

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Phyllis Suzanne Jensen was born August 3, 1927 in Rockford, IL to Martin and Dorothy Floody. She graduated from East Rockford High School in 1945. She attended Ripon College, where she met Oscar “Ozzie” Jensen on January 6, 1946. They were married in Rockford, IL at Bethesda Covenant Church on August 23, 1947.

After caring for her family for many years, Phyllis began working as a teacher’s aide at Mitchell Elementary. She remained good friends with her teachers over many years. Phyllis always said, “I started kindergarten when Jim started college.”

Phyllis was an avid golfer for 68 years, belonging to both Ives Grove and Johnson’s Park Women’s Golf Leagues. She served as president for many years. She and Ozzie also belonged to a Friday night couples league and maintained, “A golfing friend is a forever friend.” They passed their love of golf on to many family members and Phyllis was especially proud that her only granddaughter, Kalynn, is a teaching pro at Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain, MI. Phyllis loved knitting and was known for her “Grandma Hats,” mittens, and sweaters. Visitors never left without a personalized cross-stitch dish towel or hand knit dish rags. For many years, she was a passionate gardner, a jigsaw puzzle enthusiast, and dedicated reader. Phyllis never forgot to send a card for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or for no occasion at all. Her family learned early on the art of writing thank you letters. She and Ozzie enjoyed camping, particularly, Crystal Lake. Spritz cookies were a staple at Christmas.

Phyllis is survived by three children: Jim (Nancy) of Hazelhurst, WI, Nancy (Dean) Kruger of Suamico, WI, and Jeff of Franklin, WI; daughter-in-law, Ann Jensen; six grandchildren: Ben (Beth) Kruger of Victoria, MN, Brian (Becky) Kruger of Marshfield, WI, Garrett (Laura) Jensen of Detroit Lakes, MN, Kalynn (Tom) Dolby of Iron Mountain, MI, Tim Jensen of Greendale, WI, and Dan Jensen of Minneapolis, MN; seven greatgrandchildren: Isaac and Eli Kruger, Morgan, Clara, and Cole Kruger, Signey and Enoch Jensen. She was preceded in death by her mother and father:



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loving husband, Ozzie; and sisters: Marjorie Nordell and Carol Carlson.

Phyllis will be laid to rest next to Ozzie at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of Phyllis' life will be held at a later date. Please look for a revised obituary notice when it is safe and appropriate for family gatherings considering the current pandemic.

Memorials in honor of Phyllis may be sent to the Salvation Army of Racine, 1901 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI 53403 or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be shared at [www.wilsonfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhomeinc.com).

Many thanks to Dr. Howard Short, Dr. Steve Johnson and the staff of Horizon Hospice and Lawlis Family Hospice in Mequon. Special thanks to friends: Chris, Stephanie and Gretchen for their valuable support in helping to care for Phyllis.

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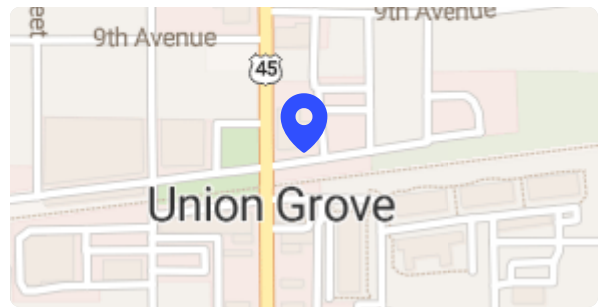
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### Cemetery Details

 **Southern WI Veterans Cemetery**  
Union Grove WI





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**Yvonne Stone** posted:

Phyllis was my excellent assistant in the Title 1 program at Janes School. She also was a great golfing friend. We became even better friends when we shared "The Big Ball Bangers" golf group on Friday nights. I live in Land O Lakes in the summer and AZ in the winter. I only read of her death today after my Christmas card was returned. My condolences to the family. She was a superb friend to all.

December 31 at 1:30 PM



**Becky Collins** posted:

The Jensens and Vernons were family friends. I remember the adults play bridge, I think, socializing, and while I do not exactly remember camping at Crystal Lake, I have seen pictures and I do remember the crystal clear water and only being able to row the boat (no motors allowed). The Spritz cookie recipe that I use every year must be Phyllis's. They are so delicious and people feel very special when they receive some at Christmas time!! That has become one of my family traditions! Phyllis started sending cards a few years back. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and revisited memories from way back when. She had a great memory!!!! am so very sorry for your loss!! Fondly Becky (Vernon) Collins

April 21 at 9:56 AM



**Jeffrey Jensen** May 8 at 6:33 AM

Thanks Becky...yes, Mom's memory was incredible and she was always the sharpest in the room right until she passed. The Spritz cookies are still a yearly tradition for us three kids and a real hit for us too. Many fond memories of times together with your family and how much my parents valued the friendship of your mom and dad. Your parents were special. Thanks for the kind note...appreciate it very much...Jensen family



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**Jamie Vernon** posted:

Jim, Nancy, and Jeff - I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing. There are so many memories of our two families "from back-in-the-day." One of my vivid memories was your mom and my mom, Mary Vernon, teaching me to knit when I was in elementary school. When I pick up my needles for a project today, I think of the two of them being so patient and laughing together. We communicated yearly at Christmas, and your mom kept me up to date on all of you; she was so proud of each one of you and your families. You all are in my thoughts, and I am sending prayers your way. Love, Jamie Vernon

April 21 at 5:19 AM



**Jeffrey Jensen** May 8 at 6:43 AM

Thanks very much Jamie...Mom was able to keep knitting almost right up until she died, and it was so important for her and probably a key reason she stayed so sharp over the years. Your Mom's laughter is one of my own vivid memories of our get-togethers growing up and our parents' relationship was truly special. A personal memory of mine is watching color television for the very first time on Park Avenue...if I remember right it was Sunday night's "Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color," and I believe it might have been Peter Pan. Hope you're well...take care and stay safe...thank you...Jensen family.



**Louise Gross** lit a candle in honor of Phyllis.



April 21 at 4:55 AM



**Jeffrey Jensen** May 8 at 6:45 AM

Thanks very much Louise...Jensen family



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Phyllis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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