



# Phyllis Cosby

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**P**hyllis Jean Cosby, 85, of Centerville, formerly of Moulton, passed away at Mercy Medical Center on January 20, 2016. She currently was residing at the Golden Age Care Center in Centerville. Phyllis was born on October 7, 1930 on the family farm near Dean, Iowa. She was the daughter of Hubert and Irene (Montgomery) Morrow. Phyllis received her education from Moulton High School and continued at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines and Indian Hills Community College. She served as a senate clerk in the Iowa Legislature, was a bookkeeper at the family-owned business Morrow Implement Co; owned and operated Phyl and Jodies along with Mary Jo Daniels for 3 years and was an assistant librarian at Garrett Memorial Library. Phyllis contributed columns to the Moulton Tribune for many years and later was a correspondent for the Centerville Iowegian. Phyllis was a member of Chapter F, PEO Sisterhood and a charter board member of the Garrett Memorial Library, helping to establish the library in 1969. She served on the library board for 25 years. Phyllis married Clifford Wayne Cosby in Kirksville, Missouri in 1951. They were the parents of one son, John Morrow Cosby of Centerville. She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading and painting with watercolors. Phyllis was an artist who was deeply moved by visits to the American Southwest. She loved the vast open landscapes, the mountain ranges, the quality of light, the architecture of Santa Fe and Taos, the culture of native-Americans, the photography of Ansel Adams, and the art of Georgia O'Keeffe - whose home she visited in Abiquiu. She is survived by her son, John Cosby and fianc Brenda Overturf, four grandchildren; Laura of Venice, CA, Karis of Seymour, Vaughan of Centerville and Jordan of Dover, PA, sister, Carol (Carl) Miller of Unionville, IA, two nieces; Carla (June) Pagdilao of Lahaina, HI and Claudia (Rodney) Purdum of Unionville, IA, two nephews; Craig Miller and Carson Miller both of Unionville, IA and all their families, as well as many very special friends. She was preceded by her parents and husband,



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Clifford. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 27, 2016 from 5:00-7:00PM at Thomas Funeral Home. Memorials may be given to Garrett Memorial Library. Condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com). To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Phyllis Cosby please visit our Sympathy Store. Celebration of Life FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[[emailprotected](#)]



# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:42 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:49 PM



**Joanne O'conner Centerville, Ia** posted:

Dear John and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy. Phyllis was a wonderful friend to me. She believed in me as an artist and was so happy when I built my own store. Even when she was in poor health, she had a friend drive her to my store for a visit. I was proud to have her paintings in my store, many of which sold. She was an encourager and I already miss her. I have some paintings of hers in my house which I cherish. But most of all, I cherish the friendship we had.  
Joanne O'Conner

February 24 at 7:00 PM



**Darla Fuller** posted:

Sorry for your loss John. I have alot of fond memories of her everytime I seen her or talk to her at one or two in the morning. The phone calls. Phyl Jodies back in the day. She was a great lady  
Darla O'Donnell Fuller

January 26 at 7:00 PM



**Sue Forsythe** posted:

John and family, Your Mom was a very special person to everyone she met. She was an inspiration and led by example. She mentored and encouraged myself, as well as countless others. Her bright sunny personality and beautiful scarves could light up any room! I'm so sorry for you and yours.....now I have one less kindred spirit to share my crazy ideas with and know she will laugh or jump right in.....Sue Forsythe

January 25 at 7:00 PM



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WW

**Wilma Watkins** posted:

I remember Phyllis as a child spending time at our house. She would stand out by the gate and wait for my Dad to go by so she could come over. She loved to stay with her Uncle Russell and Aunt A and we always had fun together. I was happy that I got to visit her last summer on our trip to Iowa. Phyllis was a very talented person and I have many of her paintings. She was a special lady, a dear cousin and she will be missed. John, I'm so sorry for your loss. With our deepest sympathies, Wilma Watkins David and Sandra Andrews

January 23 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mark Cochran** posted:

Dear John & Family Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother. John, you probably do not remember me as it has been 40 years since we have seen each other. But I do think we are distant cousins because after reading Phyllis's obituary and seeing that she was a Morrow I know that the Cochrans & the Morrows are related, and it seems I remember my father telling me that you guys and us were related. My father was Rex Cochran and way back in the 60's & 70's he bought tractors and combines from your father Cliff when he had the John Deere Dealership in Moulton. That is where I remember you from, John. Again, I am very sorry to learn of your mother's passing, and I pray that God comforts you now and always. In Jesus's name. Amen.

January 23 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Dennis Bryant** posted:

sorry for your loss I will always remember her sense of humor and funny emails

January 22 at 7:00 PM

MD

**Mary Decook** posted:

John, ur mom always had the nicest words to share with people, and such knowledge of tracing the family tree. One time they had a party at the American Legion in Moulton for her birthday and I picked her out a wild scarf Dad gave it to her and wore his Stetson told her his name was Jones and he was from Indiana. She often told me how much she liked the wild bright colors in that scarf and how funny Dad was, and stories of Wayne, Cliff, Dad, Gary flying their plane. She was a wonderful person. Sincerely Mary Beth (Cornett) DeCook

January 21 at 7:00 PM



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DD

**Deanna Duley** posted:

John, we are so sorry for your loss. I am so glad I got to see and visit her at the Golden Age, and enjoyed seeing you again after so many years. Your Mom was a fun lady, and wore clothes with great style, and was a wonderful artist. I have many of her things, and will cherish them forever.

Rich and Deanna Duley

January 21 at 7:00 PM

TA

**Terri Arbogast** posted:

I will miss taking care of this lady. She was always so sweet and feisty. So sorry for your loss.

January 21 at 7:00 PM

NG

**Nell Gates** posted:

I always loved Phyllis' beautiful art so many years ago. And enjoyed visiting with her at Golden Age when I visited my own mom. She was quite the artist & enjoyable character. So sorry for your loss.

January 20 at 7:00 PM

SR

**Sheila Rod** posted:

Rest in peace you will be greatly missed you may be gone but not forgotten. Prayers to the ones that's left behind

January 20 at 7:00 PM

CC

**Cathy Clark** posted:

John, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't personally know your mom, but I loved her art work! I bought quite a few of her fancy ladies pictures. One of my favorites had 5 fancy ladies all decked out in their finery. This pic was hanging in my main bathroom. A 7 year old Amish boy came to our house one day with his dad who was doing some work for us. The little boy used the bathroom. When he came out his eyes were huge as he asked me if all those fancy ladies in the pic were my sisters. I thought this conclusion was hilarious as I'm an only child like you. I know you must have many great memories of your mom, that I hope will sustain you during this sad time. My sympathies!

January 20 at 7:00 PM



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SP

**Shelley (Daniels) Pearson** posted:

So so sorry to hear about Phyllis she was such a beautiful person on the inside & out. She will be greatly missed by everyone that had the pleasure of meeting her. Prayers to the family...

January 20 at 7:00 PM

CM

**Connie Davis Mincy** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family at this time, she was a beautiful person inside and out. Connie Davis Mincy

January 20 at 7:00 PM

BE

**Barbara Downing Evans** posted:

I always thought Phyllis was so beautiful, she was a wonderful and warm person and always so kind to everyone.

January 20 at 7:00 PM

SC

**Steffany Campbell** posted:

I loved phyllis she was wonderful to take care of i will miss her rip lady sorry for ur loss the cosby family xoxo

January 20 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mitch, Michelle & Jacob Cairns** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and his family for the loss of his mother Phyllis. She was a great lady. Mitch,Michelle and Jacob Cairns

January 20 at 7:00 PM

BB

**Bill Burch** posted:

Phyllis was always a classy interested dynamic woman. Loved seeing her. She added fun and excitement to any group she was a part of. God's speed Phyllis.

January 20 at 7:00 PM



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**Dianna Davis** posted:

I totally agree, Bill. Phyllis was le grande dame of Moulton- a very classy lady. We were privileged to know her. Dianna Davis

January 20 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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