



## Phyllis Jean Hale

February 8, 1934 - March 19, 2021

Phyllis Jean Hale, age 87 passed away on March 19, 2021 peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family.

Phyllis was born in February of 1934 to Homer and Beulah Mae (nee Eggleston) Evans. Phyllis married Grayson Hale in 1951 and the couple moved to Chicago by 1953.

Ms. Hale had a long professional career, ultimately serving as director of the User's Center for Fermilab in Batavia, IL and also the Superconducting Supercollider project in Texas.

She is survived by her four children, Michael (Cecilia) Hale of California, Patricia Hale (Ken Mescher) of Illinois, Mark (Jennifer) Hale of Illinois and Perry (Amy) Hale of Missouri. Phyllis is also survived by her brother Roger (Judy) Evans of Virginia and her sister Janice Evans Hatfield of West Virginia. Phyllis leaves 5 grandchildren (Matt, Gia, Sean, Kevin and Tara) and 2 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, countless friends from the world of Physics and otherwise. Becky, Barb, JoAnne and Susan became especially close in recent years.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Grayson and brother-in-law, Donald R. Hatfield.

As per her wishes, there will be no funeral services.

Crain funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of the final arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Jean Hale*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



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we had a bond of mutual affection and respect that exemplified unconditional love. We were each other's confidant as well.  
How I loved meeting her at Fermilab for concerts, plays, dinners, and lectures! It broke my heart when her and my uncle moved to Texas, but I never missed a chance to visit. Then when she moved to Cape Girardeau she was much closer and

**Lori Renzetti** - March 29, 2021 at 03:10 AM



“ *When sister Phyllis died it felt like a huge cavity in my life. Even though the geographical distance between us was substantial we remained close to the end. I always looked up to my big sister and respected her accomplishments as a mother and as a career woman. She was a strong person and one with the courage to always move forward. She was also empathetic when I had health issues of my own. I spoke to her on her birthday on February 8 and there was no hint of problems. Her sunshine is gone forever but the memories of my big sister will live forever in me. The love is still there.*

*Roger*

**Roger Evans** - March 26, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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**patti** - March 25, 2021 at 09:14 PM

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“ Among the lovely experiences like our trips to Las Vegas and Hawaii, visits and things, Mom and I talked by email every Sunday for the last 25 years or so.

*The little things, like weather, recipes, politics, good books and more. She most recently helped us with spot on advice and encouragement during cancer and were within months of being able to visit after Covid.*

*Thank you for inspiring much, a love of reading, good food, lots of laughs...will miss you so very much!*

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**Patti** - March 25, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MB

“ Dear Hale Family:

*I met Phyllis a few years ago when she was interested in the Beaver Creek villa - as a realtor, I was the listing agent for the property. I will never forget meeting her for the first time at the property - even remember what she was wearing! She commented that she "dressed up" for the occasion. Her wit, charm and intelligence were immediately made clear.*

*Over the next few weeks, it didn't take long to become friends. Phyllis was truly an extraordinary woman and I can admit I have never met another person like her. I should have been intimidated by her physics background and that she was an author, but she had a way of making me feel warm and comfortable. And such a fun lady! Her impish ways were one of her endearing qualities.*

*She entrusted me to sell her Park Place property, as well. I quickly learned her savvy business approach was another impressive quality of hers, which I so admired. Once she settled into Beaver Creek, she would occasionally invite me over for tea or lunch. Phyllis was a great storyteller and possessed a great sense of style - it was mesmerizing listening to her background and career. And, as you know so well, she was never shy offering her opinion on various topics - whatever the topic!*

*We didn't get to see as much of each other these past two years - between her health conditions and the pandemic. I missed our visits, though we would occasionally connect by phone or email. We spoke by phone in January and she seemed to be recovering fairly well from her most recent health concern. I emailed Phyllis to wish her a happy birthday, but did not receive a reply. So I decided I should follow up with a phone call soon. It was then I received the sad news. How I regret not calling her sooner!*

*Having recently lost my mother, I know how comforting it can be to hear from individuals who can sometime offer a different*

*perspective about a loved on. Please know that Phyllis was loved and admired by many - she went to the beat of her own drum and I believe that's one of the reasons I was drawn to her. But I also knew she was selective with friendships/relationships - and in that sense, I was honored she took a shine to me.*

*Thank you for letting me share these memories. Please accept my most sincere condolences. May your family find peace and may Phyllis rest in peace.*

*Marlene A. Bell  
Realty Executives Edge  
Cape Girardeau, Mo*

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**M.A. Bell** - March 24, 2021 at 03:29 PM

JH

“*My life will be forever changed by the loss of my dear older sister. From a very early age I remember her attention to all regarding her baby sister. She never missed my birthday, took me to "awesome" spaghetti dinners and treated me to many movies such as the classic 'From Here to Eternity.'*

*I will treasure our later years, especially the visits when all our family could be together. When our brother Roger and his family could be with us, we felt whole. My memories burn within me and it will be hard to heal the hole that has been created in my heart.*

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**Janis Hatfield** - March 24, 2021 at 10:38 AM