



## Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster

December 13, 1947 - March 30, 2020

Private family services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, April 3, 2020. The service may be viewed through livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/LeonardMarkerFunerals>

Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster of Tulsa, Oklahoma was born at her childhood home on December 13th, 1947 in Dustin, Oklahoma. She passed away at the age of 73 on March 30th, 2020. Phyllis attended elementary and middle school in Dustin and Wagoner, Oklahoma. Her family later moved to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where she graduated high school in 1965. Phyllis was a very popular and active student athlete where she was the team captain for both the varsity basketball and tennis teams.

While in high school, Phyllis met her future husband Fred Lancaster in downtown Okmulgee after he was cruising down main street looking for trouble.. As Fred describes it, it was love at first sight.....for him!!! Fred fell in love instantly and after a short time of charming and convincing he finally got her to go out on a date! Phyllis and Fred dated for a couple of years before Phyllis realized that Freddie Ray was the love of her life and they were married on September 18th, 1967.

Fred and Phyllis's life together was nothing short of a fairytale. Shortly after getting married, they moved to California for a year before moving back to Oklahoma where they began to start a family. In the spring of 1969 Phyllis gave birth to her daughter Vikki, then 3 years later she gave birth to her son Chris. These two kids were the light of her life, she put everything she had into her kids. Phyllis never missed a game, school event and even coached some of their teams. The incredible thing about Phyllis was that she was not only a super mom and wife at home, along the way she started a long successful career in the banking industry. Her first bank was Guaranty bank then Southern bank, Bank IV and finally Mid-First Bank where she progressively worked her way up from a bank teller, commercial lending, loan officer to Executive Administrative Assistant to the bank president. It was truly amazing how she was able to manage both her work and home life and still be incredible at both.

However, being a loving wife, mother and successful business woman was only part of her story. Phyllis had other passions in her life. One of those was being involved in her grandchildren's lives. The only thing more routine than the players on the fields, courts and stadiums was Grammy being in the stands rooting for the "best" players on the field, court or stadium... her grandkids! Her grandkids could do no wrong and she absolutely loved supporting them in whatever they chose to do. Truth is, all of her grandkid's teammates only knew her as Grammy because she took time to get to know them all and would make them all feel special. It was nothing to look into the stands and see the entire team surrounding Grammy as she showered them with words of praise and some delicious snacks!! Another of Phyllis's passions and arguably her greatest passion was getting to know Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Phyllis came to know Jesus on May 11, 2002 and never looked back! She served her church faithfully every Sunday and became the face of New Beginnings Church.. Every Sunday she was there greeting each person that entered the door with a smile and hug! Phyllis loved telling her baptism story... The church actually didn't have a building of their own in the early years so she had to be baptized in the middle school parking lot with her granddaughter Makenzie in a borrowed portable prison baptismal. It was a glorious day!

The last 8 years of Phyllis's life, she battled her diabetes but she absolutely would not let it define her. There were obviously long difficult days that she could have given up but she chose to fight, she chose to live and most of all she chose to love even harder than ever before. She always said the source of her strength came from her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and she let it be known that she was not afraid for her final days on earth because she knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus would be waiting for her in Heaven.

Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster is survived by her husband of 53 years, Fred Lancaster, daughter and son-in-law; Vikki Lynn Kirk and Keith Kirk of Broken Arrow, son and daughter-in law; Christopher Ray Lancaster and Leslie Lancaster of Broken Arrow, sister and brother-in law; Bob and Darlene Maul, sister: Barbara Weese, three brothers; Gary, Gerald and Glendel Foreman, and 7 grandchildren; Makenzie and J.T. Dotson, Blake and Ashtynne Kirk, Nate Lancaster, Cooper Lancaster and Drew Lancaster.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Richard and Ruth Foreman, her three brothers; Dewayne, Dale and Carl Foreman and sister Carol Neely

We love you wife, mother and Grammy. We cannot wait to see you again!

# Events

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**APR** **Livestream** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



Leonard & Marker Funeral Home - April 02 at 03:39 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



April 03 at 01:35 PM

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“ Nick and Cathy Fitzgerald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



Nick and Cathy Fitzgerald - April 03 at 10:00 AM

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“ I have such fond memories of Phyllis. We became friends at church and I always enjoyed seeing her big smile and getting a hug from her. We had a joke between us that I rigged drawings at our Women's Ministry events because I regularly drew her name for door prizes. It happened so many times! One year, I was her Secret Sister and I was receiving these blue & white Spode plates with winter and Christmas scenes on them every month. She saw me one Sunday after I had opened my gift and came up to me. She asked what I was smiling about and I showed her the beautiful plate I had just gotten. I said I have the best Secret Sister this year, she really knows things I love. She said, "Oh, that's so pretty. Who do you think she is?" I said, "I don't know, but I can't wait to find out!" It was her all along and we had a good

laugh at the reveal party. Every year at Christmas, I decorate my sideboard in my dining room with that set of plates and remember her sweet friendship. If you knew Phyllis, you knew Fred! You hardly ever saw them apart. What a loving, devoted couple! Not only her husband meant the world to her, it was evident her children and grandkids did, too. Garry & I are praying for each of you. My heart aches, but I'm holding on to God's promise of seeing Phyllis again. I look forward to her big smile and sweet hug! Our deepest sympathy & love go out to you. We are here for you to help in any way we can.

**Barbara & Garry Smith** - April 03 at 05:48 AM

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“ Phyllis was a loving sister that we will miss dearly. She was such fun to be around with a sense of humor we all enjoyed. She loved her family so very much. We will miss her but she will live in our memory forever.

Glendall & Carolyn Foreman

**Glendall Foreman** - April 02 at 07:04 PM

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“ Glendall & Carolyn Foreman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



**Glendall & Carolyn Foreman** - April 02 at 06:55 PM

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“ Kathy Sampson sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster



**kathy sampson** - April 02 at 02:27 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



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“ I was so blessed to have been a part of the Lancaster family and to have known this lovely lady for over 30 years, she was so loved and treasured by her husband Freddy, son Chris ,daughter Vikki,their families, extended families and many many friends. She was a blessing to be a second Momma to my daughter Leslie , to love her as her own and to step in when she was needed. I cannot imagine the sorrow and grief this family is enduring especially being unable to share this celebration of her life in person. I also know how very special she was as Grammy to her grandchildren,Nate, Cooper, Drew, Kenzie and Blake. My love and condolences to the family and I pray that the Lord will spread his comfort and peace to all. Know that He has received a very special Angel into His flock ,He has renewed her health and body and she is like new . Love and hugs Nana.

Linda Haremza - April 02 at 12:26 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



April 02 at 10:29 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



April 01 at 08:03 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



April 01 at 07:54 PM

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“ Phyllis was one of my closest friends since 7 grade. We laughed a lot all these years and I will keep all of them close to my heart. I loved her and will miss her.



**kathy sampson** - April 01 at 06:35 PM

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“ Oh what a joy Phyllis was to everyone who knew her...She was the sweetest ever! I will miss seeing her ! She was greatly loved! Our bunco group had so much fun with Phyllis and man could she win! ;) I will miss her! She left a great legacy and her family shines so greatly the values that were important to Phyllis...especially her love for our LORD! XOXO We all so love the Lancaster's and Kirks!!!!

**Becky Even** - April 01 at 06:24 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Yvonne Lancaster.



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