



## Margaret Mary Phillips

April 17, 1924 - February 9, 2021

Margaret Mary Phillips née Tillie Thompson, age 96, passed away February 9, 2021 at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colorado after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Tillie was a pioneer woman both in spirit and life itself. She and her older brother, Chuck, as children drove cattle across what is now the Belmont area to their Piñon ranch. She was a skilled horsewoman who preferred to ride bareback. Her love of horses began early; At the age of three, she managed to climb on the back of her Dad's horse unbeknownst to her parents. She loved dogs, especially greyhounds. Tillie was a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell in Kansas City and later for Mountain Bell in Pueblo. For the rest of her life, she loved talking on the phone to her friends and relatives.

She met Calvin Phillips at a dance at Undercliff. It was love at first sight - Calvin showed up with a ring the next day. They married and had eight children: Pat, Mike, Steffy (m. Tony Chavez), Judy (m. Tom Lynch), John, Maggie (m. Ed Liptak), Marie (m. Bryan Roughton), and Brian (m. Cindy Lee). Tillie is survived by six children, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and relatives in Colorado, Montana, Arizona, and Missouri. Tillie was preceded in death by her father, Charles; her mother, Mary; her siblings Liza, Chuck, Katherine, and Joseph; her husband Calvin; and her daughters Steffy and Judy.

Tillie was the Matriarch and strength of the Phillips family. Tillie was very devoted to her Catholic faith and was a longtime parishioner of Saint Theresa Catholic Church of Vineland. She was a talented pianist and lover of classical music. Ever a breath of fresh air, one time she danced to the Twist with her daughters until four in the morning. She was also a first-rate pie maker. Tillie was hard-working, independent, generous, welcoming, and kind. We will miss her wisdom, eternal optimism, humor, playfulness, and distinctive giggle.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family.....I feel cheated that we never had the chance to know each other. I am glad that I decided to get to know Aunt Tillie by phone. I've treasured the conversations she and I had, especially her joy and laughter about life. She told me things about family that I never knew and did tell me about her horseback riding! She was so proud of each of you and her grandchildren. I so would have liked to be a part of "her thundering herd"  
I never thought to ask her where the name Tillie came from, but I think it fit her.  
I know that you will all treasure your memories of your dear Mother. we are just so sorry that she didn't get to live to be 100 like she wanted to.

Love to all of you  
Eunice

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Mary Phillips.



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