Mary Fuller Phillips

Mary Phillips of East Quogue NY and Ashland VA died on August 11, 2020. She was 89 years old. Mary was predeceased by her husband of sixty-six years, Leigh F. Phillips. She is survived by her children, Wendy Wood, Kay Lynch and her husband David Lynch, David Phillips and his wife Carole Moore. Grandchildren are Melissa Hawks, Sarah Wood, Rebekah Wood, Matthew Lynch, Daniel Lynch, and Matthias Phillips. Great grandchildren are Josiah, Zoe, Benjamin, Alexander, and Elizabeth Hawks.

Born on December 18, 1930 in Olean NY, Mary graduated from Olean High School, class of 1948. She earned a BA in chemistry and biology from Alfred University in 1953. Mary worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory in air pollution studies for many years. She and Leigh made their home in Westhampton Beach, where they raised their three children. They then moved to East Quogue, and later to Ashland VA. Mary and Leigh were long time members at St. Mark’s Church in Westhampton Beach before joining historic Fork Church of St. Martin’s Parish near Ashland.

Mary enjoyed homemaking and especially doted over her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She maintained life-long contact by mail with a number of friends and family members, including a childhood pen pal in England.

A private graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in East Quogue.