

Remembering Phyllis DeGelleke -

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With the passing of my mother, I have been thinking so much of the wonderful times Mom and I have had with our TRR family. We both joined in 1997 and right away were being surrounded by people who grew to be so important to us. We may only officially meet three times a year, but those times have brought so many neat memories.

Many of you knew Mom when she was still mobile and were there to help her and me as her mobility failed, and we had to use various devices to enable her to continue going to the meetings. It was hard for me when I had to start coming without her, but she took it all in stride. Mom was delighted to share starts and cuttings from her yard and to have anyone who wished come see her place.

Since she built her home here in Glen Flora in 1999, her yard has grown with a garden here and a garden there. When we first were making her gardens, I would come over at 3:00 every day and ask what we were to do that particular day. She used to joke that she would look at the clock at 3:00 and groan!

I can still picture her riding on the lawnmower or going across the yard in her golf cart. She was always a lot neater than I am and also didn't complain about picking up the piles of clippings like I do. She stopped and smelled the roses which I know I (and maybe you) need to be doing more of.

My brother and I have sold her house to the nice young couple who have been renting across the street so the cycle of life continues. I will be following her example in uprooting to be near family in PA. I told her that her move to be with us here in Glen Flora was inspiration for me to make my move. I will be here until April and plan to come back each year to go to a TRR meeting and see my TRR friends.

I offer a big "thank you" for all you mean to me, and all you meant to Mom.

