

## GAMMA PHI BETA REMEMBERS CLORIS LEACHMAN

January 28, 2021

Centennial, Colorado – Gamma Phi Beta mourns the loss of member Cloris Leachman (Northwestern, 1945).

Oscar- and Emmy-winning actress and prominent Gamma Phi Beta member Cloris Leachman passed away at her home in Encinitas, California, on January 27, 2021. Cloris was 94 years old.

While her career in Hollywood spanned more than seven decades, Cloris was best known for her roles in “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “The Last Picture Show,” “Young Frankenstein,” “Phyllis,” “The Facts of Life” and “The Beverly Hillbillies.” More recently, she starred in “Malcolm in the Middle,” “Dancing with the Stars,” “Raising Hope” and was the voice of Gran in the animated movie “The Croods.”

Cloris was honored with the Carnation Award at the 1974 Gamma Phi Beta Centennial Convention. The Carnation Award is among the more prestigious awards within the Sorority, as it honors distinguished alumnae for their outstanding professional and volunteer accomplishments.

Read more about how Cloris Leachman was celebrated as a Gamma Phi Beta over the years:

[\*The Crescent, September 1968\*](#)

[\*The Crescent, May 1972\*](#)

[\*The Crescent, March 1975\*](#)

“Cloris was a shining star who brought joy to all who watched her on screen, but especially to her Gamma Phi Beta sisters. Cloris will remain in the hearts and memories of Gamma Phi Betas everywhere for her accomplishments and for the pride she brought to our sisterhood,” said Gamma Phi Beta’s International President Autumn L. Hansen (Idaho).

Cloris’ children and grandchildren requested any donations in her name be made to PETA or Last Chance for Animals.

### ABOUT

Gamma Phi Beta was founded on November 11, 1874, at Syracuse University by four bold and courageous women. The Sorority’s mission is to build confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around them. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered 190 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada and has more than 234,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

