



## Kevin E. Phillips

May 3, 1955 - March 13, 2021

Kevin E. Phillips, 65, of Cape Girardeau, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2021 at St. Francis Medical Center.

Kevin was born May 3, 1955 in Cape Girardeau to the late Emil and LaVerne Smith Phillips. He was baptized on June 19, 1955 and confirmed on June 8, 1969 at Hanover Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.

He and Marsha Ramage Kemner were married October 27, 2018 at Dennis Scivally Park in Cape Girardeau.

Kevin graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas School of Law and was a proficient family law attorney. He was the owner of Kevin E. Phillips Attorney at Law in Cape Girardeau. Kevin was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and St Louis Cardinals fan, and ardent lover of all sports. Kevin is remembered for the passionate way in which he announced local sports teams, including Jackson, Sikeston, Notre Dame, Chaffee, Scott City, and Cape Central high schools. He also broadcasted legendary coach Joe Uhls' Southeast Missouri State University's baseball team in the 1970s and 1980s, as well as Southeast Missouri State University Women's Basketball games. Survivors include his wife, Marsha Kemner, of Cape Girardeau; an aunt, Clara Phillips of Cape Girardeau; a special cousin, Alan Phillips of Jackson, Tennessee; and numerous other cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is also survived by a countless number of friends who will miss his boisterous laugh and the embellishing way in which he shared his stories, and who will cherish a multitude of memories of good times spent together through the years. He

will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private funeral service led by his dear and long-time friend, Joe Rice, will be held. Wayne Nations, Steven Hanschen, Mark Werner, Tim Nieder, Marty Mishow, and Chris Curtis will serve as pallbearers. A public memorial celebration will take place at a later date.

Burial will take place at Hanover Lutheran Church Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## **Hanover Lutheran Church Cemetery**

2949 Perryville Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Always enjoyed our conversations of sports, politics and life. Rest in peace my friend.

Tony Gorostiza - March 26, 2021 at 05:31 AM

EM

“ I was a client of Kevin's for the last 8+ years. It was always enjoyable chatting with him. Learning he was a sports announcer did not surprise me at all. I good man with a great heart. So very sad to hear he passed. We will keep his bride and family in our prayers.

Emerald - March 24, 2021 at 12:59 AM

JL

“ I worked at Dino's Pizza in 1975 and came to know Kevin as a regular customer. He was easy to recognize and remember as “Canadian Bacon and Mushrooms.” Saw him around town now and then, and was glad to see he had a successful practice over the years. Sorry he has departed this life so soon! Prayers for those who have suffered this loss. May he rest in God's care!

Jane Lowes - March 21, 2021 at 07:09 PM

TC

“ Kevin was always smiling & seems like I was always running into him at various events, be it a Cardinals baseball game, a local winery, or restaurant. He will be missed by many. Praying for the family. RIP my friend. ❤️



Tara Caldwell - March 18, 2021 at 11:05 PM

GS

“ Sorry to hear this news. It has been a long time since I had spoken with Kevin but remember the good times at College High.

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**Glenn (Skip) Smallwood** - March 17, 2021 at 09:20 PM

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“ To our broadcaster,

*Thank you for following our legion team around during the summer of 2001. From the State Championship Tournament, a wild broadcast during the Championship Game, on to Enid, Oklahoma for the Regional Tournament - you were there to cover every pitch for the fans back in Southeast Missouri. We will remember you coming to practice before we left for Oklahoma to get to know us as young men and will forever enjoy listening to the tapes of those games. Through the energy you brought (HOLY COW!!), your knowledge of the game, and your uncanny ability to make the listener feel as if they had a front row seat, we will forever remember you. We will miss seeing you around Cape and hearing your projections for the Cardinals upcoming season.*

*Thank you for the memories,*

*-The 2001 Missouri American Legion State Championship Team  
(Chaffee VFW Post 389)*

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**2001 Chaffee Amer. Legion Baseball Team** - March 17, 2021 at 05:12 PM

DB

“ My deepest condolences to his family. It was so shocking to see this. He was so enjoyable to talk sports with and listen to him at the Jackson Football games, his commentaries will be missed.

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**DeeAnn Beine** - March 17, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JN

“ Kevin:

*Thanks for a lot of great conversations on sports and about life in general. I am going to miss you coming in with that huge Chiefs jacket and your wide knowledge of on a variety of topics. Rest in peace my friend and thanks for the memories!*



*Your pal  
Jeremy aka J*

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**Jeremy Nall** - March 17, 2021 at 06:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry to see this! Kevin was a great man, a good heart and knew how to get the job done! He will be greatly missed.*

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**Stacey Sterling** - March 16, 2021 at 03:14 PM

CC

“ *My dear longtime friend and attorney, Kevin...we go back 39 years, you and our old days full of laughter and fun memories, lengthy conversations and our passionate debates will be so missed. I knew you were battling illnesses these past 8 years or so, and I worried about how you were doing, you seemed so sick, exhausted, worn out these last 4 years or so. Know you made a great difference in so many of our lives and that you will be missed and forever remembered. RIP my dear friend.*



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**Charlotte Cannon** - March 16, 2021 at 04:01 AM

SC

“ I always enjoyed our lively conversations debating trials and politics! Your laugh was contagious & I will drink a cold one for you! Cheers in heaven Kevin!

Stephanie Clark - March 16, 2021 at 02:40 AM

RC

“ My first memory of him was him announcing a basketball game between Scott City and Norte Dame. It was the first time that I played in a game that was being announced. I listened to the recording afterwards and he spoke so highly of me, that it made me proud and wanted to do it again. Every time we played, he announced and showed his professionalism, and made me respect him for being unbiased and made me try harder when I saw him. Thanks for all the memories. Tell Jack Buck hello! Ray Campbell

Ray Campbell - March 16, 2021 at 12:05 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear about this. Kevin was such a kind person that made you want to be around him. Will always remember his announcing some of Capahas games when I played in the 70s and early 80s. Prayers for all the family. He'll be missed by many. 🙏🙏

Roger Williams - March 15, 2021 at 11:57 PM

DB

“ Rest in Peace my friend. I always enjoyed a conversation with you.

Debbie Beussink - March 15, 2021 at 09:56 PM

CT

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. He had such a big laugh that made you want to laugh right along with him. Prayers lifted for comfort during this time.*

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**Cheryl (Duncan) Thayer** - March 15, 2021 at 09:28 PM