



Larry and Wilma Phillips

November 26, 1932 - January 18, 2022

Larry Gene Phillips, 89, of Maryville, Illinois passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. Eighteen hours later, his wife of 61 years, Wilma Jean Phillips also passed away at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Larry was born November 26, 1932 in Stoddard County, Missouri to Otis and Gladys (Mayo) Phillips.

Wilma was born May 2, 1943 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and was adopted by Philip and Esther (McCauley) Leible.

Larry served in the U.S Army from 1953 until 1955. He worked for Swift Independent Packing Company for 24 years, then in the security field until retirement age. Wilma had several part-time and full-time vocations over the years but was primarily a homemaker for her husband and 5 children. She was a member of Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville.

Larry and Wilma were both graduates from Central High School in Cape Girardeau.

They were married October 15, 1960 in Cape Girardeau.

They are survived by their children; daughter, Denise (James) Strang of Tucson, Arizona; sons, Brian Phillips of Zephyr Hills, Florida and Bobby (Karyn) Phillips of Maryville, Illinois; daughter, Billie Phillips of Collinsville, Illinois; Larry's siblings, Shirley Blythe of Denver, Colorado; Connie Loudon of Texas; and David Phillips of Grady, Arkansas. Wilma's sibling's Joe Ruch of Apache Junction, Arizona and Rosemary Leible; grandchildren, Steven, Lauryn, Robert, and Nathan Phillips; great-grandchildren, Amelia and Camdyn Phillips.

They were preceded in death by their parents and their son, Kristopher; Larry's brother Robert Phillips and sisters, Carol Schmidt and Rebecca Smith; Wilma's brothers, Richard Leible and Frank Ruch.

Visitation for both Larry and Wilma will be Monday, January 24, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. until noon at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Their funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home.

Private burial will take place at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Disabled American Veterans (DAV.org).

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ I will miss you Uncle Larry and Aunt Wilma. I know we didn't talk much over the years and I'm so sorry about that. Praying for the rest of the family.
Holly (Phillips) Jarrett

Holly Jarrett - February 01, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ sorry, their not here anymore.

Randall Franklin - February 01, 2022 at 04:05 PM

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“ Attached are photos of the last time the cousins on Wilma's side of the family got together. I still remember how I always thought Larry was so tall when I first met him at Wilma's wedding.



barbara fricke - January 22, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Larry and Wilma Phillips.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Larry and Wilma Phillips.



January 21, 2022 at 12:16 PM