



Ralph E. Phillips

May 8, 1943 - February 22, 2016

Ralph E. Phillips, 72, of Cape Girardeau, died Monday, February 22, 2016 at his home.

Ralph was born May 8, 1943 in Cape Girardeau to Walter and Virginia Heise Phillips. He was educated at the former Hanover School and graduated Valedictorian of College High in 1961. Ralph was the first in his family to attend college. He was awarded a scholarship to attend Southeast Missouri State University and then transferred to Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, Mo earning a degree in civil engineering in 1966.

After marrying Betty McGee, he began his career at McDonnell Douglas in the Space Program. Ralph then worked in Sikeston for nine years for the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department and then finished his career as the District Engineer for Cape Special Road District. He served in that role for thirty years.

Ralph was a kind, hardworking man and he would greet everyone he met with a friendly smile. He was dearly loved and cherished by family and friends. He and Betty were looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Ralph was a member of Cape County Cowboy Church as well as the Antique Tractor Club. His hobbies included raising cattle, collecting antique toys, restoring tractors and working outdoors on the farm.

Loving survivors include his wife, Betty McGee Phillips; son, Mark (Kellie) Phillips of Cape Girardeau; daughter, Christina (James) Green of Clarkston, Washington; grandchildren, Morganne (Andrew) Nabors, Luke Phillips, Gavin, Carson, Macy and Trace Green. Ralph was expecting his first great grandson in August. Surviving siblings include brothers, Gene (Clara) Phillips and Harold (Erna) Phillips; sister, Viola (Wesley) Bock and brother-in-law, Melvin Eggimann; brother-in-law, Steve (Sandy) McGee; sister-in-law, Gina (Tom) Taggart; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Anna Lee Eggimann; brother-in-law, Danny McGee and in-laws, Robert and Rosemary McGee.

Visitation will be from noon until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. The funeral will immediately follow at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor James Green officiating.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be given to the Cape County Cowboy Church.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Mindy Eubanks lit a candle in memory of
Ralph E. Phillips*



Mindy Eubanks - March 03, 2016 at 12:16 AM

LF

“ *Dear Betty and Family,*

I am just learning of Ralph's passing and I am so saddened and deeply sorry for your loss. He was a very kind man and I am sure he will be dearly missed by many people.

I feel very fortunate to have had you and Ralph as our neighbors when I was growing up on Lombardo years ago. Your presence across the street was so comforting in ways I cannot explain...but I will never forget either of you for your kindness and smiles. I don't think I ever saw either of you without a kind word or smile!

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend today's visitation or funeral.

But, dear Betty, please know that you, Mark, Christina and their families will be in my thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless You All!

Linda (Klinkhardt) Farrar

Linda (Klinkhardt) Farrar - February 26, 2016 at 02:17 PM

DM

“ So sad. This was truly one of the sweetest men I have ever met. He always had a smile on his face and was the best listener. Betty, my heart is so heavy for you and family.

Love,
Debbie Matthews

Debbie Matthews - February 26, 2016 at 10:45 AM

RM

“ Rose Musgrave-Quinn lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Phillips



Rose Musgrave-Quinn - February 25, 2016 at 09:22 PM

RM

“ Dear Betty & Family,
I am deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. My heart goes out to you during this trying time and may my prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones. I pray that God will grant you the strength needed to get you through this moment in your life. My most sincere condolences.



I haven't known you very long, but feel like I've known you forever, since we met at Cowboy Church and had a lot in common to talk about. Betty, I know your husband meant the world to you and you are going to be lost without him. I lost my first husband in an accident in 1983, so I know what it's like. Time makes it easier but nothing can take away the sorrow and grief you're going through right now. I was hoping to come to the funeral home to at least give you a hug and offer my Sympathy in person, but I have to work from 12 until 4 Friday, so there is no way I'm going to be able to come. I would ask off, but I'm already filling in for someone else that had asked off.

May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, and may God give you the comfort and peace that you seek.

Your friend, Rose Musgrave-Quinn

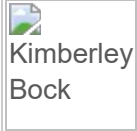
Rose Musgrave-Quinn - February 25, 2016 at 09:18 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry for your loss of your Husband, Father, and Grandpa. I really enjoyed seeing Ralph and your whole family during my career as a Schwans Man. I also enjoyed seeing Ralph and Betty at the tractor shows and the Saxon Lutheran Memorial in Frohna. Ralph was a great person!

Mark Petzoldt

Mark Petzoldt - February 25, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Dearest Phillips Family,*

It is with great sadness that we learned of Ralph's passing; please accept our heartfelt condolences.

*"For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men."
Lamentations 3:31-33*

Shaun, Kym, Allyson and Austin Bock

Kimberley Bock - February 25, 2016 at 09:14 AM

BP

“ *As a classmate of Ralph at College High School, I am very sad to hear of his passing Ralph, Jack Powell, and I were kind of known as the three musketeers as we were three of the few that carried brief cases and respected by most of our classmates. Ralph was very intelligent, humble, and always willing to help whenever and wherever. he could. Unfortunately I never saw Ralph after joining the military in 1960 but reading his obituary, It is evident that he never changed any of his wonderful personality traits since high school My wife Jo and offer our sincerest condolences and prayers to the family. I look forward to seeing in Heaven and catching up on his wonder life.*

In loving memory

Bill & Jo Palmer,

Bill Palmer - February 24, 2016 at 07:43 PM

YC

“ *Your family at Orchards Community Church purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph E. Phillips.*



Your family at Orchards Community Church - February 24,
2016 at 06:52 PM