



David Eugene Phillips

January 2, 1939 - February 22, 2015

David Eugene Phillips, age 76, of Evansville, passed away Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital.

David was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He had been living in Philadelphia awaiting a lung transplant for the last five months.

Unfortunately, in the last week his health deteriorated and he was taken off of the transplant list. David was a strong, quiet man that loved IU basketball and golf and had a great work ethic. Mr. Phillips had worked for Emge Meat Packing Company for 27 years and later for Warehouse Services in Mt. Vernon. In his retirement, David delivered food for TASC of German Township. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in German Township. He served in the U. S. Army with the 101st Airborne Infantry Division, in the 501st Infantry Regiment in the Reconnaissance Platoon where he attended Ranger School and earned Airborne and Pathfinder wings, was a 1956 graduate of Central High School and had attended Lockyear Business College.

Surviving David are his wife of 54 years, Jeanette (Bittner) Phillips; two sons, Edmund (Lori) Phillips of Mt. Carmel, IL and Michael (Trudi) Phillips of Stafford, VA; four grandchildren, Clint Phillips, Shelby Phillips, Erin Phillips and Anna Phillips and his mother-in-law, Edna Bittner of Evansville. Also surviving are a sister, Katherine Ballow of Evansville and two brothers, Jim

Phillips of Indianapolis and Paul Phillips of Sebree, KY.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Essel and Cordia Phillips; by an infant sister, Pauline Phillips; sisters, Delores Proudfoot and Cordia McGee; father-in-law, Cletus Bittner and brother-in-law, Joe Bittner.

Funeral services will begin at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in German Township, 8701 Big Cynthiana Road, Rev. Nancy Johnston and Pastor Lori Alexander officiating. Burial will take place in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 P.M. until service time on Wednesday at St. Paul's in German Township.

The family would like to extend a thank you to Barry Cox and Warehouse Services, Incorporated, Deaconess Gateway Hospital Unit 503B, Global Jet Care of Brooksville, FL, Gift of Life Family House of Philadelphia and Temple University Hospital.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's UCC in German Township, 8701 Big Cynthiana Road; the Tri-County Area Senior Center or to Gift of Life Family House of Philadelphia, PA.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 25. 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

St. Paul's UCC - German Township
8701 Big Cynthiana Road
Evansville, IN

funeral

FEB 25 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Eugene Phillips*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dave, longtime memories from childhood! Your dad, my dad, and you as a tall, lanky teen hunted rabbits and squirrels together. I was about seven and our dads were from SEbree and good friends. My mom would make a great breakfast, hot coffee and all was happy! You will be missed...a quiet giant! Betty Biggerstaff Harmon and Ron. Sincerely*

Betty Harmon - February 25, 2015 at 07:37 AM



“ *Phillips family so sorry to hear of Dave's passing know that you are in our prayers Steve Sturges family*

Cherie SullivanSturges - February 25, 2015 at 06:50 AM



“ *Cherie SullivanSturges lit a candle in memory of David Eugene Phillips*



Cherie SullivanSturges - February 25, 2015 at 06:48 AM

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“ 26th North Carolina Troops purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Eugene Phillips.



26th North Carolina Troops - February 24, 2015 at 01:19 PM

JM

“ Jeanette & family,
Our heart goes out to you with the passing of Dave. Dave will truly be missed by everyone who knew him!
As you know we are out of town & won't be able to make it to the service, but our thoughts & prayers are with all of you.
Love,
Jerry & Karen

Jerry & Karen Miller - February 24, 2015 at 11:29 AM

DS

“ Dear Jeanette and family,

During the precious time that we shared much of the same path, it was my extreme good fortune to come to know Dave, and his family. I am sure it is not surprising that I, like many, became exceedingly fond of Dave. I remember always being welcomed at the dinner table despite the late hour of my arrival. And, I will also remember fondly, Dave's generous smile and warm spirit - as grand as his tabletop puzzle projects he shared with all of us at the family house.

My heart is saddened this morning as I share in your loss.

*In love and sympathy,
Diane Stott and family*

But as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him."

(1 Corinthians 2:9 International Standard Version)

Diane Stott - February 24, 2015 at 09:11 AM

RP

Jeanette, Mike, and Eddie, I was saddened to hear of the loss of your husband/dad. I recall our last visit to your home with Eddie like it was yesterday on your yard on Bromm Road. Following your journey since then has been more difficult to connect. I also recall you trying to visit me in TEXAS too. I always enjoyed Dave's spirit and that of his boys. Remember when we rode some motorbikes out there on your property? He accomplished a lot with us on this earth, and I hope he's not giving up in heaven either. You stay strong and with all those Phillips listed, someone needs to come visit us in Texas. Robert and Sunday, Hannah, Hailey, and Angele.

Robert Phillips - February 24, 2015 at 06:23 PM