



Preston D. Phillips

August 31, 1942 - October 23, 2017

Preston Donald Phillips, 75, of Evansville, passed away at his home on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Preston was born August 31, 1942 in Springfield, MA to the late Donald and Yvonne (Triouleyre) Phillips.

After receiving degrees from the New School for Social Research and University of Louisville, Preston spent over 30 years in the field of Psychology, most recently at the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center and Posey County Special Services.

Preston was on the board of the Evansville Jazz Society, and played drums from a young age. He was a professional drummer for over 50 years and enjoyed playing at numerous venues in the Evansville area and elsewhere. Other interests included exploring family genealogy and travel. In addition to the Evansville Jazz Society he was a member of Germania Maennerchor, Fraternal Order of Owls, and Evansville Country Club.

He loved his large family and he particularly enjoyed making chili for large family Thanksgiving Eve gatherings. They fondly remember his wicked dry sense of humor and his elaborate practical joke set ups.

Surviving Preston are his wife of 33 years, Cecilia (Rademaker) Phillips; children, Lynne (Terry) Lewis, Mary Schmelz, Katherine (Joe) Stover, Thomas (Teresa) Gerleman and Julie Petro and Cowboy; one brother, Wayne (Christine) Phillips; brother-in-law James (Sandy) Rademaker; thirteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 – 8 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, Evansville.

Funeral services for Preston will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, Evansville. Entombment will take place in Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Evansville Jazz Society, House of Bread and Peace or Evansville Rescue Mission.

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

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

funeral

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Preston D. Phillips



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“ Preston D. Phillips

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Preston was the drummer in "The Garden", the first house band at the Beer Garden where I was the singer. Bruce Blythe played keyboard and Terry Wedding (RIP) played guitar. We had a good band! Preston was a low key guy and always in time. May he rest in peace!

Jeff DeVillez - August 28, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ I just want to say to Prestons family so sorry for your loss. Preston played a music job with us when my son was in high school. A very kind man. We loved to talk music. . And he really supported us musically. . . He will be missed. . Jennifer and Steven Tyner

Jennifer Tyner - October 27, 2017 at 02:02 PM

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“ Dearest Cecilia and family,

We are with you in spirit, with love deepest sympathy and great hope.

Sr. M. Francis Teresa and Sisters

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