



## Jerry Campbell Phillips

April 21, 1933 - September 8, 2020

Jerry Campbell Phillips, 87, of Graceville, Florida passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Hill View Assisted Living of natural causes.

Jerry was born in Graceville on April 21, 1933 to the late Bessie Robinson and Walter Phillips. He graduated from Poplar Springs High School in 1951 and later joined the U.S. Air Force. He served his country in Florida, Georgia, Texas, Wyoming, Illinois, and Greenland. He later worked for Gulf Life Insurance Company, Barnett Bank, and retired in 1998 as a Vice-President of The Phillips Group. He was a longtime member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

He was always a hard worker who was honest, fair, and resourceful. He was known for always doing and saying the right thing and being very generous with his time and talents. He was a wonderful cook and served many meals to his family and friends, both at home and at church. Nobody made better biscuits than he did. He loved his family and friends unconditionally. His love of the outdoors was evident in the time he spent gardening, fishing, and playing golf.

He is survived by his "Honey" of 50 years Marilinda M. Phillips; three sons Gary (Linda) Phillips of Kathleen, GA, Bruce (Pam) Thornberry of Sterling, VA, Tim (Monica) Phillips of Lynn Haven, FL, one daughter Linda T. (Wally)

Bradley of St. Augustine, FL; one sister Charlene (Ralph) Howell of Graceville, FL. He was the beloved grandfather of eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his two brothers, Charles and James Phillips.

A graveside service with military honors was held Friday, Sept. 11 at the Marvin Chapel Cemetery in Graceville with Bro. Larry Newton officiating.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hill View Assisted Living, Emerald Coast Hospice, and Dr. John Byrd for the exceptional love and care that was given to our dad and PaPa. He was dearly loved and will be missed by all of us.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in his name is asked to consider donating to Emerald Coast Hospice in Chipley, FL or Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Slocomb, AL.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

Marvin Chapel Cemetery  
1048 White Avenue  
Graceville, FL 32440

# Tribute Wall

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“ *loved Jerry as my brother, although he was my brother- in-law.  
Aleays called me "sis". he will be missed. we had some really good  
times*

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**Betty Phillips** - September 13, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“What's up Grandpa I'm sorry you had to leave this Earth so suddenly but I'll never forget when I was extremely young what it was like to shoot my first single barrel 20 gauge shotgun and I will never forget the time when I was able to stick m80 firecrackers in the aunt piles at your home I'll never forget the time that you and I spent a couple of days together when I was a child and we built modeled airplanes and helicopters I'll never forget the day you looked at me when I was a young child and you were not upset with me when I decided to drive the kittens off after giving them a bath I put them in the dryer unfortunately they did not make it you were always a man of wisdom he always had a good caring heart I also know that you were a very stern parent because of the values that you held in your life and the beliefs that you had on how to raise your children that structure that you provided for your kids those were passed down to me and I am extremely grateful for that you did everything you could to prepare your sons for the world to come my father passed down of the same gifts that you provided him what he was a child and as most people would say the knowledge being such a stern parent and having a structured life passing down all that knowledge in a very unique structure of a waysome of the world may agree with how you raise your children some may not for me as a grandchild it's nothing but a blessing I'm grateful every day to be a proud Phillips and I know because of the way you raised your son Gary I ended up turning out to be a very decent individual a very successful individual you had a lot to share with the world your legend will always live on you will always be remembered a lot of the world will miss you I will definitely miss you but I cannot thank you enough for what you have instilled into your sons for they have passed that down to their kids and I get to reap the benefits of it you will be greatly missed and I'll always think of you as a man of wisdom I remember a point in time in my life when I was a a lot older and you and I were conversing over the phone and I simply asked you while I was fishing how do you deal with old age You're simple response to me was gracefully that really impacted my life you really didn't worry too much about the negativity in the world you always lived life one step at a time I can't thank you enough

*Grandpa for the impact you had on my life you had a much a bigger impact than you could possibly imagine. One last thing The other thing that I'm extremely grateful for when it comes to you Grandpa you were really a big animal lover and because of your love for domestic pets I've grown to be a mature man and I love domestic pets as well it's made me a better man. I don't want you to miss me too much Grandpa we will soon be together in heaven I love you very much with all my heart today I'm going to have a single malt scotch and remembrance of you May the Lord continue blessing you and your family see you on the other side Grandpa Love you Jon*

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**Jon Gary Phillips** - September 13, 2020 at 04:57 PM

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*“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Mr. Jerry at Hillview for a short time. He was the sweetest man! Always a smile on his face! Prayers for his family!*

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**Laurie Braxton** - September 11, 2020 at 06:50 PM