



William "Bill" Vernell Phillips

April 11, 1925 - February 1, 2018

William Vernell Phillips passed on February 1, 2018 at the age of 92. He was tired and his body was worn out. Bill was born on April 11, 1925 at the home of his parents, George and Lennie Phillips, 1811 Idaho, Dallas, Texas. He was the youngest of six children, three brothers and three sisters. They all preceded him in passing. He grew up in the Trinity Heights neighborhood of Oak Cliff, going to school there, doing the things boys of his age and era did, with his best friend, Harold Spring. At the age of 17 he volunteered for service in the United States Marine Corps. It was 1942 and World War II was in its early years for the U.S. He was stationed at different Marine bases across the U.S. learning gunnery skills and eventually got as far in the Pacific theater as Guam. He received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps having attained the rank of corporal. He came home to Dallas and began working for his uncle's roofing business. It was while on a roof overlooking SMU that Bill decided to enroll in SMU under the GI Bill. He became the first member of the Phillips family to attend and graduate from college, receiving his BA in Science in Civil Engineering in 1951. He worked for the Texas Pacific Railroad during and after college. He went on to work for George McKee, a well known architectural and engineering firm in Dallas, George Dahl, another well known architectural and engineering firm, and the General Services Administration of the federal government, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, that became the Department of Health and Human Services. He retired in 1986 after thirty-five years in his chosen field, but he was always an engineer.

After returning from the war, Bill met the love of his life, Troyce Thelma Alexander, at the church they both attended, Trinity Heights Church of Christ. He joined the chorus in order to be near her. They married on January 11, 1947 in her home on Marsalis Avenue in Oak Cliff. They settled in their new home in Oak Cliff at 2719 Nicholson Drive in the early fifties. In 1969 they moved to DeSoto, Texas. Bill was Troyce's devoted care giver through the thirteen years that she suffered from Alzheimer's. Bill is survived by his three boys, George Phillips of Denton, Russell Phillips of Burleson, and Cary Phillips of DeSoto, his granddaughter, Dawn Phillips, three great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren. Bill was an avid outdoorsman, an artist in oils, pastels, and pencil, a conservative, and always an engineer. His journey in life is over, but he will always be with us. He is reunited with his true love, Troyce, and his loving parents, brothers, and sisters, and at rest after a life long-lived. Visitation will be held 1:00PM, Monday, February 5, 2018 at Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey, TX. A funeral service will be immediately following at 2:00PM with Rev. Beau Davis and Chaplain Shaun Davis officiating. Interment will follow at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

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“ Please accept my sincere condolence for the loss of your loved one. My the loving god of all comfort and promised hope strengthen you during this difficult time. 1 Thessalonians 4:14

February 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Phillips. May the words at John 6:40 bring comfort during this difficult time.

January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ The loss of a love one is difficult. May the precious memories you have help you cope and bring you peace. 1 Thes. 4:14 can bring you some comfort knowing that there is a future for the ones we have lost in death can be reassuring. May the God of peace be with you and your family.

January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your familys loss. During this difficult time may you be comforted by fond memories and loving words; like those found at Isaiah 57:15.

January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends and also All Mighty God promises that he is near to all those calling on him. Psalms 145: 17&18

E.R. Williams - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Cary, So sorry to hear your dad has passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today.Pat & Bill KempeKathi Kempe Grist

Kathi Kempe Grist - February 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Cary, I have many memories of going to church with the Phillips family at Trinity Heights. Your dad was always a very kind man during those years, I remember my dad thought highly of your dad. Lots of rejoicing in Heaven. Prayers for you and your brothers.Linda Blaisdell Doyle

Linda Doyle - February 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear about your dad. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Cynthia Duncan - February 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Such sweet memories we have of your family. So wonderful to see these pictures that bring back many memories. I always thought your daddy was so handsome. He was a dedicated husband. Would love to see all you boys. May all your good memories, come by to fill your emptiness.Love, Suzanne and Butch Roberts

February 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Sally Wallace Fayetteville, GA

Sally Wallace - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

gay milton - February 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM