



David Lee Phillips Sr.

August 29, 1944 - November 24, 2021

David Lee Phillips, Sr., age 77, of DeMotte, IN passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at home with his loving wife by his side.

On August 29, 1944 in Winamac, Indiana, David was born to Harold Phillips and Mary (Lones) Pottenger. He graduated from Caston High School, Fulton County, Indiana, Class of 1962. He attended Purdue University for one year before joining the U.S. Army. David is a member of the Christian Church of DeMotte and American Legion Post # 440 of DeMotte.

First Lieutenant Phillips has a distinguished and heroic wartime service record, including the award of four Bronze Stars (three with the "V" device), the Purple Heart, four Air Medals and the Army Commendation Medal with the "V" device. Following military service, he served American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) for 27 years, culminating his distinguished career as Lead Engineer directly supervising the development of testing methods for the conversion of the AT&T network from analog wiring to the digital fiber optic system that powers modern communications. He is a Professional-level Softball Umpire and officiated at the Indiana State High School Softball Championship in 2007. He is a volunteer Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) counselor of Viet Nam War Veterans. He has been married to wife Cheryl for 53 years and is the father of six children, grandfather of 10, and great-grandfather of one.

David is survived by his wife, Cheryl Phillips of DeMotte, IN; children: Tammy (Matt) Long of Elkhart, IN; Teri West of Greenwood, IN; Dawna Montgomery of Lakeland, FL; Ginger (Christian) O'Rourke of Herndon, VA; David (Susan) Phillips II of DeMotte, IN; Mark (Jenna) Phillips of Westville, IN; 10 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter; sister: Linda Westhusin; half-sister, Katina (David) Levering; step-brother, Jim Gates; and cousin, Richard Strong.

He is preceded in death by his parents and half-brother, Robin Gates.

Friends and family may visit at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 2:00 until 8:00 PM. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:30 AM at Jackson Funeral Service with Pastor Derald Ailes officiating. Interment will be at a later date at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to DeMotte American Legion Post #440, PO Box 333 DeMotte, IN 46310.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
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Funeral Service

DEC 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ Penny Armstrong lit a candle in memory of David Lee Phillips Sr.



Penny armstrong - December 05, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Phillips Sr..



December 03, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JM

“ May Gods love comfort you at this time of your loss no words can let you know how much his service to our country means Will not be coming to pay our resoects do the covid

John & Sue Musselman - December 03, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of David Lee Phillips Sr..



December 02, 2021 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ So sorry to learn of David’s passing. We were classmates in the 1962 graduating class at North Caston. David was an excellent student and I enjoyed sharing our Senior year together. My condolences.

*From San Diego, CA,
Lon Showley*

Lon D. Showley - December 01, 2021 at 11:47 PM

CP

“ I met Favid when I was 16. 53 years of marriage and dared for 2 years. I never imagined life without him



cheryl Phillips - November 30, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Pat Schaefer Hilton lit a candle in memory of David Lee Phillips Sr.



Pat Schaefer Hilton - November 30, 2021 at 07:19 PM

LF

“ Linda Westhusin, Tony & family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of David Lee Phillips Sr..



Linda Westhusin, Tony & family - November 30, 2021 at 05:37 PM

JL

“ *It was my pleasure to work with Dave on several softball assignments. He was the professional that anyone would hope to be. His assignment to the state finals was well deserved and he represented his profession in the highest degree. His leadership will be missed. A super gentleman doing a super job.*

Jim Lough
LCAOA

jim Lough - November 30, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Phillips Sr..*



November 30, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Phillips Sr..*



November 30, 2021 at 08:51 AM

MP

“ *I will love you forever sweetheart. I'm missing you and it's the hardest thing ever saying goodbye but I will say see you again . We had it all. You gave me the best life and the love that was as amazing as you. I'm so proud to be your wife. Love like ours only happens once In a lifetime and I will carry that love in my heart for the rest of my life until we meet again and I give it back to you.*

Mrs David Phillips - November 30, 2021 at 12:53 AM

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An Officer of rare courage in combat, a patriot, and a thoughtful and caring contributor to the healing of his brothers in arms, Dave Phillips was one of the very finest men I have ever known. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Colonel (R) Terry Thrall

TERRY THRALL - December 03, 2021 at 10:37 AM