



Mr. Robert M. "Bob" Phillips

January 26, 1936 - February 16, 2019

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. Psalms 103:13.
PHILLIPS, Robert Marion, passed away on February 16, 2019. The son of
Trumon and Bettie Phillips, and the youngest of eight brothers and sisters, he
was born on his family's farm in Starke County, Illinois. He was the first of his
brothers and sisters to obtain a degree, graduating from the University of
Illinois with both undergraduate and masters degrees. While at the University
of Illinois, he met the love of his life, his wife Jean, who passed on 2003 with
him by her side. They had been married more than four decades and both
regretted not being able to celebrate 50 years together; although they
certainly are celebrating together now. He worked in sales for Stauffer
Chemical Company and its successors until he finally pursued his love of
photography as a career. Together, he and his wife Jean, ran Phillips
Photography in Alpharetta, Georgia. Over the years, he photographed
hundreds of families, dozens of weddings, and thousands of individuals; and
in each and every interaction with them, he embodies the grace and kindness
of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – as he did his entire life. He was a
Sunday School teacher for many years at First United Methodist Church in
Brandon, Florida and provided a shining example of Christ's kindness,
gentleness, and love in the Churches he attended thereafter. He was a patient
and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His life, and his
death, fulfills the scripture "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy

victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55. Robert is survived by his children Debbie Meadows, Connie Gerbasi, and Paul Phillips, along with their spouses, Mark Meadows, Chris Gerbasi and Michelle Phillips; beloved grandchildren, Annalise Gendron, Aaron Gerbasi, Ashlyn delValle, Blake Meadows, Haley Meadows, Tristan Phillips and Tatum Phillips, along with their spouses, Robert Gendron, Libby Gerbasi and A.J. delValle and Phoebe Meadows; and treasured great-grandchildren Truth, Davis and Pierce Gendron, Nora Gerbasi, Autumn Meadows, William delValle, and George Gerbasi. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, February 24 at 4:00 PM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 PM. Interment at Toulon Cemetery, Toulon, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Samaritans Purse at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org> Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com

Notes Bob had recently written

"We tend to complicate life but it is simpler than we realize. We just build on the fundamentals. For the Christian, that is to know Christ, love Christ and to live for Christ by sharing Him with others.

God doesn't evaluate by accomplishments and success but our faithfulness. Death is never premature. God's time is set and will occur in His time. There are no mistakes in God's plan. Death is necessary to enter heaven. We leave the insecurities of this world to enter the everlasting security of His heaven. "

By Bob Phillips

Cemetery Details

Toulon Cemetery

Toulon, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert M. "Bob" Phillips



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 22, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert M. "Bob" Phillips.



February 22, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert M. "Bob" Phillips.



February 22, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 22, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ *Aubrey O. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Robert M. "Bob" Phillips.*



Aubrey O. - February 21, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert M. "Bob" Phillips.*



February 20, 2019 at 07:41 PM

GM

“ *Fond memories of Bob & Jean & their family beginning with the Palm Sunday that they & we joined The 1st United Methodist Church of Brandon as well as Debbie, Connie, & our daughter Barbara being baptized by Rev. Cox in the little white church in 1962. We're sorry for your loss--but what a gain for Heaven! With sincere sympathy, Bob & Gayle Mahoney*

Gayle Mahoney - February 20, 2019 at 09:25 AM

CB

“ *The last w talked was Jan 26th. He said yes you have food memory, today I my B Day. We talked about playing monopoly, canasta, car from, and yes watching wrestling. many memories, cousin. RIP I'LL SEE you on the other side.*

Carl J Bland

Carl J Bland - February 19, 2019 at 07:12 PM

JW

First met Bob in 1974, both working at Stauffer Chemical Co in Tampa. Last time I saw him was in 2017. Same Bob; caring, considerate, and honest. One of the truly good guys. RIP Bob.

J. Noel Wagner

J Noel Wagner - February 24, 2019 at 09:18 AM