



David W. Phillips

April 1, 1947 - June 19, 2024

The world lost a true community hero and beloved family man on June 19th, as David Phillips passed away peacefully at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Phillips, children; Joshua Phillips, Jacquelyn (Kenny) Polk, Elizabeth Phillips, and Mimi Phillips, Grandchildren; Alexis Polk, Andrea Polk, Peyton Polk, and Levi Polk, Sister in law Nancy Spencer, Brother in law Byron (Catherine) Peavy, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; Warren and Margaret Phillips, and brother Raymond Phillips.

David's impact on those around him was immeasurable. His infectious smile and sense of humor brought joy to all who knew him. His sharp intellect and unwavering generosity endeared him to countless individuals throughout his time here.

David was born on April 1, 1947, in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Warren and Margaret Phillips. David began his journey with his older brother, Ray Phillips, a Georgia boy who loved football, Boy Scouts, and eating at The Varsity.

He began working at the age of 14, graduated Avondale High School in 1965, served in the United States Army, and worked his way through college to earn a B.A. in Education, and a Masters in Psychology from West Georgia University, and a Doctorate of Law from Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta, Ga. He was a proud member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

David was a music enthusiast and enjoyed telling stories about all the legends he saw in concert including The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, and Elton John.

His four children were the highlight of his life, and you would often find David and Wanda immersed in all their sports and activities. He became a leader in their home church youth programs throughout the years, where he created safe spaces and lasting memories for so many. Camping trips, Awana Olympics and Grand Prix, ski trips, and more. He made sure every child felt included and loved.

David was the happiest at the ball fields with his kids. His passion for sports and empowering youth led to his time serving as the President of Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball, and then founding the Altamonte Girls Fastpitch Softball League where he served as President, Coach, and mentor for over 18 years. His commitment continued on with his children to Lake Brantley High School where he served as a dedicated booster club member, and fan, all while balancing his professional role as CEO of IAS Financial - which he served as until his passing.

It is no wonder that he was honored as the Altamonte Springs Volunteer of the Year, and the city declared an official "David Phillips Day" on March 1st, to commemorate his tireless service to his community and youth sports.

David was a beloved husband, father, Papa, Coach, mentor, and friend. In remembering David, we celebrate a life lived with laughter, strength, and an unyielding commitment to family and community. He will be deeply missed, but forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He leaves behind a rich legacy.

A funeral to celebrate David's extraordinary life is scheduled for Friday, June 28th, 2024, at 11:30 am, with a reception and fellowship to follow. Location: Henry Chapel at First Baptist Church of Orlando 3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32805.

Condolences may be sent to DeGusipe Funeral Home - Address: 9001 Orlando Ave. Orlando, FL 32751. Or, donations in the name of David Phillips to the Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball League - Address: 846 Baybreeze Lane, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 or PayPal: Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball, Inc.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Orlando- Henry Chapel
3000 S. John Young Parkway
Orlando, FL 32805

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday David. You are missed.* ”



lulu ferguson cauthorn - April 01, 2025 at 10:30 PM

LC

“ *So sad for your loss. He was a friend of mine at West Georgia College. He always was happy and kind. I haven't seen him since college but I will miss him knowing I will never see him again.* ”

Lulu Ferguson Cauthorn - February 11, 2025 at 11:27 PM

TF

“ *Toronto Ten Partners and Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David W. Phillips.* ”



Toronto Ten Partners and Families - June 27, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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“ *Toronto Ten Partners and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David W. Phillips.* ”

Toronto Ten Partners and Families - June 27, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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“ Met Dave in 2001. Softball was the connection of course. We instantly gravitated towards a lasting friendship as we both shared a zany sense of humor. We attempted many sports related events together and entertained each other poking fun at the things and people around us.

His life advise, financial advise, and friendship was priceless and because of him mine, Olivia and Dylan's life would not have been the same without him. So long good friend, my heart is heavy but my soul will always carry the craziness we experienced together.
Zachary Fleming

zachary Fleming - June 27, 2024 at 01:14 PM

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“ Debi and Mike Youngblood purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David W. Phillips.



Debi and Mike Youngblood - June 27, 2024 at 10:35 AM

KM

“ I was fortunate to have known David as a neighbor and friend for many years, he was a wonderful human being, he will be missed by all he knew him. My sincere condolences to his family. KM

Kym Middleton - June 26, 2024 at 06:15 PM



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



June 26, 2024 at 05:12 PM