



Thomas Bernard Phillips III

February 27, 1960 - February 9, 2016

Thomas Bernard Phillips

Born Feb 27 1960 in Greenville SC

Passed away Feb. 9 2016 at his home in Osteen FL

He is survived by: Mother Jan Verhaeghe, Sister Laurie Saunders, (Brent Saunders), Brother David Phillips, Brother Erik Verhaeghe, Brother Karl Verhaeghe and his ever faithful companion, "Bailey Dog".

Tom grew up in Anderson SC and moved to Orlando in 1986

He Started Philco Construction there in 1990 where he won numerous awards for his commercial building projects.

Tom was a master fisherman and boatswain. He loved people, the ocean, sailing, and anything fast. He could work harder than any man, cook better than any woman and play with more zeal than anyone. He loved hiking in the mountains and fishing anywhere he could drop a line. If you remember the best day of your life, Tom was probably standing next to you.

Memorial to be held at a later date. Interested parties should email brents@cfl.rr.com with subject "Tom".

In lieu of flowers, please donate to:

City of Life Foundation
PO Box 940430
Maitland, FL 32794.

or

Coastal Conservation Association of Florida
<http://www.ccaflorida.org/donate-to-cca-fl>

Tribute Wall

Janet
Deason
Saunders

“ Laurie, Jan and David,
One of the greatest adventures of my and Ted's life was with Tom,
and probably would not have happened had he not been there, as
the first mate bareboating in the West Indies. His generous heart
and spirit is a loss to all too soon.
Janet

Janet Deason Saunders - February 23, 2016 at 08:54 PM

PC

“ Pam Carman lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Bernard Phillips III



Pam Carman - February 23, 2016 at 10:46 AM

PC

Tom was a great gentlemen and friend - he will be greatly missed. Our
thoughts and prayer go out to his family.

Pam Carman - February 23, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jim Bartoe - February 22, 2016 at 04:50 PM

S"

“ Tom (always, "Tommy" to me) was a childhood friend and a lifetime friend. The memories of growing up in South Carolina with Tommy, his sister, Laurie (my heart sister) and his brother, David, have and will remain loving treasures.

Tommy remained true to himself, never swaying from his enthusiasm of living and loving life and the people who passed through it. Although many years passed between visits with him, Tommy's spirit was always present in my life.

I express my heartfelt condolences to his family and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Tommy, my friend, you will be sorely missed.

Sally "Sarina:" - February 21, 2016 at 12:01 PM

CH

“ Charlotte lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bernard Phillips III



Charlotte - February 19, 2016 at 03:07 PM

CH

“ There are not enough words to describe the sense of loss and sadness I feel at the passing of my dear friend... There are also not enough words to express how much I love Tom and how much I valued him being in my life. We had a great journey together over the years and one of the best kinds of friendship...like family. I love Tom - and Tom loved me - and we both said it enough to KNOW it - which I am so grateful for. Tell the people you love how you feel about them...it matters.

I had some of the BEST times of my life on adventures with Tom...great memories and even better stories! (Nathan - I know ALL about that book! Talked about it many times!)
I know the sadness will slowly diminish and the great memories of a great man who loved life will sustain us all.

Tom...my wish for you is that you're at peace and feel our love. May the sun be shinin' and the fish bitin'. Love u forever my friend. cb

Charlotte - February 19, 2016 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ Tom, the best friend to many. You will be so missed.

Jim Bartoe

Jim Bartoe - February 18, 2016 at 12:31 PM

CH

“ Tom was such a bright light, full of boundless energy and joy!

I remember the first time I met him...I was at a reception and he walked over to me and said "Hi, I'm Tom"...and proceeded to give me a hug. That was Tom...friendly, encouraging and always on to the next adventure.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Carol Hull - February 17, 2016 at 10:06 AM

AN

“ Tom will be missed. He is gregarious personality, his patience with a myriad of questions and his kindness will be remembered fondly. Our thought and prayers go out to his family. With love, Ann

Ann - February 17, 2016 at 09:11 AM

NH

“ I remember the first time I met Tom, but can't tell you how many times I have told the story. I knew instantly that this is the guy that I wanted to work for. Over the years, Tom turned from being my boss to becoming a mentor, a best friend, and someone that played an unmeasurable part in moulding me in to who I am today.

He is one of those friends that you don't speak to every day or every week, but when you do, you just pick up right from where you were the last time as if it were just the day before. He is that friend that is always there, always in your corner, and would back you even if you were wrong. He is the kind of friend that other friends are judged.

Tom and I laughed frequently about the book I always told him I was going to write...The title being, "The Life of Tom Phillips – You Won't Believe This Shit (but it is all true)". Those of you that know Tom well, know that this book would be a hit. Don't worry though, we weren't going to use your real name. ;)

Tom loved me, and I loved him back. Until we meet again. Gone Fishin'.

Nathan Hegert - February 16, 2016 at 09:41 PM

BS

“ Go on to the sea once more my brother
For where else would you be.
But riding the waves, and tasting the brine.
Out there, on the Heavenly Sea.

Brent

Brent Saunders - February 16, 2016 at 09:35 AM

NA

“ *Dear Family,
We were shocked and saddened to hear of Tommy's untimely death. I have fond childhood memories of you all. Tommy was born on my birthday. Know that the South Carolina Phillips are thinking about you.
Nancy Phillips*

Nancy - February 16, 2016 at 08:08 AM

BC

*So saddened to hear of "little Tommy's" death. I know it is a shock to us all. You all are in my thoughts.
Becky PHILLIPS Clement*

becky phillips clement - February 16, 2016 at 08:55 AM

ZA

“ *I was sad to hear of Tom's passing. He was great to work with and I will miss his easy spirit and great attitude. I wish all the best to his family and friends and know he will rest in peace. Thanks for everything Tom!*

Zach - February 15, 2016 at 03:26 PM

JF

“ *I was so saddened to hear this news. Tom was such a nice guy. He was a work hard play hard man and he loved to tell about his adventures - and he had many! Knowing Tom the brief time that I knew him, he had a lot to say about his family and friends. I know he loved them dearly, especially his Mom and his sister. I know he will be greatly missed. RIP Tom.*

Jennifer Flinchum - February 15, 2016 at 01:15 PM

PB

“ Tom cared - he cared about his community - he cared about those who needed a hand up, and went out of his way to extend that hand.

He cared about foster care youth who through no fault of their own we're in harms way. He was a consistent and willing participant with the City of Life Foundation in an effort to leverage existing community resources to make a positive difference in their lives. He will be missed.

Patrick Buffa - February 14, 2016 at 05:25 PM

MK

There are so many memories and we are so lucky to have had him as part of our lives.

Marlene & Steven Kearns - February 19, 2016 at 04:10 PM