



## Russell Barry Phillips

June 8, 1950 - April 5, 2013

Russell Barry Phillips of Long Neck, DE, died suddenly Friday April 5, 2013, at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford, DE. He was 62.

Born on June 8, 1950, in Milford, DE, he is the son of Thelma Whaley and the late Rev. Roy B. Phillips. Russell grew up on the Eastern Shore primarily on Kent Island. He was a graduate of Queen Anne's County High School Class of 1968. He then attended Wesley College in Dover, DE. After college, Russell was hired as a ghost writer with the Republican National Committee with fundraising in Washington, DC. After two years of service, he would begin a career in sales most notably with Shawnee Homes as regional sales director and most recently as an independent contractor with Legal Shield. He was a devoted family man who was a gifted pianist who enjoyed fishing & watching sports. He was a member of Harmony United Methodist Church where he was a lay speaker and a keyboardist with the Precious Memories Gospel Band.

In addition to many extended family and friends he is survived by his wife, Barbara Redden Phillips of Long Neck, DE; his mother, Thelma W. Phillips of Chester, MD; daughter, Melanie Steed and her husband Robbie of TX; son, Bryan Webb and his wife Cassandra of NC; brother, Jeffery C. Phillips and his wife Teri of Cambridge, MD; two grandchildren, Alexa and Blake Steed; two nieces, Rachel and Jessica Phillips; nephew Joseph Phillips; three great nieces and nephews, Bradley, Taylor & Brandon. He was predeceased by

brother, Byron Keith Phillips, and nephew, Bryon Keith Phillips, Jr.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. on Wednesday April 10, 2013, at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester where family and friends may visit on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Kent Island United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 308, Chester, MD 21619 or Conley's United Methodist Church, 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, Delaware 19958.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Barry Phillips*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 18, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ *Russell Barry Phillips*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



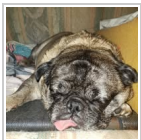
“ *Russell Barry Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Russell Barry Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Words cannot express the sorrow we feel. Our condolences go out to his entire family. He was a wonderful man and will truly be missed.*



Jeanette Taft Upright - April 13, 2013 at 10:32 AM

MT

“ I am so sorry and shocked to hear of the loss of Russell. Watching the video brought back many childhood memories of the Phillips family for me. Extending love, prayers and Deepest Sympathy to Miss Thelma, Jeff, and all of Russell's family at this sad time.

*Missy (Lewis) Thorson*

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**Missy Thorson** - April 10, 2013 at 06:34 PM



PR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Russell. He always had a smile and a big hug. He will really be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Penny and Jim Reynolds*

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**Penny Reynolds** - April 10, 2013 at 03:45 PM



DT

“ Debbie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips

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**Debbie Thomas** - April 10, 2013 at 01:52 PM



BH

“ *Barbara and family; We are so sorry for your loss. You have our heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you.*

*Betty and Bo Hayman*

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**Betty Hayman** - April 09, 2013 at 07:28 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Willis lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips*



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**Sheila Willis** - April 09, 2013 at 11:19 AM

WB

“ *Barbara and Miss Thelma: When I read Rachael's post on FB, I had to read and reread to see if I was missing something. But it was true we lost our friend. So enjoyed catching up with Russell at the dealership waiting for my car. A lot can be said for a chance meeting with an old friend. Got to learn much about his family and life I would have never known. We'll miss you Russell, but you're headed to your real home! God bless all he left behind. He is already blessed!*

*Holly and Wheeler*

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**Wheeler and Holly Baker** - April 09, 2013 at 07:47 AM



“ *GOD bless and LegalShield will not be the same without Russell.*



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**Renaldo Epps** - April 08, 2013 at 05:35 PM

BH

“ *We are so shocked and saddened to hear of Russell's passing. I used to have a lot of laughs with him when we worked together at least 40 years ago at Kentmorr Marina painting boats. I hadn't seen him in many many years, but was fortunate enough to run into him in January and we reminisced about the old days. We are very sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of Russell and will never forget him.*

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**Bo and Peggy Hall** - April 08, 2013 at 05:34 PM

LH

“ *Russ was not an easily forgotten man. He spread joy and knidness, stood strong, like the mighty oak in many situations, and supported his family always. His wit and compassion for others endeared him to us all and we rejoice that Heaven now has a true gospel singing angel to praise God. Doug and Lila Holmes*

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**Lila Holmes** - April 08, 2013 at 01:59 PM

BC

“ *So sorry to hear of Russell's death. Will miss our '68 classmate.*



*Becky and Wally Chance*

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**Becky Chance** - April 08, 2013 at 12:15 PM

MS

“ Russell and I worked together and spoke to each other every day for the last 4-5 years. We traveled the country and broke bread together. His warm smile and easy manner made him a joy to be with. Everywhere we went he knew someone who new someone and it was easy for him to make a stranger feel at ease, at home in his company. He will be dearly missed.



*Mike & Betsy Schwartz*

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**Mike Schwartz** - April 08, 2013 at 09:21 AM

JT

“ Jen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



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**Jen Thomas** - April 08, 2013 at 08:53 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



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**Doug Pierson** - April 08, 2013 at 08:07 AM

EP

“ *Elmer Parkerson lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips*



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**Elmer Parkerson** - April 08, 2013 at 08:05 AM

LP

“ *To the Phillips Family: What a shock when we read the Helfenbien Obituaries. Russell will surely be missed and a friend to many. I have known him for a long, long time and he was like a brother, when we all were growing up. Our hearts and prayers are with the entire family at this time. God will give you the strength and love to face each new day. We are away until May and so, so sorry we are going to miss the service. We will be thinking about you and blessings to all. Russell will be missed by many and I was so glad to have him as a great friend. God Bless, Lynda and Gene Palmatary, Centreville.*



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**Lynda Palmatary** - April 07, 2013 at 09:16 PM

PE

“ *To the entire Phillips family- Be strong. Have faith. Peace will come to you. Everyone will miss Russell and his wonderful bear hugs. Throughout the years, we did not see each other very much. But when we did , it was like yesterday back in the 70's. His smile and laughter were often contagious. Recently, I had a chance to tell him, after I heard him "preach" that his Dad would be very proud of him. Now Rev. Phillips can tell him. Peace to each of you...Pam Clark Edwards*

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**Pam Edwards** - April 07, 2013 at 05:40 PM

HT

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Russell's family. He was such an outgoing person.

*We got to know him when his dad pastored Grace UMC in Cambridge.*

*Hubert & Starr Trego*

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**Hubert & Starr Trego** - April 07, 2013 at 01:43 PM

AS

“ Andy And Kim Self lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



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**Andy and Kim Self** - April 07, 2013 at 01:02 PM

CP

“ Cathy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



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**Cathy Phillips** - April 07, 2013 at 12:23 PM

CP

*Rest in peace Russ, tell Keith how much I miss him for me.*

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**Cathy Phillips** - April 07, 2013 at 12:26 PM

NH

“ *Phillips Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My brothers and I grew up in Stevensville and when Rev. Phillips arrived at the Stevensville United Methodist Church, he introduced his family, new kids in town we have to test them. We all became friends, my brother Bradley and Barry graduated together at the new Comprehensive High School (QCHS) And, what a great honor, his Dad married Bill and Nancie Hall. Barry's Mom and his entire family are in our Prays.*

Nancie Lewis Hall - April 07, 2013 at 11:58 AM

NH

“ *Nancie Lewis Hall lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips*



Nancie Lewis Hall - April 07, 2013 at 11:44 AM



“ *Joyce Sokal lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips*



Joyce Sokal - April 07, 2013 at 11:35 AM



“ *Donna Ballinger lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips*



Donna Ballinger - April 07, 2013 at 08:18 AM

PK

“ Love you Mr. Russ you will seriously be missed, your advice will be remebered, as well as the good times that were had. You were there when my head was spinning in no particular direction and continously believed in me. I love you. My wife and I are eternally grateful you played the piano for our wedding it meant the world. Rest in heaven my man. Love Patrick, Veronica, Sierra, O'rain Kelly.



Patrick Kelly - April 06, 2013 at 10:33 PM

BK

“ Becky Kelly lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



Becky Kelly - April 06, 2013 at 09:56 PM

BK

*I will always remember you - Russ - and the way you could play a piano, the way you could make people laugh and smile, and the way you always seemed to know people no matter where in the country you traveled. You are a freind, you are family, and you will always be my brother in Christ.*

Becky Kelly - April 06, 2013 at 10:00 PM

JO

“ Joseph lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



Joseph - April 06, 2013 at 08:57 PM

RT

“ Rachel Phillips, Joe, Bradley & Taylor lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



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Rachel Phillips, Joe, Bradley & Taylor - April 06, 2013 at 08:40 PM

PD

“ Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of Russell Barry Phillips



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Peggy Dashiell - April 06, 2013 at 07:24 PM