



Thelma Whaley Phillips

November 9, 1928 - May 24, 2016

Thelma Whaley Phillips of Chester, MD, passed away on May 24, 2016, at the Heartland House in Grasonville. She was 87.

Born November 9, 1928, in Laurel, DE, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Henry and Elizabeth Ellen Collins Whaley. She graduated with the Class of 1946 from Laurel High School. On August 6, 1947, she married Roy Benjamin Phillips of Gumboro, DE. Mrs. Phillips helped her husband during his career as United Methodist minister. Their charges were on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware.

After her children were raised, she worked in Annapolis at the Maryland State Board of Funeral Directors. She was a school substitute for Queen Anne's County Schools system, and did proofreading for the State of Maryland Code Revision Department. Mrs. Phillips was a member of the Kent Island United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey Craig Phillips of Chester, MD; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy Benjamin Phillips; two sons, Byron Keith Phillips and Russell Barry Phillips; a grandson, Byron Keith Phillips, Jr.; a sister, Margaret Boyce and her brothers, Kenneth Collins Whaley, Clarence Whaley, and Monroe Whaley.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016, from 4-6 p.m. at Kent Island United Methodist Church and services on Tuesday, May 31, at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be private in Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Rd, Chester, MD 21619 or to Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 27, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ *Thelma Whaley Phillips*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thelma Whaley Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thelma Whaley Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sorry I cannot be with you. My thoughts and prayers are though.
Love, Dana Lee*

Dana Lee Pommell - May 31, 2016 at 08:45 PM



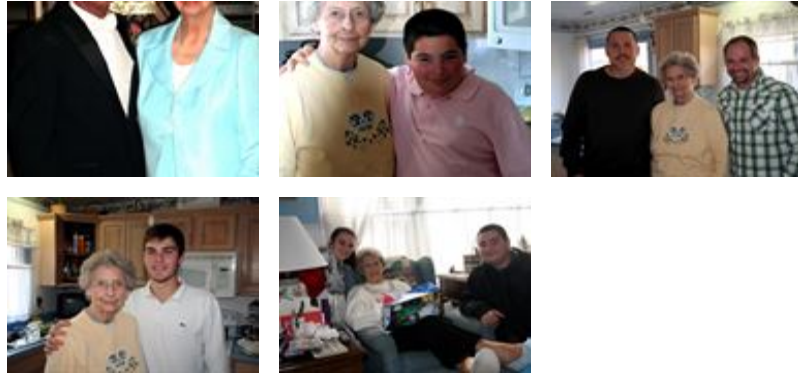
“ *Joan Gray lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips* ”



joan Gray - May 30, 2016 at 04:44 PM



“ *21 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 30, 2016 at 10:52 AM

DD

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Mrs. Thelma and Rev. Roy were our good neighbors when we married and bought our first home in Chester. Over the last several years we had many great visits with Thelma. It was always clear to us that she truly loved and appreciated her family and that she was so very proud of all of you. We will always remember Thelma for her wit and forthrightness. That and she was a great cook-truly the best chicken pot pie on Delmarva.

We were fortunate enough to had a lovely visit with her on the Tuesday she passed. She was very present and reflective as we visited. She told me she was sorry to hear of my grandmothers passing and she smiled and complimented the girls on their recital of the Lord Prayer. When we left Iris said I love you and Thelma told Iris that she loved her too.

Hers was a good and blessed life and even through the tough times she had a dignity few possess. The joy that she brought to all of us will live on in her memory and though you. She will be missed dearly. May your faith guide you and comfort you in your loss. God bless you and your family.

Donise, Gregory, Violet & Iris Dukes

donise dukes - May 29, 2016 at 10:05 PM

LW

“ I’m so sorry for your lost. I would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. Please find comfort in the promise of an earthly paradise and the promise of no longer morning the death of a loved one (Revelations 21:3,4).

L. Walker - May 27, 2016 at 08:12 PM

SP

“ *Sordy Pippin lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Sordy Pippin - May 27, 2016 at 06:48 PM

BC

“ *I know you are resting peacefully in the arms of the Lord I am so glad that I got to know you I will miss you*



Bonnie Coleman - May 26, 2016 at 06:06 PM

SM

“ *Dear Family,*

Sorry about your loss. Thelma went to school with my our Mom and our Dad knew Roy when Dad was Conference Lay Leader. She was so talented , could play the piano and just had a terrific laugh and humor. I remember her laughing and stating that she was not the typical ministers wife. I know you will miss her but her memory will live forever in your hearts. May the peace of Jesus comfort you during this time and through out your grieving process. Our prayers are with you.

Susan Mason and Sally Evans Smithfield, Virginia formally of Seaford, Delaware, Twin Daughters of Helen H. Mason and Howard J. Mason

Susan J. Mason - May 26, 2016 at 05:16 PM

JF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May it help you to know that the hearts of others are deeply touched by your loss. Take comfort in knowing that every single tear that fall from our eyes, does not escape our loving Heavenly Father 's notice. He is aware of our pain and promised to end all suffering soon.
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - May 26, 2016 at 01:24 PM

BJ

“ On behalf of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, please accept our deepest condolences. May God’s promise of eternal life bring you hope and may God’s peace surround you in the days and weeks to come. *Bishop Peggy A. Johnson*

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson - May 26, 2016 at 12:38 PM

OC

“ To The Family: I was very proud to have known Thelma as a very dear friend all these years. She was a sheer delight to be with having our usual conversations and laughter. These last years have been very difficult for her and her family. But, her never ending faith, hope and love has endured forever. Blessings to all. *Ruth Legg & Family*

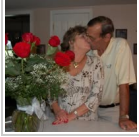
Olivia Clark - May 26, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma Whaley Phillips.



May 26, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ *Janeen Jewell lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Janeen Jewell - May 26, 2016 at 08:27 AM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Kim Honeycutt - May 26, 2016 at 07:15 AM

PD

“ *Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Peggy Dashiell - May 26, 2016 at 04:09 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in
memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 25, 2016 at 09:26 PM

GP

To the family: What a wonderful lady that has left us. She surely loved her family and friends. She and I took exercise classes many, many years ago in Annapolis. When we would finish each session to come home, she wanted to know where we were stopping for ice cream. She was a mess and we had many laughs. She has surely gone to heaven and was welcomed by her husband and sons. Ms. Thelma you were one special lady and so glad you were in my life. RIP my dear friend. Love you, Lynda H. Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 25, 2016 at 09:29 PM

CK

“ Sorry for your loss.



Cindy Strauss & Dave Griffin, Abby & Kk - May 25, 2016 at 09:23 PM

KL

“ Karen And Teddy Legg lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips



Karen and Teddy Legg - May 25, 2016 at 08:42 PM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips



Bob & Sheila Willis - May 25, 2016 at 08:25 PM

SA

“ *Stephany Allendorf lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Stephany Allendorf - May 25, 2016 at 08:21 PM

HW

Thelma was a good friend, an excellent neighbor and she will be missed. We shared many laughs as we gathered at her house for our morning coffee. Helen Wallace

Helen C Wallace - May 26, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ *Heaven gained another beautiful Angel.
Mrs. Thelma will certainly be missed....*

Nan & Shirley Severa



Nan Severa - May 25, 2016 at 08:09 PM

Erica Knapp

“ *Erica Knapp lit a candle in memory of Thelma
Whaley Phillips*



Erica Knapp - May 25, 2016 at 08:09 PM

DD

“ *Diane Hoxter Dianehoexter@yahoo.com Diane lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Diane Hoxter dianehoexter@yahoo.com diane - May 25, 2016 at 07:56 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Goodman lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Cindy Goodman - May 25, 2016 at 07:49 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Goodman lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Cindy Goodman - May 25, 2016 at 07:49 PM

PE

“ *Miss Thelma was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. Her strength and her faith helped her face so many obstacles. She now is an angel and will continue to look after her family, Sympathy to her family. Jeff- stay strong and trust the Lord. Pam*

Pam Clark Edwards - May 25, 2016 at 07:48 PM

MT

“ *Melissa Jones Tucker lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Melissa Jones Tucker - May 25, 2016 at 07:44 PM

LG

“ *Lynne Buckel Gipe lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Lynne Buckel Gipe - May 25, 2016 at 07:24 PM

LG

Mrs. Thelma brought much loving comfort to friends and family through generous gifts of delicious meals and desserts.

Lynne Buckel Gipe - May 25, 2016 at 07:27 PM

RA

“ *Rachel lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Rachel - May 25, 2016 at 06:42 PM

RA

Love you MomMom, keep all those men straight up there. Everybody knows if anybody can do it, it's you! Life will never be the same without you here but we will do our best to keep things straight!

Rachel - May 25, 2016 at 08:48 PM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



David and June Clark - May 25, 2016 at 05:07 PM

DC

*Jeff and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a very special lady.
David and June*

David and June Clark - May 25, 2016 at 05:08 PM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Thelma Whaley Phillips*



Susan - May 25, 2016 at 03:53 PM

SU

Love sent your way Mom

Susan - May 25, 2016 at 03:55 PM

PS

Miss Thelma has been a part of our family for many, many years.. a true friend to my Mom.. she will be missed but when God takes a loved one home, he leaves us with a gift of wonderful memories. Yes, God has gained another angel to look after her heavenly family.

Phyllis Sherbert - May 29, 2016 at 06:09 PM