



## William Edward Phillips

October 10, 1929 - April 14, 2018

William Edward Phillips of Bozman, MD, passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at Bayleigh Chase Assisted Living in Easton, MD. He was 88.

He was born in Berwyn Heights, MD, to George S. Phillips and Alice Maude Brown on October 7, 1929. William was drafted into the United States Army and served in The Korean War. On September 1, 1951, he married Geraldine C. Wesley at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Laurel, MD. They made their home of forty years in Lanham, MD. He was a landscape supervisor for the National Park Service, after retiring William and Geraldine moved to Bozman in 1995. He was the founder and President of Custom Lawn Service Inc., from 1959 to present.

William was a lifetime member of the Phillips-Kleiner VFW Post 5627, the Loyal Order of Moose in Glen Burnie MD, Elks Lodge in Annapolis, MD, and an active member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton, MD.

He is survived by his wife, of sixty-six years, Geraldine; a son, William E. Phillips II (Penny) of Centreville, MD; a daughter, Cecilia Marie Maenner (Robert) of Mitchellville, MD; twelve grandchildren; and twenty great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, William was predeceased by sisters, Elizabeth

Gleason and Alice Catalono; and brothers, Paul, Stephen, Robert, Irvin, and Stanley Phillips.

Friends may call on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 5-7pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home PA, 200 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD. A Funeral Liturgy will be held Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 11 am, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 Washington St, in Easton. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Cordova, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Cordova, MD

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Funeral Liturgy

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
1210 South Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Edward Phillips*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Edward Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Edward Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Uncle Bill you where one of kind an inspiration to a lot of people your laugh your smile your love for your family and friends your need to fish and hunt and oh my the stories and b/s you told us back then Debbie and I feel very blessed being able to see you and aunt Gerry in October we had a great time on the eastern shore seeing you hearing your voice brought back so many great memories You have made Wonderfull mark in the world and you have been blessed with a great big loving family we will love you in our heart for ever I know you would want it this way so I am going out to cut my grass Love MIKE Klinger*

michael klinger - April 22, 2018 at 05:02 PM

SK

“ Uncle Bill was the best. He gave me my first job. I was 13 and I had to ask him for a year before he hired me. He was one of a kind and someone that I always looked up to growing up. I only wish that I lived closer. Someone special that I will surely miss. I'll always remember his wit, his smile and laughter and how much he meant to me personally and to the Klinger kids.

I know his loss will be so hard on the entire Phillips family, Aunt Gerry, Little Bill and Cookie their children and grandchildren but remember that we are all praying for you. Uncle Bill lived life to the fullest and that's how I will always remember him. God's Speed Uncle Billy.

Steve Klinger

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Steve Klinger - April 19, 2018 at 02:35 PM

LT

“ Dearest Aunt Gerry, Marie and Bill. On behalf of the Klinger cousins I send our deepest condolences on the loss of Uncle Bill. He was one of a kind and although we hadn't seen him in years due to the distance between us, we all hold fond memories of him. We pray that each day brings you closer to peace. Heaven has another angel and I'm sure our mom and dad were waiting to greet Uncle Bill at Heaven's gates.

Love,

Lisa Klinger-Thompson (Joe, Steve, Mike and Chris Klinger)

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Lisa Thompson - April 19, 2018 at 01:41 PM

LF

“ Love, Mary Lagana and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Edward Phillips.



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Love, Mary Lagana and family - April 19, 2018 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ How can I say goodbye to this amazing father, he was my Hero, my Night in Shining Armor my biggest fan. I could always count on him to be there for me and my family. He taught me so many values and I looked up to him for the business man he was, the husband, the father, the father-in-Law, the grandfather and great-grandfather he loved us all deeply to say the least. The Love my mother and father shared only comes around once in a while it truly was a blessing to my brother and I. He worked hard all his life most of the time having several jobs to provide for his family. His education was limited but was the smartest man I knew, he did very well for himself nothing was given to him he was a survivor. I will miss the twinkle in his eyes when he smiled and his sense of humor he was a character. A happy go lucky man and the life of the party. So William, Bill, Billy, Big Bill, Judge, Dad and Pops, I am at peace that you are in the Loving Arms of our Heavenly Father along with our Blessed Mother and all the Angels and Saints. R.I.P my Loving Father from your Loving Daughter we will miss you till the end of our life on earth and have faith we will be together again. I know that we cannot see you, you will always be at our side cheering us on!!!! Thank you Dad!!

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Marie Maenner - April 18, 2018 at 11:31 AM

JR

“ You all are in my thoughts and Prayers today and every day. Know that your loved one is now Resting in Peace and we will all eventually be reunited again in a much better place. Love and Peace to all. Love Judy Rieg.

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judith rieg - April 18, 2018 at 10:42 AM

TC

“ In my thoughts and prayers



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Tracy Cunningham - April 17, 2018 at 09:43 PM

JT

“ *"We will forever be known for the tracks we leave behind"*

*Dakota indian--proverb*

*When I read this proverb I immediately thought of my grandfather. His tracks were many and the trail he left behind was long. Pops was truly a special and admirable person. He was one of kind. I am truly blessed that God saw fit to put him in my life. He left many tracks in this world and crossed many paths. His impact on this earth and the people that surrounded him will be felt for a very long time. So many people were warmed by his character and inspired by his strength. He truly loved his family and we were always in his thoughts. He worried about each and every one of us. I will always cherish the wonderful memories you have left me. I love you, I miss you and I never will forget you.*

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John Turri - April 17, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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April 17, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *We little knew that day, God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone. For part of us went with you, The day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, Your Love is still our guide. And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as god calls us one by one, The chain will link again.*



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**Tommy Maenner** - April 17, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *17 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Missy Marlette** - April 17, 2018 at 01:14 PM

JC

“ *John Crisp purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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**John Crisp** - April 17, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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April 17, 2018 at 11:22 AM

GF

“ *God Bless, Your MECCO, Inc. family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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**God Bless, Your MECCO, Inc. family** - April 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM

MF

“ *Mike &Gail and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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**Mike &Gail and Family** - April 17, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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April 16, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ *From Paul and Barbie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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**From Paul and Barbie** - April 16, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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April 16, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Joe & Linda and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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**Joe & Linda and Family** - April 16, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ *From Timothy Zastrow and Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Edward Phillips.*



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**From Timothy Zastrow and Family.** - April 16, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *His memory and love will live inside all of us.*



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**Kate Shanks** - April 16, 2018 at 07:31 AM

Joshua  
Phillips

“ As with anyone who knew Pops, there are countless memories/stories to choose from. Stories of a man who loved and cherished his family to where he has influenced us and touched all of our hearts throughout the years.

*What I would do to just hear one of your stories for the 100th time, to go hunting with you, go to your “secret” fishing spot one more time, or even just to hear that famous ear piercing whistle you did to get our attention.*

*Pops you are the foundation to what our family has become. Though you are gone, I know you will always be with us from your famous quotes to your life lessons. Thank you for all that you have taught me and all you have done for me. I will cherish our times together and share my memories of you with my kids. Even if I tell them the same story 100 times!*

*I will see you again some day! When I do, we will go back to that secret fishing spot!*

*I love you and miss you Pops*



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**Joshua Phillips** - April 15, 2018 at 11:37 PM

DW

*Kate, condolences to you and yours. Cherish the memories.*

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**Dee Walls** - April 16, 2018 at 04:16 AM

PT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Patrick Turri** - April 15, 2018 at 11:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of  
*William Edward Phillips.*



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April 15, 2018 at 11:11 PM

BP

“ *A giant pine, magnificent and old  
Stood staunch against the sky and all around  
Shed beauty, grace and power.  
Within its fold birds safely reared their young.  
The velvet ground beneath was gentle,  
and the cooling shade gave cheer to passers by.  
Its towering arms a landmark stood, erect and unafraid,  
As if to say, "Fear naught from life's alarms".  
It fell one day.  
Where it had dauntless stood was loneliness and void.  
But men who passed paid tribute - and said,  
"To know this life was good,  
it left it's mark on me. Its work stands fast".  
And so it lives. Such life no bonds can hold -  
This giant pine, magnificent and old.*

*Pops, thank you for everything! I will always miss you, the memories  
are my treasures. Your life was a foundation that we all could build  
from.*

*We will take care of Grandma,*

*Love you always,*

*Bobby (with an I.E.) - Pork*



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**Bobby Phillips** - April 15, 2018 at 10:39 PM

GE

“ So sorry to hear of Pop's passing. He was a gentleman and we are happy to have known him. Remember the fun we had on our 1st cruise and what it took to get there ! What a legacy he left behind and the positive impact he had on his family and others he met along the way. Our deepest condolences to all the family. George and Ro.

George Edwards - April 15, 2018 at 09:47 PM

SB

“ Susan Beveridge lit a candle in memory of William Edward Phillips



Susan Beveridge - April 15, 2018 at 09:37 PM

RM

“ I can't find the words to describe how amazing of a man pops was. The love him and grandma shared is something that would put most romantic novels to shame. The love he had for his family is unbelievable. I'm gonna miss hearing all of his stories he would tell. I have entirely too many memories of pops to try and pick just one. He was an amazing man. He was more than just a grandfather to me he was my hero and I will always strive to be like him. Pops I love u and will miss you. Thank you for everything you have taught me. You will live on in all of your grandkids

Robbie maenner - April 15, 2018 at 09:21 PM

KO

“ *Bill (Pops), I will always remember the leadership, honesty, dependability and unwavering effort exhibited by you in providing horticultural services for the Pentagon. Your horticultural expertise and professionalism were significant in attaining and maintaining a highly respected horticultural program. It was nice to see that prior to you slowly slipping away into retirement, that you assured these attributes would continue through your consistent parental mentoring. The many accolades received from components within the Department of Defense are a testament to this effort. Through the years Custom Lawn Service evolved into a model for others to emulate. You are to be commended for a job well done.*

*Although our relationship was restricted by government guidance, I nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed our many conversations. Your dedication to your family was admirable and your knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay was so impressive it should have gained you a televised series. And yes, I did take your advice on purchasing a Subaru and have frequently dined at Jimmy's.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family, God bless you Bill and I am sure you will find happiness in your new life. You will truly be missed.*

*Sincerely,  
Darryl Kosisky*

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**kosisky** - April 15, 2018 at 07:11 PM

Kate  
Shanks

“ I will miss Pops so much. He was truly an amazing man. He cared so deeply for his family. And everyone had their own special place in his heart. I will cherish all my memories of him. Especially him singing to me everytime he saw me. Our special song K-K-Katie... and when I went to private school and I had half days he would be the one waiting for me and take me to tasty freeze to get our rootbeer float before going to see grandma. Teaching all his grandchildren how to crab off the pier at their house. I love you Pops



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**Kate Shanks** - April 15, 2018 at 07:09 PM

GW

“ So sorry to hear of your fathers passing! May Gods peace be with your family.

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**Gerry Woltman** - April 15, 2018 at 07:08 PM

Jacob  
Phillips

“ So many memories I've had with this man. Whether it was hunting, fishing, watching me play football/wrestle. Always yelling "Go Big Red" even though my colors were green and gold. He would always tell each of his grandchildren that they were the best kid he knew. We always loved listening to his stories no matter how many times we heard them. I will never forget one of the most influential men in my life.



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**Jacob Phillips** - April 15, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ Throughout my life, my grandfather has been more than the source of a namesake. Pops was a teacher and protector for his family and a joyfull presence to his friends. He took me across the country on trips for wrestling and hunting or fishing and was a solid rock of security and confidence for me as I learned how to live life. Without trying, I emulate some of his mannerisms and quirks and only hope that I have made him proud. He cared so deeply for us and selflessly centered his life around us. He has given us the tools and humor to lead lives to be proud of and to pass on to our children and grandchildren. So many people have reminded me that he was a good man, but they will never know how good he was to us. If anyone says otherwise, I'll tap dance on their nose with 52 steps of Karate. I love you and will miss you Pops. You were a life coach and did a fine job.

-WEPIII



William Phillips - April 15, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Edward Phillips.



April 15, 2018 at 03:40 PM