



Louis Phillips

January 17, 1932 - September 19, 2020

Louis William Phillips, age 88, passed away on September 19, 2020 following a lengthy illness. Visitation is planned from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday, September 25, 2020 at Heartland Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 26, 2020 in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Eastlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Early.

Louis was born in Ada, Oklahoma to Miller Lafayette & Alice Audrey (Ferguson) Phillips. He was born into a large family that included 7 brothers and 4 sisters. From a very young age Louis became a hardworking financial contributor to his family and maintained that focus throughout his lifetime. In 1949, Louis married Betty Mae White of Altus, Oklahoma and together they had four daughters and one son. From 1949-1952 Louis served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received several accommodations. He served in Korea and upon returning to the U.S. was stationed in Washington state. Once he was honorably discharged, he and Betty relocated their family to Texas and divorced several years later. In 1963, Louis married Donna Jean Potter of Dumas, Texas and together they had two daughters. In addition, they owned and operated several different businesses in Dumas, including the Daylight Donut Shop. In 1976, they relocated to the central Texas (Brownwood/Early) area where they owned and operated eight restaurants (4 Mr. Burgers, 2 Crown Burgers, and 2 Snak Shaks) within the town of Brownwood and its neighboring communities.

Louis was preceded in death by both of his parents, 6 brothers and 1 sister. He is survived by 1 brother, 3 sisters in addition to his only son, Teddy Lee Phillips (wife, Nancy) and all six of his daughters, Sheron Casas; Vickey Phillips; Barbara Phillips; Frieda Hughes (husband, Fred) all of whom are from the Houston, TX area; Trina Eaton (husband, Sean) of Brownwood, TX; and Rhonda Romano (husband, Dan) of Chapin, SC; along with 15 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and 2 great- great grandchildren.

For those who knew Louis most would agree that he was a quiet spoken, hardworking man. He focused most of his energy on making sure he could provide for his loved ones

whether through farming in those early years or owning businesses later in his life. For that, his family would like to acknowledge him and say, “Rest those hardworking hands now. Your work here is done and greatly appreciated.”

Please join his family in honoring him and celebrating his life.

Online condolences, tributes and memorials can be shared with the family at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net

Cemetery

Eastlawn Memorial Park

1921 Early Boulevard

Early, TX, 76802

Events

SEP **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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303 Early Blvd, Early, TX, US, 76802

SEP **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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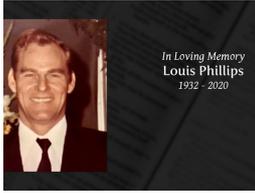
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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Heartland Funeral & Cremation Service - September 22, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ One of the nicest men you would ever know.

Scott King - October 28, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ My Dad...by Rhonda S. Romano

My dad was a generous man who was quick to lend a hand to those in need...he was known to loan or just give people money when they were down on their luck and he even co-signed loans to help people buy cars.

My dad was always a hard-worker...as a very young man he farmed & picked cotton with his family and when I was a child he worked two jobs. After all the restaurants were opened, he often would work part of the day in one then drive to a different one (in a different town even) and work there at night. He continued working all through the “normal” retirement years and was even running a business with my sister until this year.

My dad was a gentle man...with a kindness for animals and for children...he spent many an hour toting his grandkids around outside, playing with them, letting them hitch rides on his lawn mower, taking them out to eat, and also just quietly spending time with them.

My dad was a man that enjoyed learning...I remember him sitting and reading volume after volume of encyclopedias. He treated them like good books that he just couldn't bring himself to put down.

My dad was a man that enjoyed himself from time to time as well. I remember him teasing my sister and I when he drove us out to the lake to go fishing. He would pretend the brakes on the car weren't working and he would slowly inch up towards the cliff...not too close really, but close enough for the two of us start screaming like crazy. He also had the best laugh. When we would ride carnival rides with him we spent most our time laughing because of him and that laugh. His laugh just made the ride so much more fun.

My dad was a soft spoken man and definitely not the type of father that yelled or spanked but I can tell you for sure...it was the worse feeling in the world to know you had disappointed him...it hurt much more than a spanking.

My dad wasn't a perfect man but I can proudly say he was ...my dad.

Rhonda Romano - October 15, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis Phillips.



September 24, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis Phillips.



September 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ FROM: ALL THE PHILLIPS CHILDREN purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Louis Phillips.



FROM: ALL THE PHILLIPS CHILDREN - September 23, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Kathy Hammonds lit a candle in memory of Louis Phillips



Kathy Hammonds - September 22, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Louis Phillips.



September 22, 2020 at 03:15 PM