



Philip Vallandingham

February 7, 1938 - February 2, 2026

In Loving Memory of Philip Vallandingham

2/7/1938 - 2/2/2026

Philip Vallandingham, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and respected community leader, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. He lived a life defined by faith, service, integrity, and deep devotion to those he loved.

Philip was born in Barboursville, West Virginia, to Granville Pickard Vallandingham and Glada Ellen Cyfers Vallandingham. He grew up in Barboursville, though during World War II he began school in California before returning home, where his roots remained strong throughout his life. He graduated from Barboursville High School and went on to attend Middle Tennessee State University, where he earned a degree in Accounting and met the love of his life, Ila Jeanne Pewitt Vallandingham.

Philip and Jeanne shared sixty-two years of marriage marked by laughter, partnership, and an undeniable spark that strangers and friends alike often noticed and admired. Their love was a constant throughout his life and remained his greatest joy.

Philip dedicated more than fifty years to The First State Bank, serving as

Chairman and President. Through his leadership, he helped countless individuals and small business owners pursue and achieve their dreams. His commitment to community banking extended beyond his hometown, as he remained actively involved with independent bankers on the local, state, and national levels. In the early 1990s, he served as President of the Independent Community Bankers of America, advocating for community banks on a national stage and forming lifelong friendships along the way. He was widely respected as a businessman and cherished as a mentor and friend.

Family was the heart of Philip's life. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Vallandingham; his children, Philip Andrew Vallandingham; Stephanie Mayberry (Sean); and Sam Vallandingham (Christie White). He was a proud grandfather to Leah Ching (Jess), Andrew Ching (Katie), Samantha Mayberry, Madison Mayberry, Savannah White (Liam Cackowski), and Pierce White, and a joyful great-grandfather to Norrie Ching and Rowan Ching.

Philip also shared a lifelong bond with his cousin Jack Dilley (Marsha), who was raised by Philip's parents like a brother, lived next door to Philip and Jeanne, and worked alongside him at the bank. He is also survived by many beloved cousins, including the entire Minichan family, Steve and Jane Saal, and Mike and Jane Ferrell.

Philip found great joy in storytelling, reading, poetry, and travel, which took him across the country and around the world. He was an avid golfer and especially treasured the time he spent golfing alongside Jeanne. He loved animals, the beach, and all forms of entertainment and art, including the small theater Alhambra in St. Augustine.

In 2002, Philip and Jeanne fell in love with the charm and beauty of St. Augustine, Florida, and decided to make it their home. His faith was a guiding force throughout his life, and he was a lifetime member of Kuhn Memorial

Presbyterian Church in West Virginia and Memorial Presbyterian Church in Florida.

Philip's faith carried him through many seasons of life, and his family finds comfort in knowing that he was welcomed home by his Creator.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Philip's honor to the American Cancer Society.

Philip Vallandingham will be remembered for his generosity, wisdom, unwavering faith, and above all, his deep love for his family. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched and the community he so faithfully served.

A public visitation will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service celebrating Philip's life at 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 SR 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-1625
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Meet Philip a few years back and what I remember most is his conversation, you could sit for hours listening to him, specially because we agreed on so many issues, my regret is not having had more times to visit.

Mirtha Barzaga - May 18 at 03:09 PM

DM

“ The man, the myth, the legend. Phil will be missed by all who knew him.

Diane Mullen - February 09 at 07:37 PM

JP

“ Phil was a great, big "brother" to me. He mentored me, encouraged me, and believed in me. He was a great husband to Jeanne, and a wonderful father to Andrew, Stephanie, and Sam, even though Sam wrecked their car at the age of 4. He gave me a job when I needed help, and he showed me grace that I didn't deserve. I will be forever grateful to him and Jeanne for their love for me. Jerry

Jerry Pewitt - February 07 at 10:17 PM

VK

“ Vince And Brenda Keys lit a candle in memory of Philip Vallandingham



Vince and Brenda Keys - February 07 at 12:17 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - February 07 at 11:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



February 06 at 11:32 PM



“ *Sally & Steve* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Vallandingham.

Sally & Steve - February 06 at 11:32 PM

TM

“ The Reedy & The Motes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



The Reedy & The Motes - February 06 at 08:35 PM

TM

“ The Reedy & The Motes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Vallandingham.

The Reedy & The Motes - February 06 at 08:35 PM

LS

“ Lori S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Vallandingham.

Lori S. - February 06 at 05:17 PM

RF

“ Rick and Tina Slater and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



Rick and Tina Slater and family - February 06 at 02:33 PM

RF

“ Rick and Tina Slater and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Vallandingham.

Rick and Tina Slater and family - February 06 at 02:33 PM

MK

“ Mike and Jane Ferrell and Katy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



Mike and Jane Ferrell and Katy - February 05 at 06:21 PM

CF

“ Caroline and Feroz purchased the Sweet Comfort Gift Crate for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



Caroline and Feroz - February 05 at 06:07 PM

CM

“ Feroz and I both feel that we were placed next door to the Vallandingham's for a reason. Having the privilege of knowing Philip and sharing stories and discussing financial decisions for the community has been a great gift for us both. We always enjoyed sharing dinners and cocktail hours with the family and just knowing they are there has added so much to our lives here in King & Bear. We miss him and know he has gone to a better place. Jeanne and her children and grandchildren and family have always made me feel at home with their cooking and gifts and conversation and always being there to help. Love to you all, and we are glad that you have each other for comfort.
Caroline and Feroz

Caroline Marshall - February 05 at 05:16 PM

TS

“ The McGhee's and The Stacy's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



The McGhee's and The Stacy's - February 05 at 04:10 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



February 05 at 04:05 PM

TB

“ Tim and Lisa Burgess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Vallandingham.

Tim and Lisa Burgess - February 05 at 04:05 PM

HB

“ Hardman Boys purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Philip Vallandingham.



Hardman Boys - February 05 at 02:57 PM

HB

“ Hardman Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Vallandingham.

Hardman Boys - February 05 at 02:57 PM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers.... Denise & John May

Denise May - February 05 at 02:02 PM

VH

“ *Our hearts are broken. Phil was one of the best friends Bill ever had. We have such wonderful memories of our trips together with Phil and Jeannie and our friendship we shared
Rest in peace old friend. Love to the Vallandingham family. Bill and Vickii Hughes*

Vickii and Bill Hughes - February 05 at 01:24 PM