



William L. Phillips III

June 11, 1941 - April 3, 2023

William L. Phillips, III, 81, of St. Augustine, passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023, at Flagler Hospital.

Bill was born in Miami, FL to the late William L. Phillips II and Mamie Davidson Phillips. He worked at Eastern Airlines before moving to Gainesville in 1971. He raised his family there and owned and operated a family business, Billy's Auto Repair & Towing, for 52 years.

Every Saturday during football season you would find Bill on the sidelines in The Swamp. He was a member of the Fighting Gator Touchdown Club for many years. Bill joined the Elks Lodge (#990) shortly after moving to Gainesville, where he met a community of friends who became family.

Bill and Debbie built a home in Saint Augustine in 2000, and began a life there in addition to their life in Gainesville. Bill was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church for over 20 years.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, traveling, boating, as well as driving his 1948 Plymouth Coupe, Alberta. His favorite place to travel was Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas.

He is survived by his wife, "girlfriend", of 23 years Debbie R. Phillips; three daughters, Michelle Phillips Chittum, Karen Lee Fletcher (Brian), and Miki

Donn Yates (Sean); six grandchildren, Ryan Chittum, Jade Chittum, Michael Chittum, Sydney LaCoste (Austin), Madelyn Hunt (Austin), and Taylor Reburn; two sisters, Rhoda Phillips Ellis, and Barbara Phillips Mason.

A celebration of life will be held at Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 A1A S. in St. Augustine on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Bill's name to 4 Generations to Come at Anastasia Baptist Church.

Arrangements by St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Anastasia Baptist Church
1650 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Eatons, Roederers, and Penas purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of William L. Phillips III.*



Eatons, Roederers, and Penas - April 08, 2023 at 11:40 AM

LG

“ *To all the family our deepest sympathy. Prayers for everyone from the Godwin family! We love you so much!!*

Lynn Godwin - April 07, 2023 at 10:57 AM

GS

“ *To Debbie, Michelle, Karen, Ryan, Michael & Jade- I am so sorry for your loss. It's always difficult to lose a father and a grandfather. My prayers are with you especially tomorrow. Love you all. Gwen & Denny Smith*

Gwen C Smith - April 07, 2023 at 08:17 AM

DL

“ *Dear Debbie and Bill,
We were saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We have enjoyed having you as neighbors and appreciate the efforts you have both expended for our neighborhood over the years. It was always a joy to see Bill driving Alberta around the hood. You can never have too many Gators. Doug and Susan*

Douglas and Susan Lammers - April 07, 2023 at 06:58 AM

DS

“ I grew up looking up to my cousin, Bill Phillips. I always loved gathering every holiday with our extended family. He and his family were such an important part of those happy times. His mother gave me a book that had belonged to Bill. It was a book of jokes and riddles. He had written his name and drawn sketches on the fly leaves. I poured over that book repeatedly; maybe that’s why Bill was so much fun to be around! I recall he was a good dancer, too! Seems like ALL my relatives were good dancers with a great sense of humor. Bill will be missed by so many. Love and prayers for Debbie, his “kids” and his sisters.

Dottie Lahla Sparks - April 06, 2023 at 10:32 PM

CH

“ Debbie we were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was loved by so many. I loved the way he referred to you as his girlfriend and I remember you telling me the story behind that. We will never forget the going away party you and Bill had for us. Will always remember the huge low country boil Bill did and said it was his first. Everyone enjoyed it so much. Remember all the good times, which there were many, to help you get through this difficult time in your life.

Hugs, love and prayers,
Cathy & John Harden

Cathy Harden - April 05, 2023 at 09:11 PM

JM

“ Bill was a wonderful neighbor. We loved seeing him drive his Alberta around the neighborhood. Love to Debby and his entire family. Jim and Sally Morris

Jim/Sally Morris - April 05, 2023 at 08:10 PM