



James "Jim" Phillips

August 17, 1943 - March 9, 2017

James Leon Phillips, 73, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away at his home on Thursday, March 9th, 2017. He was born on August 17th, 1943, son of Merlin and Irene (Otterbeck) Phillips. Merlin was killed in action during WWII and Irene later married Max Fliehler and together they raised Jim where he attended Anamosa High School graduating with the class of 1961. Jim later attended and graduated from Upper Iowa College and began working for Square D, Collins Radio and later finishing his career with John Deere in Waterloo. Jim was united in marriage to Kathleen (Dwyer) on January 27th, 1968. He and his "sweetheart" had two daughters while still residing in Cedar Rapids.

In years gone by, Jim enjoyed several fishing trips to Canada with family or friends and on one occasion caught the largest walleye for the season from Lake of the Woods, earning him the nickname "Wally Jim"! Mention must be made about his love for his cats and was at their beckon call, getting up with them in the early hours of the morning to care for them. Cars and racing were also a part of his interests, having owned several classics including a '63 Corvette. By far though were Jim's love for his family, treasuring every moment he spent with his wife, kids and grand-kids.

Jim is survived by his wife Kathie of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Gina (Craig) Haan of Cedar Falls and Sara (Dan) Oltrogge of Cedar Falls; three

granddaughters, Madison Haan, Bella Oltrogge and Gia Oltrogge; two siblings, Bill (Karen) Fliehler Anamosa and Jeff (Janet) Fliehler of Anamosa; two sister-in-laws, Dorothy Hennick of Cedar Falls and Margaret (Ken) Alberts of Cedar Falls and brother-in-law, Steve Dwyer; Aunt Irma Duncan of Cedar Falls; Uncle Chuck and Aunt Becky Otterbeck of Bonita Springs, Florida and a number of nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and will be missed greatly. May he rest in peace and God bless his soul. A private family celebration will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Kathie and Family,*

Jim will be missed at our monthly IE lunches. Always had something to offer in conversation. Will keep Jim and family in our prayers.

Paul Armstrong

Paul Armstrong - March 16, 2017 at 10:47 AM

BL

“ *Kathie and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. God bless you all.

Bev Lorenzen - March 14, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *Kathie and family,*

You have my condolences and prayers for you and your family

Cindy (Mott) Blonigan

Cindy Blonigan - March 13, 2017 at 09:49 PM

TS

“ *As a 1961 grad with Jim, Pat and I send our condolences.*

Tom and Pat Snyder

Tom Snyder - March 13, 2017 at 09:01 PM

MT

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing Kathie! May your fondest memories sustain you while you heal from grief...big hug to you!

Jerry and Marilee Tarkett

Marilee Tarkett - March 13, 2017 at 09:27 AM

SJ

“ Sending sincere condolences to your family at this time. You must have wonderful memories of him.

*Peace,
Susan (Sinnwell) Joyce*



Susaj Joyce - March 12, 2017 at 12:30 PM

ME

“ Kathie and family, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories that you have of Jim.

Marge Vollenweider Everett - March 12, 2017 at 10:10 AM

JH

“ Dear Aunt Kathie, Gina, Craig, Madison, Sara, Dan, Bella, and Gia, We're so sorry for your loss. Uncle Jim will surely be missed. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, son and brother and friend to so many. He was always so thoughtful and always thought of others. We will miss his fun greeting cards he and Aunt Kathie would so faithfully send for our birthday's. There are so many fun family holiday gatherings to remember. We're so glad we got to see he and Aunt Kathie last month when our family came up to Cedar Falls. May Uncle Jim be at peace and may The Lord God "raise him up on eagle's wings, make him shine like the sun and hold him in the palm of His hands." Love and peace to all. Jennifer, Drew, Owen, Nicholas and Lucas Hlubek

Jennifer Hlubek - March 11, 2017 at 12:11 AM

NA

“ My heart is very heavy tonight, we have lost a great guy and special cousin. I have so many fond memories of growing up with Jimmy. Our love to Kathie, Gina and Sara and their families. He will always be in our hearts ❤️ Wish I could take the pain of your loss away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time. Take care and we will see you all soon. Hugs, Nancy & Jack

Nancy & Jack Anderson - March 10, 2017 at 10:44 PM

NA

Love you Kathie ❤️

Nancy Anderson - March 10, 2017 at 10:52 PM

CB

“ I'm sure all the members of the Anamosa class of 1961 share in thoughts and prayers for Jim's family. He was a fun member of our class, and we will certainly miss him.

Carol (Ortgies) Beckley

Carol Beckley - March 10, 2017 at 09:53 PM


Michael
Duncan

“ Jimmy and I shared long conversations on the telephone he always knew what to say. Many times when i was trucking over the road he helped with the loneliness. I will miss my cousin. A very cool guy for sure.

Mike Duncan

Michael Duncan - March 10, 2017 at 07:58 PM



Hugs and prayers to family. So sorry ! Debi Duncan Smith

Debi Duncan-Smith - March 10, 2017 at 08:24 PM

MB

Hugs to Kathie Gina and Sara. Love you all and may you hold onto the memories. Praying for you all during this time. ❤️. God gained a great man.

Michelle Bunger - March 10, 2017 at 09:46 PM

PA

“ Jimmy was one of my favorites!!! I am very,very sad and will really miss him. I know it was time for him to get a haircut because I have been thinking about him a lot. It was mental telepathy because I would be thinking about him he would call. He was always a bright spot in my day. Sorry for your loss!

Peg Ascherl - March 10, 2017 at 07:37 PM

BT

“ *Gina and Sara, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and Hugs. Love, Buffi*

BUFFI TJADEN - March 10, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“ *Sara, I'm so sorry for your loss of an amazing man whom I never got to meet, but know because he has beautiful daughters and beautiful grandchildren! Praying and Thinking of your family! Love you*

Sarah Winberg - March 10, 2017 at 05:29 PM

JR

“ *Gina and family-*

I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jody Rewerts

Jody Rewerts - March 10, 2017 at 03:06 PM

KR

“ *Kathie, Gina and Sara~ My heart is heavy for all of you. I am praying for each of you during this time, and will support you in every way I can. Love you!*

Kristi

Kristi - March 10, 2017 at 02:48 PM

PK

Kathie, Gina, and Sara you my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear father and husband. My prayers r with you all.

Pat & Nick keiderling - March 10, 2017 at 11:29 PM