



Russell Eugene Phillips

February 27, 1937 - December 1, 2023

Russell Phillips, a United States Air Force Veteran, passed away on November 30, 2023, at the age of 87. He dedicated 33 years of his life to working at John Deere as an Inspector, taking pride in his role as a Union member during his time there. Russell, affectionately known as "Bud" during his upbringing and as RP by many, embraced retirement and pursued his passions.

An enthusiastic woodworker, master at the card game of pepper, gardener, flower planter, and bird watcher, Russell found joy in these activities during his retirement years. His love for family was evident, and he cherished moments spent together. Whether it was scavenging for items he might need in the future or watching the Iowa Hawkeyes football or Red Sox baseball games with his wife, Ellanor, Russell embraced the simple pleasures of life.

Beyond his hobbies, Russell was an avid reader, particularly enjoying mystery novels and historical literature. His attention to historical details and storytelling skills were remarkable, drawing from experiences that spanned his childhood, military service, and family life. His ability to weave captivating tales kept listeners engaged, sharing stories of old-time baseball cards, childhood adventures with his brothers, military experiences, and family life. A staunch defender of his political viewpoints, Russell enjoyed staying informed through political news. In his later years, he developed a penchant for phone conversations, discussing a myriad of topics. He found entertainment in watching funny YouTube and TikTok videos, as well as

enjoying family Snap Chat videos.

One of his annual highlights was being the Chief Cook at the LeSewar Swap Meet each April, where he not only enjoyed culinary responsibilities but also brought home cherished items and shared memorable adventures with his beloved family.

Russell's unconditional love extended to his wife, children, and seven grandchildren, leaving an indelible mark on their lives. His selfless nature and warm-hearted personality will be fondly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him. Russell Phillips will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4th and San Marnan
Waterloo, IA 50701

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Thank you to everyone for your kind comments. The military gravesite service was special and the weather was mild. Dad's presence is missed, but his kindness will live on in his family and friends.

Brian Phillips - December 11, 2023 at 08:29 PM

JK

“ Russ was terrific to work with. Many good memories with him and the Deere team. Primarily I remember Russ as a quality assurance dynamo. Thank you Russ and peace. Jim Kerns

James Kerns - December 06, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ So sad to learn of Buds passing. I worked with him at Deere Dept. 65 for a few years...A good guy to work with...and one I called my friend. Lost track of him after we retired. Condolences to the family. George Brubaker

George A. Brubaker - December 05, 2023 at 05:39 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Buds passing. He was a great friend to Bob Moran we had many good laughs together . May your family find peace .Bobs widow judy

judy moran - December 05, 2023 at 04:06 PM

CD

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF SUCH A GREAT LOSS IN YOUR FAMILY..I WORKED WITH RUSS IN THE INSPECTION AREA..GREAT GUY TO WORK WITH..RUSS ALWAYS WAS GREAT TO VISIT WITH AND HAVE SOME LAUGHS WITH..R.I.P.



CHAD VAN DYKE - December 04, 2023 at 08:05 PM

SS

“ Sending all our sympathies and love!! Russell you were a great person!! RIP 💕🙏🕯️



Stephen and Shelley Stalder - December 04, 2023 at 06:18 PM