



Benjamin Franklin Phillips

August 7, 1941 - August 15, 2018

Benjamin Franklin Phillips, age 77 of Lake Villa, passed away on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. He was born on August 7, 1941 in San Antonio, TX to the late Howard and Ethel Phillips. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961 where he received many awards, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, Navy Achievement Medal, five Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Recruiting Area Five Sailor of the Year 1981 and Vietnam Staff Service Honor Medal 1st Class. He retired from the Navy in 1982 and he began working for Catholic Charities where he became Vice President of Meals on Wheels and the Illinois Rep for the meal program. He was very active in several senior centers working with nutrition and aging service providers. He was a member of the Zion Moose Lodge 667 and Waukegan Moose Lodge 706 serving as Governor, Administrator and earning the Fellowship Degree of Merit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Harry and his grandson Christopher Weiss.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years Jeannette: children DeAnn Phillips (fiancé Paul Gregg), Gary (Julie) Phillips, Deanna Adams and John Phillips; grandchildren Elizabeth (Will) Pruess, John (Katie) Weiss, Brittnee Weiss, Kassi Ferrigan, Ashley (Dan) Roche, Austin Adams, Alec Adams, Anthony Adams, Richard Phillips, Jamie (Roy) Brull and Jodie Brull; great grandchildren Cody, Kayleigh, Dakota, Skylar, Eli, Jameson and Brylie; brothers Glen Phillips and Russell (Robin) Phillips; nieces and nephews Sharon (Paul), Amy and Cortney Lemon, Michael (Nancy), Jessica, Michael Jr. Joseph, Jeffery (Amy), Ashely, Justin Gregg (Loretta), Bradley, Scott and Louis Phillips.

Visitation will take place on Friday August 24, 2018 from 4 – 8 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa. Prayers will begin on Saturday August 25 at 10:30 am at the funeral home and proceed to Prince of Peace Church for 11 am mass. Burial will follow at Windridge Memorial Park in Cary, IL.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ringa Funeral Home

122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL, US, 60046

AUG **Mass** 11:00AM

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church

135 S. Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL, US, 60046

AUG **Burial** 01:00PM

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Windridge Memorial Park

7014 S Rawson Bridge Rd, Cary, IL, US, 60013

Comments



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Benjamin Franklin Phillips.



August 23, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service - August 23, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ I have a vivid memory of Frank before the start of every Directors meeting going over to the coffee and breakfast goodies, taking a sugar pack and shacking it down four or five times so none would spill out as he pulled open the top. It's so vivid and I don't know why I remember such an insignificant detail.

On another note, I remember Frank's persistence and thoroughness in providing the highest quality of food in the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels Programs. He also started a unique partnership program with some local restaurants to provide menu choices and subsidies for seniors.

wendy seifert - August 20, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ So many great memories of my shipmate and friend, his lovely wife and his children. It would be so difficult to pinpoint any specific incident that stands out. My late wife Rose and I first met Frank and Jeannette in Washington, DC when Richard Nixon was the President back in 1971. We were neighbors in a cul de sac on board Bolling Air Force Base in DC. Not only were we neighbors but we were also in a carpool together. Now you truly have to appreciate our friendship. Anybody that can be in a carpool in the Washington, DC area for more than a week and still come out friends will always remain friends. We worked in the same building and I remember sitting on the horn in front of his home many times (with Frank in the car) trying to motivate

Jeannette with my horn, to hurry and come out. Lots of laughs with Frank expressing himself in some truly creative French language (Didn't know he could speak French). We did have a great time going back and forth to our homes. We also joined each other parties, on and off the home base. Our children played with each other during those precious years when children are the most fun to have. At that time he introduced me to the absolutely best Lasagna I have ever had. Breaking bread with the Philipps family was always a pleasure. He really liked his hot spicy food at that time and his stomach seemed to be made of cast iron. My late wife was always amazed at just how spicy he could handle it. We connected again in New Orleans where I was stationed.

As life would have it, I lost my wife Rose to a rare illness in 2005, and remarried to a fantastic woman, Alice. Once again I connected with Frank and Jeannette in of all places, New Braunfels, Texas and we enjoyed their company. It was nice because we lived close and got to see them when they made their annual trip.

Jeannette and Alice hit it off and have been in communication and great friends ever since, and Frank and I would have the opportunity to talk once in a while. Frank always enjoyed his trips to New Braunfels and Jamaica during the cold Illinois winters. It was our pleasure to see him in July when he and Jeannette came to San Antonio, Texas for his brother's wedding. We enjoyed his company and are sincerely saddened by his passing. He is now at rest with no more pain and struggles that this life provides.

There is no doubt that he has joined my late wife at the table of the Lord. He was a man of integrity and believe me those men are far and few inbetween. May he only have Fair Winds and Following Seas. You may now rest shipmate, we have the watch. From: Senior Chief Yeoman Patrick C. Sandoval

Senior Chief Patrick C. Sandoval - August 20, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ Texas nieces and nephews purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Benjamin Franklin Phillips.



Texas nieces and nephews - August 19, 2018 at 10:31 PM



“ There are so many ones to share, let's see I think I might have been 10 or 11 and we were driving down to Louisiana to visit our family friends the Sandavols around the forth of July, and dad was outside in shorts and and blue and white Hawaiian shirt with and cigarette in his mouth with a paper bag full of fire crackers between his legs and and hot ash fell into the bag and caught some of the fire crackers in the bag between his and they started to all go off it was so funny and he was swearing like there was no tomorrow we could not help but laugh he was jumping around like

jackrabbit, and I use to love and go to the moose Lodge and watch the flash back shows he made a very pretty nice looking women I favorite song he did was I've got a new pair of roller skates . And always liked the way he cooked and what he cooked except the one time he cooked liver and onions that's just 🤢nasty and had to eat it gross I also liked his sos and loved loved his chillier and his biscuits and gravy. He was the best dad ever.

I rember one time when I was sleeping the night before my communion He could not be there because he was out to sea he came to me in a dream and he was talking to me telling me how much he loved me and was so sorry he could not make it home for my communion but he was so proud of me I will never forget that dream as long as live it was as if he was there sitting on my bed telling all this it was just so special to me. I love you dad You will be missed love DeAnn.



DeAnn - August 18, 2018 at 11:46 PM



“ He was a seasoned professional veteran Sailor. I was new to the Navy, experiencing my first months far from home. We ended up in the same newly established squadron together, he the knowledgeable Senior Yeoman and Office Supervisor, me the rookie Yeoman Seaman trying to figure it all out. Frank was the guy who taught me all I needed to know - about my job, about my career, and about what it meant to be a Sailor and a Yeoman. He shaped my career and my life and I am forever grateful for his influence, his guidance, his interest, and his mentoring. Thanks, Shipmate. May God Bless You and Safely bring you ashore in his welcoming arms. Wid Perry

Wid Perry - August 18, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Franklin Phillips.



August 16, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ Frank leaves a legacy of friendship, dedication to duty, and overwhelming concern for all.
I had the honor of serving with Frank in HS-9. He was a superb shipmate and mentor to his fellowmen.
May the God Lord continue to watch over him and ease the sorrow of his many friends and family.
CAPT Dick Catone. USN (Ret)

Sick Catone - August 16, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Benjamin Franklin Phillips.



August 16, 2018 at 06:01 PM