



## Wayne Phillips

July 1, 1951 - April 15, 2025

North Augusta, SC – Funeral Services for Mr. Wayne Phillips, 73, who entered into rest April 15, 2025, will be conducted Friday afternoon, April 25th, at 3 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel with Veteran Honors. The family will receive friends at the funeral home prior to the service from 1 until 3 o'clock. Interment will be private.

Wayne was born July 1, 1951, to the late Joe Gilbert Phillips and Bessie Reese Phillips Bone. He was raised in Augusta, GA, having made North Augusta, SC his home for 27 years. Wayne was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era and was a lifetime member of the Local 150 Union. He was outstanding in his trade and took great pride in his work as a welder and pipefitter. Throughout the years, Wayne mentored many young welders in honing their talents and elevating their skill set. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting with his wife and spending time on his property in Edgefield County, which he referred to as his "little piece of heaven." Wayne was a diehard Georgia Bulldog fan, enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson, was a great appreciator of music, especially classic rock, and he often played his bass guitar. He was an exceptional cook and known for his signature recipes and his ability to make the best sweet tea in the world. Wayne had a soft spot in his heart for his beloved Boston Terrier, Molly. Wayne was a car enthusiast and had a great passion for collecting and showing antique cars. However, his most recent passion was the 2020 Ford

Mustang he acquired. Wayne was a man of faith with a generous heart. He was a larger-than-life personality and never met a stranger. Wayne's greatest joy in life was his family. He adored his children and grandchildren, and his best friend was his beloved wife, Juanita. Wayne was affectionately known by his wife, family and friends alike as "Big Daddy." He was proud to celebrate the accomplishments and milestones of those he loved. Wayne took an active interest in the things that were important to his wife, and he made sure that through his words and actions, Juanita never doubted his love for her. He will be fondly remembered for his determination in his approach to life and the great love he had for others.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon Lynne Phillips; two brothers, James Dempsey Phillips and Bobby Dean Phillips; a sister, Wilda Jean McCall; two sons, Steven Wayne Phillips and Michael Dean Phillips; and a brother-in-law, George Schulz.

Surviving family members left to cherish his memory include his wife and partner of 25 years, Juanita Elizabeth Phillips; a son, Joseph Matthew Phillips; a daughter, Lindsey Ann Gilliland (Nesbitt James Gilliland); a brother, Keith Phillips; a brother-in-law, Larry McCall; a daughter-in-law, Katie Lee DuVall (Raymond Lee DuVall, IV); four grandchildren, Declan James Gilliland, Emersyn Lynne Gilliland, Cohen Mathis Gilliland, and Steven Lee Zacek (Hannah Rachel Zacek); two great-grandchildren, Elena Rachel Zacek and Aria Quinn Zacek.

Wayne's family expresses deep appreciation for the exceptional care provided by his home health nurse, Tracey Trecartin, his oncologist, Dr. Anand P. Jillella, and the doctors and staff of the Georgia Cancer Center and Wellstar MCG Health Medical ICU.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ring the Bell of Hope at the

Georgia Cancer Center, [www.augusta.edu/cancer/ringing-the-bell](http://www.augusta.edu/cancer/ringing-the-bell)

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements  
(803)278-1181.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
admin@poseycares.com  
<https://www.poseycares.com>

### Service

APR **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Wayne Phillips



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 25, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Phillips



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 24, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ Thank you for your service to our country! 🇺🇸 God Bless You for your dedication to your family!!

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**Donna Sherman** - July 11, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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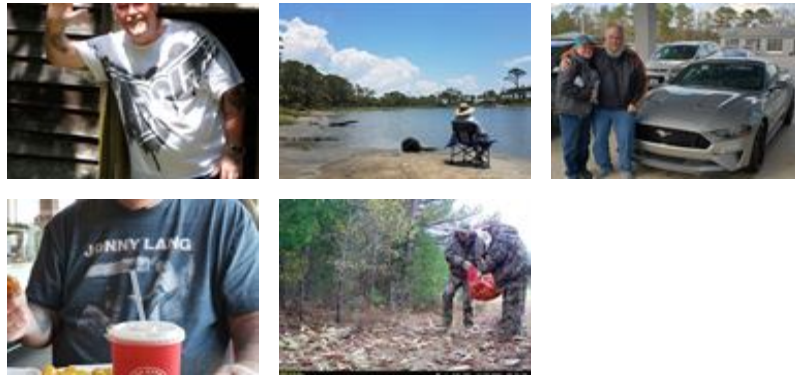
“ *HERLONG FORD FAMILY purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne Phillips.*



HERLONG FORD FAMILY - April 25, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - April 24, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Wayne Phillips.*



April 23, 2025 at 11:18 AM

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“ Juanita, Lindsey, and the rest of Wayne's family & friends,  
So very sorry for your loss.  
Love & prayers,  
April Lowry(Rebekah Lowry Epting's mom)

April Lowry - April 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM

MD

“ Murad Daoud purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wayne Phillips.



Murad Daoud - April 17, 2025 at 06:43 PM

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“ Murad Daoud planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Phillips.

Murad Daoud - April 17, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Phillips.



April 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Phillips.

April 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM

JH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Phillips’ service to our nation in the United States Army. It is patriots like Mr. Phillips that selflessly served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

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Jeff Hoefs - April 17, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Phillips.

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April 16, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ I have been honored and privileged to be welcomed by Wayne and Juanita into their home, and their lives, seeing them almost every week for the past 2+ years. Wayne was one of the strongest and kindest men I have known. He always displayed such a positive outlook and hated to offer any complaints. He preferred to focus on those around him, rather than himself. Wayne told great stories and had great taste in music. He found a way to make me smile and laugh every single time I saw him. He loved fiercely and loyally, most especially his wife, truly his best friend, and his children and grandchildren. He and Juanita together made a partnership like none other I have seen. They loved every aspect of each other. Juanita cared for him with such a high level of skill and an abundance of love that, I am convinced, allowed Wayne to have much more time and to continue doing things that brought him joy. Wayne and Juanita have made me a better nurse, and a better person. I will forever be grateful for the blessing of Wayne.

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Tracey Trecartin - April 16, 2025 at 10:29 PM