



William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips

September 2, 1951 - November 23, 2021

North Augusta, SC – Funeral Services for William Dewitt “W.D.” Phillips, 70, who entered into rest November 23, 2021, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o’clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel with Veteran Honors, Rev. Roy Kiser officiating.

W.D. was born September 2, 1951, in Miami, FL to the late John Paul and Elizabeth Jacobs Phillips. He served his country in the United States Army. W.D. worked as an investigator for the Leon County Sheriff’s Department in Tallahassee, FL and retired from Wackenhut as an Assistant General Manager after 35 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jan Phillips; daughter, Kelly Phillips; sons, Mike Phillips and Steve Phillips; grandchildren, Lauren (Clay) Pritchard, Bailey Phillips, Phillips Johnson, Drew Phillips, Ali Phillips and Ryker Phillips; great grandchildren, Landon Pritchard, Cole Pritchard and McKenzie Pritchard; brother, Paul (Jackie) Phillips.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening 5 until 7 PM.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips



Posey Funeral Directors - November 27, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips



Posey Funeral Directors - November 24, 2021 at 04:51 PM

SJ

Good Job on putting together the picture collection!

Steve Johnston - November 26, 2021 at 03:56 AM



“ William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *I had the opportunity to work with W.D. for 22 plus years. He was an accomplished leader that had an in-depth knowledge of the site business operations, was an excellent writer, and was a valuable member of the Senior Management Team. He will be missed. My prayers are with Jan and the family.*

Gene McCarthy - November 26, 2021 at 02:12 PM

CP

“ I was so saddened to hear of WD’s passing. And am so sorry for his wife and his family. I had the pleasure and good fortune of working with WD for several years as part of the DOE oversight team. He was endlessly patient with me as I learned the ropes of zone operations and never once treated me as the novice that I was at that time to protective force operations. He simply always treated me with respect and friendship and professionalism, and taught me and mentored me more than I could ever possibly recount. He would speak the truth of the situation without sugar coating it but never made me feel stupid even though I had so much to learn. His mentoring was a gift that has served me immensely throughout the rest of my career and I am eternally grateful. Not everyone has the ability to balance truth with grace in the way that he could, and I appreciated so much his generosity of spirit in sharing his knowledge and experience with me. I am thankful to him for those years of learning and growing professionally, and was so proud to have counted him also as a friend. My prayers are with Jan and their family during this very difficult time and also with everyone who respected and admired WD.

With deepest sympathy,

Carol Peace (formerly Vollmer)

Carol Peace - November 26, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.*



November 26, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.*



November 26, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Jan and Family,
Jerry and I are so sorry for your loss. WD was there for, took care of and watched me grow for many years. He was always supportive and encouraged both of us whenever we needed it. We have and will miss him dearly.*



*Love,
Jerry and Karen Brown*

Karen Brown - November 25, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Jan, Kelly, Mike and Steven. I am at a loss for words and can only say that this was and is one of the greatest men I have known. He loved his family and friends more than anything. He was wise beyond his years, never told you what you wanted to hear but what you needed to hear and would light up a room With his smile and laugh. More memories than I can count spent with Dee and Jan at the pool and I will hold those in my heart forever. I am at a loss for words so Jan all I can say is that I love you and your family and am praying for all of you. I know Dee and it is five o'clock somewhere so he is having a cocktail for us in heaven! Love and prayers and I share in your grief. Love Deborah Vermillion*

Deborah Vermillion - November 25, 2021 at 05:55 PM

CM

“ Chris and Corilla Maile purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



Chris and Corilla Maile - November 25, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



November 25, 2021 at 10:55 AM

MB

“ I will ALWAYS cherish the memories I had growing up with Mr. Dee. He was someone to look up to and was a mentor to me & so many others. He taught me that family comes first and the love he had for his family is something we should all live by. Praying for Ms. Jan, Mike, Kelly, & Steve. I LOVE YOU ALL. Mathew Ballard

Mathew Ballard - November 25, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



November 25, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



November 25, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



November 24, 2021 at 11:31 PM



“ Prayers for Jan and the family. WD will be miss by anyone who knew him. Great leader, and mentor to me. Always had a smile for anyone who was having a bad day.

Larry Bowling - November 24, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



November 24, 2021 at 07:13 PM

PA

“ Prayers to family. I will miss you "D" you were always there for me when I needed something. You will be missed by many. Love to my second family and if need me I am here 24 -7. Prayers

Pat Altman - November 24, 2021 at 07:05 PM



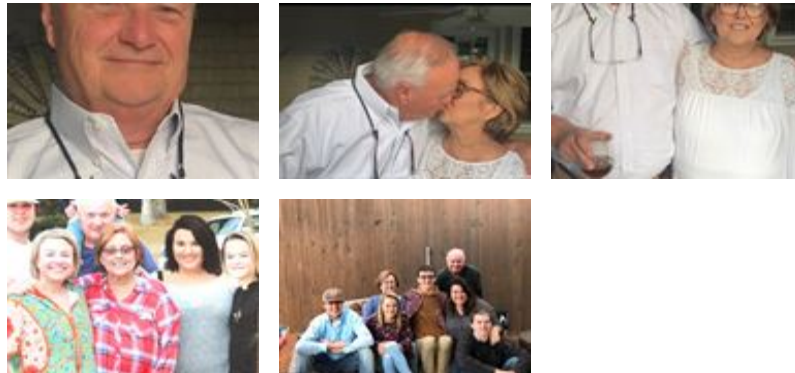
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



November 24, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - November 24, 2021 at 04:45 PM

RG

“ Jan Deepest condolences to you and your family. During my ten years at WSI, WD was instrumental in any success I had . He always provided me sound counsel and great guidance. I'll always be grateful. His leadership and caring had a positive influence on hundreds of employees. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless Randy

Randy Garver - November 24, 2021 at 03:22 PM

PG

“ Pat and Randy Garver purchased the Pretty Plea se for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.



Pat and Randy Garver - November 24, 2021 at 02:56 PM

MB

“ My heart goes out to Jan, Kelly, Mike, Steve and all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. WD spoke about you often to me. He loved you and was very proud of you. WD and I worked together for Wackenhut and WSI at the Savannah River Site for 35 years. His personal contributions to our contract were enormous and many of the processes and improvements he made are still in place today. When he was my Manager, he pushed me to excel and had a lot of confidence in me that meant a lot. He was a mentor in my early years and I could not have had as much success in the Company without his support. I'll miss the great times that he, Jan, Terry, Trina and Terri had in our small Supper Club. I'll also miss his wit and at times his fiery demeanor. He told it like it was and never sugar coated anything. That was WD. I'll miss you my friend. Rest In Peace!

Mark Bolton - November 24, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.*



November 24, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Dewitt "W.D." Phillips.*



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