



Mr. Van I. Phillips

January 5, 1946 - June 21, 2016

Van I. Phillips, sales manager for Physimetrics, Inc., a Roswell testing and image processing firm, died of lung cancer June 21 at Heritage Hospice. He was 70.

Mr. Phillips had a varied life as a soldier, hotel manager, and executive with a company that specialized in hardware and software for machine vision and image processing. He worked with industrial, military, aerospace, medical and research institutions helping them solve complex imaging systems. However, he was best known as a family man whose tender care of a disabled son was an admired example of devotion among other families within the community of disabled children and adults.

Mr. Phillips is survived by his wife, Carol (née Queen) and his younger son, Grant. His older son, Blake, predeceased him 14 months ago. Other survivors include, Dick and Jayne Phillips of Atlanta; B.J. Phillips and Kathleen Howarth of San Diego; Terry and Nancy Queen of Monroe, GA, Jerry Queen of Smyrna, GA; Ann and Tom Holder of Salisbury, MD; and Steve Queen of Kennesaw, GA; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Phillips was born in Griffin, GA, on January 5, 1946, the son of R. J. Phillips and Billie Chisenhall Phillips. He attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Army ROTC.

Mr. Phillips was commissioned as a second lieutenant immediately after his graduation from Georgia with a BS in Business and Systems Analysis in 1969. After advanced training as an infantry officer at Fort Benning, GA, he served

at Fort Lewis, WA, and in Vietnam.

In 1976, he began a 10-year career in the hotel industry with MMI of Jackson, MS. He managed motels in Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana before moving back to Georgia in 1986. He continued to work in the industry at various Atlanta hotels. In 1996, his growing interest in emerging technology led him to change careers. He began working at Physimetrics, Inc. in Roswell, where he remained until his death.

Mr. Phillips' funeral will be private. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held on July 9, 2016 at 2PM. Before his death, Mr. Phillips asked that his friends and family that in lieu of flowers, continue his advocacy and support of adult services through donations to Enable of Georgia (<http://www.enablega.org>).

Cemetery Details

Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Van I. Phillips*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I consider myself very privileged to say I know the Phillips family for they stand strong with core family values. My memory of Van is that of the gentleman he was; candid, courteous, caring, genuine, a mix of interesting conversations, and a wonderful husband and father. Van was a true family man, and always a real pleasure to be around.*

I wish to dedicate the following proverb to Van

'When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die the world cries and you rejoice'

It is with a heavy heart that I express my deepest sympathy to Carol and Grant, his family, and everyone that knew him.

Blanca Corcoran

Blanca Corcoran - July 18, 2016 at 10:38 AM

HZ

“ I have been working with Van for more than 13 years, I am honored to have such a great colleague and friend. At Physimetrics, he acts like a big brother to me, he helped me a lot both at work and life. I am amazed by his wide range of knowledge. Hard to believe he is gone, every time when I pass his office, I wish I could see him at his desk and smile at us. Van will be missed, a lot.
My deepest condolences to Carol, Grant, and the Phillips family.

Hongsheng

Hongsheng Zhang - July 07, 2016 at 01:11 PM

MR

“ To the family, friends and colleagues of Van Phillips

I was told today that Van had passed. Although I have never shaken his hand in person we had many business related and a few personal conversations in the process of us doing business over the years.

I started directly corresponding with Van when a close friend and colleague at my facility passed. Van was very helpful and supportive as I tried to sort through the projects that he and my colleague had been working and Van had nothing but positive things say about the friend and colleague we had lost. Since Van and I started our business relationship because we lost someone we both knew, we always asked how things were going and it was genuine conversation, not the typical formal business acquaintance conversation of the sales guy and the engineer that is the norm in the business world today. I had a trust with Van that I don't have with many vendors, especially ones I have never sat down across the table from. He would call me to insure I was getting what I needed and expected, which was not always what was written the PO after it left my hands and went into the corporate purchasing machine. In a short phone call we could fix whatever issue had arisen. We both liked to pick up the phone much more than sending an email. Not only did we rarely hang up with questions, we also got to chat and catch up. I will miss calling Van to discuss new projects and finding out the interesting things he was up to and sharing some of what we were doing here. It was more than just collaboration; it was also an appreciation and respect we both shared. Van will be missed

Matt

Matt Ray - July 07, 2016 at 07:04 AM

JC

“ I met Van in 2005 and was honored to call him my colleague mentor and dear friend. He helped me tremendously during the 10 years we worked together, and I will always be grateful for his patience and kindness. He never grew tired of my endless questions, and his door was always open. Over the years, Van shared many interesting tales of his life, family, and past experiences. He loved his family and was a true kindhearted gentleman. He will surely be missed.



My deepest condolences to Carol, Grant, and the Phillips family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jamie Cowart

Jamie Cowart - July 07, 2016 at 06:34 AM

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Matt Ray
BAE

Matt R - July 06, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Van I. Phillips.*



July 05, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Van for the past 10 years. I will always remember Van as a southern gentleman, with a lot of life experience and a good sense of humor. I learned a lot from him, both at work, talking to customers, and about life. Van will be missed a lot. Condolences to the Phillips family, from everyone at Matrox.*
-Jorge.

Jorge - June 29, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ *It's difficult to accept Van's passing due to his inimitable and life loving spirit that never seemed to fade from early life through education and special training for service in Vietnam, careers in business and industry, and near faultless in all areas of life. My personal testimonies attest to that as well , I believe, would others associated with him throughout his life. He will be greatly missed but remembered in our minds and spirit.*
Our love will continue for Carol, Grant, and Blake and any help in time of need.

Chap Williams

Chap Williams - June 28, 2016 at 08:51 PM

TQ

“ Van was always a Queen family favorite from the first time we met him until his untimely passing. Quiet , dignified and humble are three characteristics which I believe fit him so well, not to mention being compassionate, loving, intelligent, astute and pleasant. I could list many more, but it is not necessary as we all know what kind of person Van was.

Loved by his wife, Carol, sons Blake and Grant and all who knew him well, he will be missed terribly.

Terry Queen, brother-in-law

Terry Queen - June 28, 2016 at 01:41 PM

PG

“ I have had the pleasure of working with Van for over 12 years now and I miss him dearly. He was the kindest, most generous man I know. Humble, laid-back, witty and thoughtful, Van will truly leave a big hole in my life and my heart. I've also been fortunate to know his family; Carol, Blake and Grant and his love for them all. I can truly say he was loved and respected by many. I mourn for his family's loss.

Paula Gilliland - June 27, 2016 at 01:05 PM