



James Warner Phillips

July 31, 1942 - June 22, 2015

James Warner Phillips, minister of Spruce Pine Church of Christ and retired Phillips High School teacher and coach, passed from this life on June 22, 2015. He was the son of Horace and L.G. Phillips of Bear Creek, Alabama.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 25, 2015 from 6-9 p.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held Friday at 11 a.m.. Vance Hutton, David Barker, Gilbert Behel, and Wayne Phillips will officiate the service. Interment will be at Bear Creek Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons, Robin (Staci), Joel, Benjamin (Tiffany), Bart, and Terrell (Malynna); grandchildren, Zachary, Nicholas, Halle Grace, Noah, Anna, Kayleigh, Paxton, Paisley, and soon-to-be baby girl Phillips; brothers, Stewart and Wayne and families; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

James was a 1960 graduate from Phillips High School. He received his B.S. degree from Florence State in 1964 where he later received his M.A. in 1967. Later, James completed his Ed. S. at the University of North Alabama and completed further study at The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

He preached the Gospel of Christ at Waterloo, Mtn. Home, Union, and Spruce Pine Church of Christ for a combined total of 49 years. A humble servant, he ministered to the needs of others in hospitals, nursing homes, and shut-ins.

He taught his sons by word and example to do the will of the Lord.

A member of the AEA and NEA, he served in various capacities related to teaching- Southern Association Evaluation Committees, TEA president, PTO president, AEA delegate, State Track Committee, and served as track coach or assistant at Phillips High School for the past 25 years (where he received many coaching honors and was proud of the medals won by his team).

A nature lover, he hunted and fished with his dad and brothers during their teenage years. He purchased his first horse at age fifteen. Throughout his lifetime, the number of horses grew from few to many. At various times he raised horses, cattle, hogs, ducks, chickens, and geese. He enjoyed trading horses, saddles, tractors, and trucks. Many friends were made through his trading. In his later years, providing ponies for his grandchildren to ride became one of his passions.

He enjoyed attending the State Horse Show to watch Halle Grace and Noah. He shared his love of running, football, basketball, and softball by watching Zach, Nick, and Halle Grace participate in races and games.

James was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a genuine friend. He loved the Lord, his family, his church, his students, and his many friends. As a family, we are thankful to God for giving us such a wonderful husband, daddy, granddaddy, leader, and friend. The world is a better place because of James. He will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers will be John, Glenn, Steven, Bryan, and Jerry Phillips, Steve, and Troy, Ezell, and Brandon McDuffa. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his friends, Gospel Preachers, and the men and boys of Spruce Pine Church of Christ.

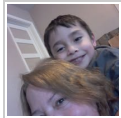
Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Warner Phillips*



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Mr. Phillips made a difference in this world. He shined with Jesus in his heart. In all my memories of him he was always joyful. He was a great teacher. He encouraged me to continue education as it would open doors. In the song, "Midnight Cry" it reminds us that we will meet Jesus in the air with our love ones that had already passed. No doubt about it, Mr. Phillips will be there. What a blessing it was to have met such a man of God.

Kim Cagle - June 25, 2015 at 06:50 PM



“ *Scotty Burleson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Scotty Burleson - June 27, 2015 at 01:18 PM



May God Bless His Family With Loving Comfort and Peace Knowing That Heaven Is His Home Now!!!

Scotty Burleson - June 27, 2015 at 01:19 PM

TB

“ Tiffany Bostic lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Tiffany Bostic - June 27, 2015 at 01:23 AM



“ Christy McBryde Prescott lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Christy McBryde Prescott - June 27, 2015 at 12:32 AM



“ Ed Franks Jr. lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Ed Franks Jr. - June 26, 2015 at 10:20 PM

KP

“ Keith And Traci Parker sent a virtual gift in memory of James Warner Phillips



Keith and Traci Parker - June 26, 2015 at 09:13 PM

JT

“ *Jessica Thrasher lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Jessica Thrasher - June 26, 2015 at 08:39 PM

Amber Stidham

“ *Such a great man and a great teacher! I'm so glad he agreed to do our wedding ceremony. Thats the best memory I'll always treasure!*

Amber Stidham - June 26, 2015 at 07:24 PM



“ *Prayers for your family.*



Lisa Moody Swinney - June 26, 2015 at 06:31 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



cheryl wilson - June 26, 2015 at 05:14 PM

RS

“ *Robyn Smith lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Robyn Smith - June 26, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *Erica Nicole Donaldson lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Erica Nicole Donaldson - June 26, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ *Mandy Ray lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Mandy Ray - June 26, 2015 at 03:15 PM

LO

“ *He was such a great man! I will always remember that our greetings would be him asking me a periodic table abbreviation. I would pop off the answer and we would smile and go on about our business. I am sorry for the entire Phillips family.*

Lisa Loveless Owsley - June 26, 2015 at 01:20 PM

DK

“ My heart goes out to all of you! So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.

DeAnna Kelly

DeAnna Kelly - June 26, 2015 at 01:09 PM

 Judy Wilbanks

“ *Judy Wilbanks lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Judy Wilbanks - June 26, 2015 at 11:29 AM

SN

“ *Sheri Nix sent a virtual gift in memory of James Warner Phillips*



sheri nix - June 26, 2015 at 06:45 AM

AL

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for the Phillips family. Many high school memories involved Mr. Phillips.*

Angela Lyons - June 25, 2015 at 07:36 PM

Lori
McGuire

“ *Mr Phillips was a dear friend of not only myself but my family. I will always have fond memories from childhood till now of my dad and Mr Phillips trading horses and tack. He will truly be missed.*

Lori McGuire - June 25, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JC

“ *Janis Cole lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Janis Cole - June 25, 2015 at 03:58 PM

LP

“ *Dear Phillips Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. It is sad to know he will not be at our gospel meeting next week. We admire your family and thank you for your example.
James and LaVon Pruitt
Double Springs Church of Christ*

LaVon Pruitt - June 25, 2015 at 01:28 PM



“ *Casey Haynes Purser lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Casey Haynes Purser - June 25, 2015 at 11:53 AM

AP

“ I am truly sorry for the loss. Mr. Phillips will always be remembered as a kind man that cared for the students of Phillips High School. It's difficult of think back to my high school days without thinking of the Phillips' family. Mr. Phillips was a dear friend to my dad, Rickey Smith, who also recently passed. May God be with each of you during this difficult time.

April Hoague Pearson - June 25, 2015 at 10:07 AM

CM

“ Mr. Phillips was a great man and such a positive influence for so many. Praying for peace and comfort for the Phillips family.

Candy Marbutt - June 25, 2015 at 09:40 AM

GH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sad time.

Gary Horton - June 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM

CP

“ Carrie Price lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Carrie Price - June 25, 2015 at 07:42 AM

BT

“ I will be praying for the Phillips family.
Barbara Corsbie Turner

Barbara Turner - June 25, 2015 at 07:08 AM

BP

“ *Billy Price lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Billy Price - June 25, 2015 at 06:40 AM

BP

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Billy Price - June 25, 2015 at 06:39 AM

WH

“ *Wonderful man to have known. I love his family as my own. I've never met someone who could encourage me the way he did. He will be greatly missed.*

Whitni Lasseter Hollimon - June 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Sonya Tucker lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Sonya Tucker - June 24, 2015 at 10:30 PM

BT

“ *BRANDY THRASHER lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



BRANDY THRASHER - June 24, 2015 at 08:16 PM

RT

“ *RICKY & BREANDY THRASHER lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



RICKY & BREANDY THRASHER - June 24, 2015 at 08:15 PM

BS

“ *James was such a good Christian man. He lived the Word everyday. So sorry. God Bless and Comfort all.*

Barbara Slatton - June 24, 2015 at 01:39 PM

AC

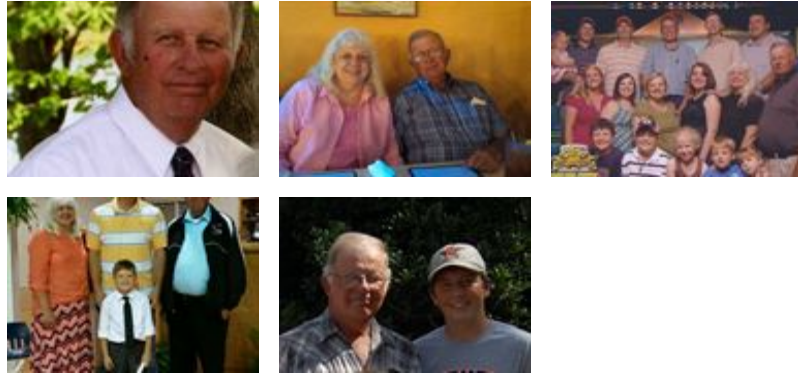
“ *Cagle Family: Mr. Phillips was great teacher and friend to every one he came in contact with he will be missed.*



Anna Cagle - June 24, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pinkard Funeral Home - June 24, 2015 at 12:49 PM

BD

“ James was a special friend to me and so many others. He loved the Lord and spent his life for Him, always seeking souls he could lead to Christ. He and Margaret (and Joel, the only one of the sons I knew well) spent their time and their means helping others. They were a wonderful example to all of us.

Becky Davis - June 24, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ Tammy Long lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Tammy Long - June 24, 2015 at 10:18 AM

RS

“ Robert & Gina Sparkman lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Robert & Gina Sparkman - June 24, 2015 at 12:36 AM

KL

“ Ken Loveless lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Ken Loveless - June 23, 2015 at 10:29 PM

DF

“ Rex Baker



Diane hulsey, Ashley, Sydney and Jacob f - June 23, 2015 at 08:41 PM

VC

“ Vickie Cagle lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



vickie cagle - June 23, 2015 at 08:36 PM

DF

“ Diane Hulsey, Ashley, Sydney And Jacob F lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Diane hulsey, Ashley, Sydney and Jacob f - June 23, 2015 at 08:35 PM

KH

“ Heaven gained a angel.



Kimberly Pate Hatcher - June 23, 2015 at 05:56 PM

HA

“ Haleyvilleglass@centurytel.net lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



haleyvilleglass@centurytel.net - June 23, 2015 at 04:57 PM

HA

So sorry for your loss. Praying for the Family. Jeff and Teresa Harrison

haleyvilleglass@centurytel.net - June 23, 2015 at 04:59 PM

CH

“ He was a great man/ teacher he will be dearly missed



Cheyenne - June 23, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Sorry for your loss,He was a good man ,that ever body liked,,,The world is a better place because he was here,,,Going to miss him a lot,,,



Sam Heath - June 23, 2015 at 04:37 PM



“ Reba Thrasher Hill lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Reba Thrasher Hill - June 23, 2015 at 01:12 PM

KB

“ Kenneth & Debra Burrow lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips



Kenneth & Debra Burrow - June 23, 2015 at 11:41 AM

KB

“ *He was a good friend! He will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family!* ”

Kenneth & Debra Burrow - June 23, 2015 at 11:40 AM

MH

“ *Mary Harris lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips* ”



Mary Harris - June 23, 2015 at 10:18 AM

AL

“ *Angela Lolley lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips* ”



Angela Lolley - June 23, 2015 at 10:10 AM

BC

“ *Bethany Cagle lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips* ”



Bethany Cagle - June 23, 2015 at 09:08 AM

ML

“ *Melissa Long lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Melissa Long - June 23, 2015 at 08:51 AM

CG

“ *Cathy Glass lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Cathy Glass - June 23, 2015 at 08:45 AM

DS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of this wonderful man's passing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. He touched many lives and will never be forgotten.*

Dana Saylor - June 23, 2015 at 08:11 AM

DS

“ *Dana Saylor lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips*



Dana Saylor - June 23, 2015 at 08:10 AM



“ *Aubrey Haynes--Alfa Insurance lit a candle in memory of James Warner Phillips* ”



Aubrey Haynes--Alfa Insurance - June 23, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ *so sorry for your loss may God bless your family* ”



Angelia Osorio - June 23, 2015 at 12:50 AM



So sorry , James will be missed, He was a wonderful teacher and friend!

Darline Gardner - June 23, 2015 at 06:48 PM