



Robert C. Phillips

September 2, 1931 - January 20, 2009

Phillips, Robert C. Age 77. January 20, 2009.

Beloved husband of Patty. Loving father of Mary Albert Kovacs, Julianne Terry Sipes, Suzanne Hershel Wooten, Margaret Stephen Lindholm and Teresa Phillips. Dear brother of the late Laverne Oderfer. Proud grandfather of five. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pontiac. Memorials to IHM Retirement Fund, 610 W Elm, Monroe, MI 48161. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I always remember Bob as a loving, thoughtful man who was always positive, loved to sing wonderful Irish songs, and always made the effort to spend time with my extended family in Detroit. He will be missed greatly and will always be much loved.

Matthew Warren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Dear Patty, I am very sorry to hear of Bob's death. I was not aware of his illness or death. I know that his death will be a great loss to you and your children. I will keep you in my prayers. Much love, Happy Shondell

Forwarded by Jim Russell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Julianne, I have never met any of your other family members, but I am so sorry about your father. I wanted you to know that I am thinking of you. Pam

Pamela Borchert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Ted Williams once said: "By the time you know what to do, you're too old to do it." In almost every case, Ted would be right on the money, but not in the case of Bob. He knew what to do and what was right his whole life and always stood up for whatever he thought that was. It took a wonderful, beautiful, unique and extraordinary man to raise such an amazing family. He will truly be missed.

Gabe Downey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Patty, I am so VERY sorry. The few times I was in Bob's company he impressed me with his warm smile. I could tell he was a loving and kind person. You and your family will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers. Elaine*

Elaine Lovse - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Patty, I'm so sorry to hear about Bob. I enjoyed so much when we got together and went to a redwings game. He was always so giving when it came to John and I. I will miss him very much. Tom*

Tom Beehler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Patty, My thoughts are with you and your family at this very sad time. Special condolences to Suzanne and Teresa, as I personally knew them as my students at H.T. Burt Elementary in Ortonville. Sincerely, Sue TRAVER*

Sue Traver - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Patty, Certainly my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. May you find comfort in knowing that he lives again within the Gates of Heaven. Certainly I was surprised to hear of Bob's death. Having seen him only recently, I was really shocked to see that he had passed away. Bob has enjoyed a wonderful life, a life filled with affection, most especially from you and the children. Certainly Bob leaves with a smile on his face - and a smile that you will one day see again. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace and love, Don Kevern*

Don Kevern - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Patty, I wish I was there to offer words of comfort to you and your family but please know you are in my prayers as you walk through this valley in the shadow of death. You know I love you and I loved Bob.

Sandra Sam Combs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Patty Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We have shared so many memories with you and Bob over the years. We will miss him dearly. A wonderful person and friend & family member. Char & Chuck Deschaine

Charles Deschaine - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Our love and prayers are with our friend Patty and her family at this time. Bob was a good husband and father and appreciated by all who knew him.

Ron & Rosellen Bucy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dear Patty, I was saddened to learn of Bob's death. Bob was a good friend of, and very kind to, my brother, Joe Moffatt. I recall when Bob and my brother were DeLaSalle High School buddies. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Peggy Whittington - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dear Patty, I will always treasure my relationship with my Godmother and Bob. You both have always been so kind and supportive. You continued to be there for me during my losses and I only wish I could be there for you now. I loved Bob and his "gentle giant" ways. I have nothing but fond memories that I will forever cherish. God has another special angel watching over you! I love you dear Godmother! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your girls during this difficult time.

Martina Jarvis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ We were very sorry to learn of Bob's passing Let us first extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and you family Bob was very kind, generous, thoughtful person, and a great neighbor He had helped me when I was locked out of my house. More than once When our kids had a lemonade stand, he made sure to come and get a glass, he would always comment on how he loved watching our kids be kids, whether it be playing in the snow or jumping on the trampoline. We will miss our meetings at the mailbox, with the short but sweet conversations We feel fortunate to have know him With affection and deepest condolences Carol & Dave King

Carol and Dave King - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Our first memory of Bob is when our car was stolen while we were at a party at Queen of Hope and Bob was so kind and gave us a ride home. We have enjoyed being with both of you at many parties. We are praying for you Patty. George & Norine Benskey

George & Norine Benskey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ *Patty and Family, We have been praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Words cannot express the sadness that we feel for you with this great loss. Bob was a very kind and gentle man that only complimented Patty for so many years. May he find eternal rest.*

Owen, Noah, Lisa and Tim Currier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Patty, Dawn and I were greatly saddened with the news of Bob's death. We always thought of him as a kind and gentle person. Unfortunately we are out of town until Monday, but you will be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.*

Ron & Dawn Davis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear Patty, Jules, Terry, MiMi and Paulina and all of your family, Please know that I am with you in spirit and am so sad to hear this news. Bob was so much fun and so lively, it's hard to believe he is not there...he has a wonderful family, though, and all of you gave him such great joy! Lots of love, Julie*

Julie Anderson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ When I was 5 or 6 my uncle Bob took me to the airport in his cool 1965 Pontiac that had a console shift, bucket seats, and blue green paint. We went to see the ominous monster jets land and take off as I had never seen anything like this in my entire short life. Next it was off to a near by hobby shop where he told me to pick the model plane of my choice, I was so excited I couldn't stand it. From there we went back to the house on Penrod and together he carefully showed me how to assemble the flying craft. Recently he gave me one of own his planes from his private collection that was sitting on the airport runway in his family room. I also recently had the pleasure of traveling to europe with him and, remember discussing my memories of that experience and what it meant to me. Today I am continuously involved in biulding show winning muscle cars of the highest caliber. I do believe that he played a huge part of who I am as a person today. All because he took the time to share his passion with me at such a young and impressionable age. He will be dearly missed, but definitely not forgotten while living on in my thoughts and my endeavours.

Christopher J. Collier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Jules, I didn't know your dad, but I'm so sorry to learn of his sudden death. What a shock it must be to all of you. I hope your grief will be softened with happy memories.

Gretchen Anderson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Uncle Bob, you were always a hero in my book. So handsome....I would tell my friends I had an uncle that looked like a movie star! I love you. You will be missed by all of us! Love Cathy

Cathy Weidman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Julianne: I am so sorry to hear of your dad's sudden passing last night. I know you will miss him so much and that he meant the world to you. Though he has slipped the bonds of our earthly plane, I know he has emerged into the everlasting love and light that awaits us all. Because of the love you share, his spirit will always stay with you. I wish you strength and send love to you. Though I am many miles away, my heart is with you now. I miss you and love you. Deb

Deb Burgess Sipes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Julianne, I wish I would have had the pleasure of knowing your father. If your personality is any reflection of his, then I know he brought love and laughter into many lives. May the long time sun shine upon you...all love surround you...and the pure light within you guide your way on. Lots of Love to you, Terry, & your family, Valerie & Mike Rogers

Valerie & Mike Rogers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dearest St. Patty, I wish we could be there with you..but you and Bob are in our hearts always anyhow. I wish I could think of something eloquent to say...words fail me. Our hearts are heavy and between the tears I chuckle when I think of something silly or funny about Bob. I'm so glad I called and talked with you both this last weekend. Please know that we are here holding your hand even if it's only in our mind and heart.

Sandy & Rachel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Bob was a true activist;for all of the right reasons. I will miss the conversations we had. Del

Delavan Sipes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Aunt Patty and Family, Uncle Bob was such a gentle soul that I loved so much. I will never forget him singing at my wedding with his beautiful voice. I am sorry for your loss and you are all in my prayers. Mary Ann

Mary Ann Kennedy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ JulieAnn and Terry: Thank you for letting us know so promptly, Terry. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Jules, your dad was such an interesting man to talk to and had great ideas on all kinds of subjects. I am sure that he leaves all of you with many memories to cherish. Please know that our thoughts and our love are with you and we are there in spirit.

Jean Christensen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM