



James Eric "Jim" Phillips

July 4, 1965 - October 23, 2020

James Eric "Jim" Phillips, age 55, departed this earth on October 23, 2020. He leaves behind family, friends and loved ones who mourn the loss of a life that ended far too soon.

Jim was born in Ft. Benning, GA to James Henry Phillips and Martha Nell Grubbs-Phillips. He graduated from Manatee High School (Bradenton, FL) in 1983. Jim moved to Tallahassee, FL in 1984 to attend Florida State University, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. It was there on FSU's beautiful campus that he met his wife Vicky. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in Leisure Services and Studies from the College of Education in 1989. Jim worked for nearly two decades at Tallahassee Community College as the Student Activities Coordinator, where he was heavily involved with the Student Government Association. It was through this work that he gained many lifelong friends and was also honored by being inducted into the Florida Community College Activities Association Hall of Fame (2007). He was also named Advisor of the Year by the Florida Community College Student Government Association (1999). In the fall of 2006, Jim started down a new career path with an IT company, Yuma Solutions, owned by one of his best friends Mark Mills. He has been with Yuma Solutions for the last 14 years and he has most recently served as the Regional Manager of the Tallahassee office.

Jim felt most at home when he was outdoors hiking, camping, and kayaking. He was also an avid runner, cyclist, and swimmer. In his past he was an

accomplished triathlete, and he was extremely proud to have completed two Ironman distance triathlons among many, many other triathlons, running, and bike races. He was a proud member of the Gulf Winds Track Club and the Tallahassee Triathlon Club.

Jim was known by family and friends for his loving heart and outgoing personality. Any time a friend was in need, he was there. Jim always wanted to be there for the people he loved – and he was. Whether sharing good food, good drinks, or good times, friends knew they could always find adventure, fun, and friendship when Jim was around.

Jim was a devoted husband of 30 years to his wife, Vicky Ann Phillips; amazing father to James Mitchell Phillips and Morgan Elizabeth Phillips-Tippins and her husband Dalton “Bo” Tippins. He is also survived by his brother Kenny Martin and his wife Bonnie; numerous nieces and nephews; and many other loved ones who were like family.

Memorial services will be held at Celebration Baptist Church on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 3pm. If you would like to view his celebration of life, please click the following link: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__m.facebook.com_profile.php-3Fid-3D75304370-26ref-3Dcontent-5Ffilter&d=DwlCAg&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=M1FfHzWZsmF_0CZW5ds3oov56D3KTXmkJfgGenzxKD0&m=JRTiOBmUUSvv7e5kxlnQcgg3pdllS8Qm0HamVH20-LI&s=c9VuxOaXek93sBR-7oyCIPR2lhgpP1V9OPIJ7KB2NKA&e=

A memorial contribution may be made to the Gulf Winds Track Club (GWTC) Chenoweth Endowment Fund in Jim’s name. Donations help the foundation to promote running and fitness in the Big Bend area.

He will live on in our laughter and in our tears.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their

arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-213)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Baptist Church
3300 Shamrock East
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

CA

“ We are so saddened to learn of Jim's passing. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to his family. He spoke of his wife and children often, with much love and pride. May you find comfort in his memory. We will miss his warm smile and kind spirit. - Charlotte, Nora, Angie, Alicia and Emmy (Florida Outdoor Advertising Assn)



Charlotte Audie - November 12, 2020 at 12:35 PM

DC

“ Met Jim as my patient on the ambulance. Our standing joke was, was it a hit and run. The day a deer ran across the road while Jim and his friend was cycling down Centerville Road, the deer was no where to be found. Enroute to TMH we discovered he was working for my first cousins company, YUMA. After that day, occasional seeing him on the same flight home, him sending Mark a message to tell me hi. And a few places around town. Ditto on everyone's memories, of the kind friend, always smiling and always helpful. May you RIP my friend, you're gone, but never forgotten. Prayers for Vicky and his family.



Denise Yon Congletion - November 01, 2020 at 10:11 AM

CS

“ Jim was my Bevis Tech buddy. I had a problem Jim was on it. When my husband was diagnosed with cancer he and the whole staff got my home office up and running immediately and with support and love. He was an office friend. The kind of human you cross paths with but for a moment and in a non intimate manner and yet they impact you. Thier warmth, thier kindness and thier humor become familiar to you and you find that the world has lost something beautiful, but you, you have gained a memory of another human who you will remember and smile upon for the rest of your life. I wish his family all the best in this time of loss and as time heals may your tears of sorrow turn to those of laughter and celebration of his memory. God Bless you all.
Much love to Jim from Candace Swain

Candace A Swain - October 30, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 29, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Penny Conner lit a candle in memory of James Eric "Jim" Phillips



Penny Conner - October 29, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.*



October 29, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *As so many have already said, Jim was like the sun—his smile and warmth radiating to all. He cared about welcoming and including others, and when he took the time to be with you, nothing else mattered to him, or at least that is the way he made it seem.*

My prayer is that his beautiful family feels his love and warmth all of the days of their lives, because he never wanted to leave them. He is with you, now and forever.

To all of the people he sang, laughed and cheered on, remember his words of wisdom and encouragement. He lives on in those moments.

Jim always gave me hope that good people exist in this world. Thank you for everything you gave to us. You are the best of us.

Jessica White - October 29, 2020 at 04:31 PM



A life well lived. May he forever R.I.P. Until you meet again! 🙏

Margaret Coyle - October 30, 2020 at 03:21 PM

ND

“ My deepest condolences to Vicky, Morgan, and Mitchell. Jim was such a positive influence on me and everyone he interacted with. Always smiling, Jim went out of his way to assist in every way. I am so fortunate to have known and worked with Jim.
Nancy Dignon

Nancy Dignon - October 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MC

“ Dear Vicky, Morgan and Mitchell:
Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. Jim was such a tremendous asset to TCC - his high energy, can-do attitude and servant-leadership made him a favorite of students, faculty and staff. I am thankful that he was in my life.
Mary Coburn

Mary Coburn - October 29, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 29, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 28, 2020 at 10:55 PM

MM

“ Jim and I ran countless miles over the last couple decades. The only racing tip I still question is the hold back until the last 10 k of the marathon and then take off. It just doesn't seem possible that we will never share a long run again. I will always remember his smile, his story telling and love of life. I am honored to have been his friend and will never forget the times we shared.

Mike Martinez - October 28, 2020 at 09:56 PM

RS

“ My prayers are with Jim's family. Jim always made time to help and chat. This touches close as we are the same age having raced each other for many years in the same age group. We also shared a passion for backpacking and I trained/hiked with him a few times over the past few years talking gear (or how to eliminate it) and how to change things for older knees etc. I would reach out to him to talk gear etc. Always made time to share.

Richard Stephens - October 28, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 28, 2020 at 04:23 PM

EH

“ Jim was such a good guy. Always had a smile and ready to help especially with his students. I was always impressed with his many talents. Running ,biking, playing guitar, it didn't matter what he did, he always gave it his all. He will be fondly remembered and missed. May his family be proud that he was part of many great memories for a lot of people. RIP Jim.

Eric Henderson - October 28, 2020 at 01:53 PM

KO

“ What a sad sad loss. Got the pleasure of working with Jim as a client while he worked at YUMA. Very dedicated, a super-nice guy and always smiling. Condolences to his family and friends.

Ken Oliver - October 28, 2020 at 01:25 PM

NM

“ You new the moment you met Jim that he was a great person. Many people that grew up with Jim will be deeply saddened by the loss.

Neil McCurry - October 28, 2020 at 11:56 AM

AG

“ We at Ballard Partners are greatly saddened and shocked to hear of Jim's passing. May he rest in peace and condolences to his wife Vicky, his children and family. Jim was an amazing man and always a pleasure to be around, he will be greatly missed. We are sending a memorial contribution to the Gulf Winds Track Club in his name. Our deepest sympathies to all who had the honor of knowing Jim.



Amanda Green - October 28, 2020 at 11:29 AM

SH

“ Quick with a smile, even back in the day. Definitely one of the good guys in my memory....the rarest of good guys.....who made life better for others, lived life to the fullest - seemingly moment to moment. Gone too soon. Sending love and sympathy to your family and all who loved you - which are likely countless over the course of your life. May God comfort them all and may you be at peace.



Susie High - October 28, 2020 at 11:15 AM

FT

“ From David Thornton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



From David Thornton - October 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM

MG

“ The kindest man I ever had the privilege of knowing. Jim, Vicky, Morgan and Mitchell were our neighbors on Log Ridge Trail for years. My son reminded me last night of how much time he used to spend over at the house with the family. If I couldn't find McLain at dinner time, all I had to do was walk next door. My daughter Rebecca could spend hours talking to Jim about triathlons and the rest of us just thought we were the luckiest family ever to have neighbors like the Phillips. Jim, never without a smile. The love he had for his family and just life in general, was infectious. We will miss you terribly. Love and prayers to Vicky, Morgan and Mitchell.

Marsha Goodwin - October 28, 2020 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ *The Bogner Family lit a candle in memory of James Eric "Jim" Phillips*



The Bogner Family - October 28, 2020 at 09:58 AM

SO

“ *SouthGroup purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.*



SouthGroup - October 28, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.*



October 28, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MG

“ I grew up next door to the Phillips family on Log Ridge Trail. To say that this family is kind and welcoming is an understatement. I, and the rest of the neighborhood kids, might as well have had our own room at the Phillips house as that was where the group of us always hung out. Mr Jim was friendly, funny, and just made everyone feel welcomed. I won't forget him taking me and Mitchell on bike rides around the neighborhood, and inviting the whole street over for FSU football games that he would set up on a projector screen in his driveway. He was a fun and genuine person to be around and I am happy to have grown up next to him and the Phillips family. Myself and the whole Goodwin family sends prayers, love and our condolences to the Phillips.

McLain Goodwin - October 28, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 28, 2020 at 09:08 AM

RF

“ *Robert Forsythe & the Third Lake family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



Robert Forsythe & the Third Lake family - October 28, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to family and friends of our Manatee High School Class of 1983 Alumnus*

*Manatee High School Alumni Association
Bradenton, FL*

Manatee Alumni Association - October 28, 2020 at 07:41 AM

HH

“ *The Phillips were our next door neighbors for many years off Holly Ridge. It is a serious understatement to say Jim was a good guy and a family man. He had a passion for life that was unrivaled. He cared no matter who you were and was a unique soul you'd never run into again. I'm heartbroken to be writing this as I know his family is suffering. Life isn't fair and takes the best of us it seems earlier rather than later. I'll always remember him and his family. May he rest in peace. For everyone that was lucky enough to have him in your life, I pray you find peace as some of us continue to search.*

Horace & Jennifer Head

Horace Head - October 27, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MS

“ *Mark Schlaudraff lit a candle in memory of James Eric "Jim" Phillips*



Mark Schlaudraff - October 27, 2020 at 08:27 PM

CS

“ One of the nicest guys I ever met. We had many good times with FJCSGA events. I thank God he allowed our paths to cross. He was a loving husband, father and friend to all. I along with some many others miss him dearly. May God provide comfort to Vickey and the family.

charles smith - October 27, 2020 at 07:33 PM

JJ

“ Worked with Jim at Yuma for several years and was a great guy inside of work and outside of work. Sad and completely shocked to hear about this. Condolences to his wife and children. He will be missed for sure !

Jim Jeffords

Jim Jeffords - October 27, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 27, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.



October 27, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.*



October 27, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Jim at Work*



Albert Nichol - October 27, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Eric "Jim" Phillips.*



October 25, 2020 at 09:41 PM