



Terry Eugene Phillips

July 30, 1945 - May 4, 2020

Terry Eugene Phillips, 74, of Summerfield, FL departed this life on May 4, 2020. He was born to the late Frank Phillips and Inez Phillips (Rosebrook) on July 30, 1945 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Terry graduated from Roosevelt High School in Emporia, Kansas. He spent a brief amount of time at UCLA studying medicine. He went on to receive a Bachelor in Arts from the University of Montana. Throughout Terry's life he lived in many locations including Alaska, Utah, Montana, Kansas, and Florida. His final home was in Summerfield, Florida.

Terry loved the excitement of aviation. At a young age he began his career in aviation and flew both commercial and privately his entire career which spanned over 50 years. He served his country during the Vietnam War and was stationed in both Vietnam and Germany. After his service, he flew fire patrol in Montana and as a bush pilot in Kotzebue, Alaska. He flew many cargo trips into many countries, including India, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. He flew for Big Sky Airlines in Montana, Eastern Airlines in Miami, and captained an Airbus 320 for Air Jamaica.

He had a passion for rescuing large farm animals and found joy in caring for and nursing them back to health. Terry had a love for photography. During his trips around the world, he would share the beauty, culture, and stories with his

friends and family. He loved riding motorcycles and was his preferred method of travel all the way up to the time of his death.

Terry is survived by his wife Sarina (Summerfield, FL) and two children: Jonathan Phillips of Davie, FL; and Johanna Phillips Ertle of Deerfield Beach, FL; his brothers and sister: Kelley Phillips of Tallahassee, FL; Kerry Phillips of Longwood, FL; Vicki Falco of Longwood, FL; and Kirby Phillips of Leavenworth, WA . He is also survived by his four grandchildren; Austin Phillips, Brooke Phillips, Chase Phillips, and Harper Ertle.

DUE TO COVID-19, FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING FLORAL DELIVERIES. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that memorial contributions in Terry's name be made out to Wounded Warriors Family Support charity: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

A memorial service with military honors will be held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. The family welcomes all to share memories of Terry via the Tribute Wall offered by Bevis Funeral Home on his obituary page.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 30. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Honors Ceremony 7/30/2020



Bevis Funeral Home - July 30, 2020 at 07:50 PM

RR

“ Terry And I have been friends for 40 years. We met In Montana, I nicknamed him father Phillips and he dubbed me rotten Ronnie. He was the big brother I never had. We talked often. We shared adventures, great memories and trying times. A couple of farm boys that became pilots. Through the years we spent a lot of time talking about the most important things in our lives, our kids. It expanded to include our grandchildren. He was an ever encouraging rock throughout my battle with cancer. He never gave up on me and always lifted my spirits with his calls. His passing has left a void that can never be filled. Terry enriched my life and the lives of everyone he met. He will be sorely missed.

Ron Reinholtz

Ron Reinholtz - May 28, 2020 at 05:13 AM

JP

Thank you for sharing your memories Ron! He is so terribly missed!

Johanna Phillips - June 12, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LI

Terry and I met in Jamaica. I have so many fond memories of sitting together on our patio watching the hummingbirds which he loved so much. Terry made the world a better place. He was a kind and wonderful person. Humanity is diminished by his loss. Godspeed my dearest friend. You are so missed.

linda irrgang - July 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

SG

“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of Terry. Terry and I have been friends for over 30 years. He was a gentleman, great friend and great aviator. He will be truly missed by all who have touched wings with him.*

Terry always kept in touch by calling every month or so and we had dinner last year in Charlotte when he was on a layover. See added photo of us doing what we liked to do.

Steve Glasgow



Steve Glasgow - May 17, 2020 at 09:55 AM

SU

Memories ... are made of this!

Suziwong - May 18, 2020 at 07:07 PM

JP

Thank you Steve for sharing your memories!

Johanna Phillips - June 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM

JE

“ Sad to hear of Terry’s death, he was a very good friend of mine. He would call at times when he flew over South West Kansas and we would have nice informative conversations, I occasionally would check on his Grandmothers grave and give him a condition report. We stayed in touch ever since he left Garden City, in fact he gave my first airplane ride.

JerryGarvert - May 14, 2020 at 12:59 AM

JP

Thank you Jerry for sharing your memories!

Johanna Phillips - June 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM

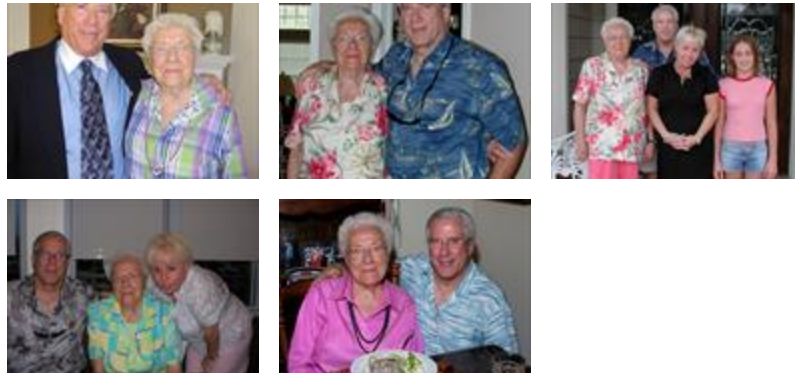
LM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your time of grief. Hold your memories dear and he'll always be next to you.

Lori McCoy - May 13, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JP

“ 26 files added to the album Terry Phillips



Jonathan Phillips - May 12, 2020 at 01:57 PM

RK

In our thoughts, may Terry's Spirit continue to bring well being to all as we walk gently upon the Earth, Our prayers will be abundant. Fellow Aviator... see you again one day...

Robert Keely - May 13, 2020 at 08:40 AM

LW

Terry and his siblings, Inez and Frank were our neighbors in Garden City, KS. The Phillips siblings were cheerleaders and football stars in Garden City. Inez was so proud of them. A highly respected family. Terry and I had just reconnected about 8 months ago, trying to catch up on the last 50+ years. He was so proud of his children, loved his Dolly, and we enjoyed exchanging pictures of his worldly travels, and my SW Kansas pictures.

I still had many traveling stories to hear and books to share.

I'm very sad he was taken so soon.

My prayers and condolences to you all.

Leslie Baird Wagner

Leslie Wagner - May 14, 2020 at 12:41 AM

PS

Terry was a huge influence on my career as a pilot. Through him, I was able to gain some amazing experiences and I always sought his wisdom and advice. I will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Fair winds and blue skies captain.

Peter Stephens - May 14, 2020 at 04:53 PM

DD

Shocked and saddened to hear of Terry's passing. I knew him through aviation and his brother, Kelley. He was a positive influence to the aviation community and way beyond. He will be missed by all. Prayers for his family.

Danny Deason - May 15, 2020 at 07:49 AM