



Joseph Scott Phillips

June 18, 1953 - January 1, 2012

Joseph “Joe” Scott Phillips, 58, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, January 1, 2012. He was born to Scott Phillips and Meda Potter on June 18, 1953 in Miami, Oklahoma. Joe attended and graduated from Jay High School with the class of 1971. He furthered his education by attending the University of Oklahoma and graduating in 1978 with a bachelor’s degree. Joe worked for the Veterans Administration as a registered pharmacist from which he retired in 2003.

Joe was a member of the York Street Christian Church, the Stamp Club, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was an avid collector and enjoyed his “great finds” as long as he could find a place for them. He also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

He met and later married the love of his life, Julia Howard, on July 6, 1987 in Nevada.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Scott Phillips; step-mother, Emma Phillips; grandparents, Sterling and Orlena Potter, T. and Lula Phillips; uncle, Ethan Potter, aunt, Marcella Franklin; mother-in-law, Inez Howard; sister and brother-in-law, Jerian and Rick Andren; sister-in-law, Deborah Howard; brother-in-law, Darren Howard; and cousin, Marcia Franklin.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Phillips of the home; mother, Meda Lively of Jay, OK; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Martha and Chester Martin of Muskogee, OK; father-in-law, Jerry Howard of Broken Arrow, OK; siblings,

Jana and Darrell Yandell of Ft. Gibson, OK, Angel and Richard Owens of Porum, OK, David and Lori Howard of Tahlequah, OK, Beverly Howard of Broken Arrow, OK, Terry and Chris Martin-Miller of Dallas, TX; aunts and uncles, Melba Smith of Jay, OK, Betty and Bob Santee of Colorado, Mary and Roy Cartwright of Afton, OK; step-sister, Rhonda Cunningham and husband, Dearl of Jay, OK; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at York Street Christian Church with Pastor Gene Thompson officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe's nephews, nieces, and great nieces that he loved like they were his own children. Lisa and Jared Wofford, Jerrad Dry, Dalton Yandell, Dustin and Grant Howard, Matthew and Krystal Martin, Richie and Hannah Owens, C.J. and Jessica Howard, Jack Howard, Shane Pitts, Alicia Hall, Katy Wofford, Kaylee and Abby Martin, Blake Martin, Charis and Ashlyn Hall.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

York Street Christian Church
1125 S. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Joe was the nicest, kindest man you could ever meet. Sad that he left this world at such a young age. I still think of him all these years later. RIP

barbara mcgaughran - October 04, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Joseph Scott Phillips

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SC

“ Ten years may have gone by since his passing, but I still think of my good friend from our days as transplants at the VA Medical Center Long Beach California. A far more complex personality always remained out of sight beneath that quiet exterior.

Steve Cagle - November 30, 2022 at 10:32 AM

SC

“ I met and worked with Joe at the Long Beach VA Hospital in Long Beach, California in the last 1970's and early 1980's. Remembering his sweet, caring personalty and gentle spirit on his birthday.



Steve Cagle - June 16, 2018 at 08:50 AM

PB

“ I worked with Joe for many yrs at the VA. He was always the nicest, most considerate man I knew. He went to church with my grandmother and even as recently as last month when I saw him last, he never failed to ask about her and always sent her birthday and holiday cards. I remember he always had a recommendation of places to see and eat from his travels and years later I could still remember them when I traveled to those places. He was a quiet man with impeccable manners and class. Julie, he was one in a million. My heartfelt condolences to you. You couldn't ask for a more loving, loyal husband. He will be missed by all that knew him

Pamela Beck - January 27, 2012 at 03:54 PM

KS

“ Julie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe was a great man and partner. Karen Baughman Scott

karen scott - January 12, 2012 at 01:14 PM

JS

“ I worked with Joe in 1987 until he retired. A good friend. The memories are too many to recite here. When I started the men would not let me work in there section. Joe let me work in his. I got to reorganize it the way that I wanted it. He always gave gifts for my daughter's milestones. His dry sense of humor was so funny because it was so unexpected. I wish that we could have spent more time with him after he retired

Jean Shuman - January 10, 2012 at 08:20 PM

LH

“ I worked with Joe here at the VA hospital pharmacy from 1990 until he retired in 2003 and although we had to work on the "line" in the outpatient pharmacy way too much we managed to laugh about things. I'll never forget Joe driving the van for us to attend pharmacy CE dinners in Tulsa. He was a cautious driver-then he gave our friend Kathy a ride home one day after work and got a ticket...she felt so bad about that, but it was kind of funny because he was such a cautious driver. I also enjoyed his Munsters T-shirt every Halloween, and his description of certain foods as "larappin" I'm not sure how to spell that!! Joe was a gentleman always and I will miss him.

Lynda Hill

Lynda Hill - January 09, 2012 at 04:06 PM

SO

“ From the moment we met this wonderful man at the Denver airport with Robert and Karen Hendrex, after Robert introduced you and I to Joe, and he turned to me to say, "Your first name is really Deabuie?", (which we all had a really great laugh about)...I knew the two of you were the perfect match for each other. You complimented each other in such a unique way.

Julie, how truly blessed you have been, to have shared so many years and wonderful memories with this sweet, loving, kind and caring soul. They broke the mold when they made Joe.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve your tremendous loss. May God and his angels help you to find peace and healing.

Love and Prayers to you, my dear friend.

Sonya Dea (Buie) O'Dell

Sonya Dea O'Dell - January 09, 2012 at 12:07 PM

TH

“ I had nearly forgotten the time that in sixth grade in Mrs. Morrow's room, Joe Scott was trying to remove the large eraser from his pencil pulling and pulling. It finally came off as the pointed end jammed up his nose. He looked around the room and grinned as we all broke into stupid sixth grade laughter. After looking around a few times and making every face he could think of, he pulled the pencil free releasing a torrent of blood. He had to make a trip to the bathroom but came back all fine grinning and laughing. No one got any more enjoyment from that exhibition than Joe Scott. He laughed more about it than anyone. He was a tremendously good sport. Ted Harp.

Ted Harp - January 09, 2012 at 08:10 AM

TH

“ It is so sad to lose a great and capable friend. Joe Scott always worked hard to do well and help others. My classmate from 1st grade through senior year at Jay will be greatly missed. He was always fun and clever to be with from playground years to trigonometry class. Still hard to believe. My prayers and sympathy to all of his wonderful family. Ted Harp

Ted Harp - January 09, 2012 at 07:25 AM



“ Joe and I were former co-workers at the VA MEDICAL CENTER. We later became next door neighbors. even though no longer next door we were still neighbors.

Joe was a very caring person, when I was disabled after multiple surgeries he made sure my trash container was at the curb, cut my grass when he did his.

We visited as he passed by during his "Health Walks" some days.

Julia you have lost your soulmate, take time to grieve your loss in any way that helps.

Scream if you want and it helps. Then gradually began to allow happy memories to overshadow the sadness. May these memories of Love and Good-Times put smiles in your heart..

May these loving memories, love and support of family friends help during this time.

I have also asked God to assign the angels of "PEACE AND COMFORT" to be your constant companions for as long as you need them.

Know that GOD LOVES YOU and is just a thought or whisper away.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help, not just now but anytime

You Are in My Prayers
JANET L. MONDAINE
1231 TURNER PL

Janet Mondaine-Lucas - January 09, 2012 at 01:27 AM

KH

“ I've known Joe a very long time ,almost as long as I've known my husband, Robert. He was a faithful and dependable friend who was never too busy to share important milestones in our life whether it be weddings, graduations or birthdays. I will miss him dropping by to visit to tell us of his travels, share a funny story, or drop by some photographs that he thought we might like. He was always the same, cheerful and sweet and I loved that about him. We will miss him a lot. Karen Hendrex

Karen Hendrex - January 08, 2012 at 12:38 PM

RH

“ I first met Joe in the fall of 1971 when we were both freshman students at NSU. By chance, we sat next to each other in an academically challenging American history class. When the results of the first test were being handed out, I passed Joe's graded test to him and was able to see his grade. It was 110 out of a possible 110. I asked him, "How did you do that?" We talked after class and became the best of friends. I found out later that Joe had been the valedictorian at Jay High School and that he was quite the academic; especially if he was interested in the subject. After attending pharmacy school at OU together, our jobs took us different directions but we stayed in touch. Joe and Bob Rhodes and I went to an OU football game in 1983 and on the way I told Joe I had a girl I wanted him to meet. I told him she was a tech at MRMc that I worked with. I told him she was a really nice girl who was about the funniest person I had ever met. Just like in the American history class, I wasn't sure how much he was paying attention, but that winter, they were able to meet on a ski trip in Colorado. After a very fun follow-up trip to California and a trip to the New Orleans World Fair in 1984, the deal was in cement and they were happily married a long time.
Joe and Julie.... Nicest people in the world...

robert hendrex - January 07, 2012 at 12:32 PM