



James C Phillips

February 9, 1924 - February 22, 2020

James Clemit Phillips 2.9.1924 to 2.22.2020

Born in Slocomb, Alabama to Manuel Dewey Phillips and Bertis Dean Bolin Phillips in Geneva County Alabama.

See bio/resume for history

12.20.1946 Married Flora Christine Fortson in Houston County Alabama. She was the daughter of Clayton and Leona Fortson of Houston County Alabama. They met as pin pals during the WWII. They were married 63 years. They moved to Ocala Florida in 1957.

Predeceased by: his wife Christine in 2009, his parents, three sisters, Ruth Phillips (Carl) Davis, Abbie Phillips (Paul) Sawyer, Vaughdean (Laurel) Bracken, and his brother Hugo Phillips (Oudia Lou).

Survivors:

Daughter, Sharon Yevette Phillips Sutter her husband Donald, their children Chad Andrew Sutter his wife Julie Ann and two children Mia and Teagan. Jeremy Ryan Sutter his wife Donna and two children Christopher and John.

Daughter Karen Lynn Phillips and her son Dustin Z. Mann and his children Devin and David.

Survived by many loving nieces and nephews that he adored. He was loved by the community in which he lived.

In place of flowers send a donation to Veterans Helping Veterans of Marion County Fl and the Order of the Purple Heart Marion County FL.

CSC (PA) JAMES C. PHILLIPS DA VPRM/E7 USN

My Years On The Planet Earth

ENLISTED IN THE REGULAR NAVY MARCH 1941.

TOOK BOOT TRAINING AND SCHOOLING AT NTC NORFOLK, VA FIRST SHIP USS LUCE (DD522) OPERATED IN THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC. I WAS IN TASK FORCE 94.6 FIRST EVER LAND BOMBARDMENT OF THE JAPANESE HOMELAND. LOST IN A BATTLE WITH 30 JAP KAMIKAZE PLANES 4 MAY 1945, AT OKINAWA RESCUED FROM THE CHINA SEA BY USS HENRY A. WILEY (DM 29). TRANSFERRED TO USS: MERCY, 4 DAYS LATER TRANSFERRED TO FLEET HOSPITAL III GUAM. THEN TO R/S TO BUBA P.I. TO USS SHENANDOAH AD 26- TO USS ESTES AGC 11, TO USS TURNER (DDR 834) TO NTC GREAT LAKES, IL TO USS LAFFEY DD724, TO USS RANDOLPH CVA 15, TO NOB BERMUDA BWI .. SERVED IN ALL ENLISTED PAY GRADES WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER AT THE AGE OF 21.

MEDALS AND AWARDS

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, EUROPEAN AFRICAN-MIDDLE

EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AMERICAN DEFENSE MEDAL, ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL, PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, PURPLE HEART MEDAL, PRESIDENT UNIT CITATION, WOPRLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL, KOREA CAMPAIGN MEDAL, COMBAT ACTION MEDAL W/V.

FOREIGN MEDALS AND AWARDS

PHILIPPINE LIVERATION MEDAL, PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE MEDAL, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINE CITATION BADGE AWARD, K9REA PRESIDENT UNIT CITATION.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JAMES FORREST ALL, COMMANDER NAVAL TRAINING CENTER GREAT LAKES, IL, COMMANDER SERVICE FORCE US ATLANTIC FLEET, COMMANDING OFFICER US NAVAL STATION BERMUDA, SUPPLY AND FISCAL OFFICER US NAVAL STATION BERMUDA, MERITORIOUS MAST, COMMANDING OFFICER USS RANDOLPH-CVA 15-SEPARATED FROM NAVY 1957.

CIVIAL AWARDS

PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, SOUTHWESTERN PETROLEUM CORPORATION NATIONAL SALES MANAGERS COMMENDATION AWARD 1965. CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION GULF OIL CORP., UNITED DELCO MOTOR SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM, A.11ERICAN BREEDERS SERVICE A.I. MANAGEMENT. NCPOA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

PAST PRESIDENT USS LUCE DD522 ASSOC.

PAST PRESIDENT USS LAFFEY DD724 ASSOC.

DIRECTOR NCPOA, CHARTER MEMBER

FRA BRANCH 33 BERMUDA BWI

MEMBER US YORKTOWN ASSOC.

TIN CAN SAILORS ASSOC.

USS TURNER DD834 ASSOC.

LIFE MEMBER DAV

LIFE MEMBER VFW

LIFE MEMBER MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

PLANK OWNER US NA VY MEMORAL

MEMBER NAVAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

PAST PRESIDENT NATIONAL CPO ASSOC.

MEMBER NATIONAL KAMIKAZE SURVIVORS ASSOC.

PRESENTLY RETIRED AND LIVING IN MARION -----COUNTY

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I never met Jim Phillips, but have heard of this great man through my father, Robert Bedard, who served with Jim aboard the USS Luce. My father passed away in 2013, but I am now going through his extensive Navy papers, and see letters exchanged between Jim and my dad. My Dad was very appreciative for Jim helping him obtain USS Luce information. Those memories meant a lot to my dad in his later years. Thank you Chief Phillips for your kindness to my dad. May you rest in peace with your ship-mates, including my dad.

Philip Bedard - January 12, 2021 at 07:37 PM

LJ

“ I met your Dad through Madge about 2 years ago. What an amazing man! Loved hearing his stories about breeding cattle and he loved seeing the pictures of my Lowline Angus bull and calves. I used to meet the two of them for dinner and we would talk for hours. I can only hope to be (still here) and half as healthy and clear of mind as he was. If there is any way I can help you with anything. Please let me know. I was at my sisters in Sarasota for your dad's services and didn't learn of his passing till I came home. I'm so sorry for your loss but I'm happy Jim is with Jesus and your precious Mom that he missed so much. Sorry to connect this way but I don't have your address: my daughter lives in Harbour Oaks at the end of Sandhill.

Loraine Johnson - March 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I am so sorry to hear that Mr Phillips has passed away. He was amazing veteran, family friend, one of my fathers dearest friends. Both Jim and Christine and my parent Scotty and Betty spent many winters together over the years. They first met while stationed in Bermuda. I first met Mr Phillips, it just never felt right to call him Jim in 1973 at their house in Ocala. I fondly remember collecting eggs from their chickens and seeing the birth of a calf. He was kind and welcoming joking that even though we were Yankees we were good people. He was a true hero and saw the worst horrors of war. He did so much to help other combat veterans and honor those that made the greatest sacrifice. I was just at Patriots Point in Charleston and thought about all the work he did to establish that important memorial. He will be missed but know that he made lasting impressions on many that he met and he helped so many throughout his life. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time

Victor Skarohlid - March 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM