



Kenneth A. Phillips

April 13, 1953 - January 30, 2021

Kenneth A. Phillips, age 67, of North Royalton, Ohio, was born on April 13, 1953 and passed away on January 30, 2021. Beloved father of Jennifer Wasil (Mark), Douglas Phillips (Kristin), and Geoffrey Phillips (Brin). Brother of David, Daniel, and John (Cindy) Phillips, and the late Susan Kotaska (Jim; deceased). Loving son of Marie and the late Elmer. Dear grandfather of Kayla, Isaac, Olivia, Anderson, and Leo. Uncle to Danielle, Corrinne, Rhianna, and Cailyn. He was also a cherished friend.

Ken graduated from North Royalton High School in 1971 as valedictorian and was later inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for football and basketball. He attended Bucknell University on both academic and athletic scholarships, graduated in 1975, started a successful career in accounting, and enjoyed playing softball. Those closest to Ken knew how he truly loved his children, grandchildren, family, and friends he made along his journey. We remember him, especially in his brightest times, when he provided guidance, advice, humor, and love to everyone around him.

We will forever love him and miss him.

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“ Geez it's been a long time since high school and a world away since I moved away to Texas. Kids in high school could be mean but Ken never was. I was so happy to see him at our 10 year high school reunion with his lovely wife and seeing him do so well! He definitely deserved it! I'm so sorry to hear about his passing but to his credit he lived his life well in the time he had!

Sylvia Rangel Stowe - May 09 at 11:29 AM



“ Hi there Sylvia! So sorry I'm late on this. :). Thank you for these sweet words about my Dad. I also see your comment down there about being neighbors with my Dad's high school girlfriend. That sounds so many fun. Yes, high school seems worlds away, but the memories can come rushing back sometimes when we sit and think! :). I hope you and your loved ones are doing well and staying safe. Many blessings. Jen

Jen - August 22 at 07:07 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about Ken.
My deepest condolences to all of Ken's family. May the wonderful times you shared, bring you smiles and joyful memories during this so very difficult time.

I have such wonderful memories of growing up together on Sprague Rd with Ken and his family, (along with his cousins next door.) We didn't go to school together, since I lived across the street (Parma schools), but the kids in our neighborhood spent a lot of wonderful times together. There were the countless hours of softball playing in the field behind the creek, trick-or-treating together, snowball fights, and so many other fun-filled and joyful times. I am so grateful he was part of my childhood

Prayers to all of his family.

Diane Filous Stromp

Diane Stromp - March 03 at 07:04 AM



“ Hi there Diane :)

Thank you so very much for those warm memories of your childhood. :) Not everyone lives in a neighborhood like that and get to make so many fun memories. It makes my heart so happy thinking of all of you having so much fun together - enjoying those moments throughout our lives is what what life is all about.

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well and are staying safe. :)

Jen Wasil (daughter)

Jen - March 04 at 09:43 AM



“ Wow!! This has taken me days to process. Ken was not only best man at my wedding but was a good role model for me when we were growing up. Me and my siblings were all close for many years and all 'hung out' together. We were all saddened by this news. It will be tough not to be able to talk to him any more. Jen, Doug and Geoff...hold on to your memories of Dad..he soooo loved you guys. Rest Ken buddy. You deserve to!!

Daniel Phillips - February 08 at 03:57 PM



“ Thank you, Uncle Dan. <3

Jen Wasil - February 08 at 05:49 PM



“ Ken and I played football and basketball together throughout high school but we were good friends well before that as Ken, Mark (another friend of ours) and I all had April birthdays and had combined birthday parties for many years. Many good memories!

God's grace and peace to the family during this time.

Chris Robertson

Chris Robertson - February 08 at 01:29 PM



“ Chris! In my Dad's high school memento box, I saw your senior photo you had given him. I saw how talented and involved you were in high school as well! I did not know about the combined parties! Thank you so much for your words about Dad. :). I hope things are well with you and your loved ones. Happy 50th high school reunion!

Our God is full of mercy and peace, and we are feeling that.

Jen (daughter)

Jen Wasil - February 08 at 02:03 PM



“ Jen, how nice of you to send me a message. Our family is doing well!

God is good!

Chris

Chris Robertson - February 10 at 11:28 PM



“ Of course! This weekend I came across Dad's letterman sweater from Royalton. That was extremely emotional for me.

He certainly is good and faithful, especially in our valleys. Thank you for the reminder. :)

Jen

Jen Wasil - February 14 at 09:42 AM



“ Your dad's girlfriend in high school was my neighbor. Haha those were the days! We all hung out together after the games and parties!

Sylvia Rangel Stowe - May 09 at 12:08 PM



“ Condolences to the Philips family. I was a NR teammate and friend. Blessings. Joe Cillian

Joe Cillian - February 07 at 09:29 PM



“ Thank you Joe. I see you there in his 1971 Paragon! Many blessings to you and yours as well. :)

Jen Wasil - February 08 at 01:33 PM



“ The North Royalton Alumni Association extends sincere condolences to the family.

Diana Riedel Skorepa - February 06 at 04:04 PM



“ Thank you, Diana. Much appreciated! Jen (daughter)

Jen Wasil - February 08 at 01:34 PM



“ Thank you Diana (I remember you from NRUMC) Cindy Phillips

Cindy Phillips - February 08 at 03:35 PM



“ There was never any doubt that Dad was most proud of his 3 kids. I have beautiful memories of Dad – his unwavering support of me at my school events, concerts, and athletic matches; going to cookouts and holiday parties at Grandma's house; learning from him how to keep my “eye on the ball” as I swing the bat, how to bait a fishing hook, and how to check the oil in my car; receiving my first official birthday call of each year from Dad (because he intentionally called on the day before my birthday!); and holding his newborn grandkids - Kayla, Isaac, and Olivia. We all have struggles in this life, but I choose to honor him by treasuring the wonderful memories. Thank you, Jesus, for providing compassion, comfort, and light to us in the midst of our storms (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). All glory and praise goes to God our Savior, who is faithful (Deuteronomy 32:4), gives us hope (Romans 15:13), forgives us (Colossians 3:13), and restores us (1 Peter 5:10). We love you, Dad! <3 Jen, Mark, Kayla, Isaac, and Olivia



Jen Wasil - February 05 at 12:44 PM



“ The class of 1971 E. E. Root high school mourns the loss of Ken. We send his family and friends our sympathy and prayers. This year, we celebrate our 50th reunion. Ken was outstanding in academics and sports. He was well-liked and admired. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Gail Schlenkerman Shank

Gail Schlenkerman Shank - February 07 at 10:59 AM



“ 50 years! That will be an incredible celebration! Thank you so much for those kind words about my Dad on behalf of the 1971 class. What a talented person he was, indeed. I have been going through his high school yearbooks, newspaper articles, trophies, and mementos. The photos of him (and all of his classmates, too!) make me smile :) Thank you again for reaching out, and I hope you all have a wonderful 50th high school reunion! Jen (his daughter)

Jen Wasil - February 08 at 01:31 PM



“ Laura Friend lit a candle in memory of Kenneth A. Phillips



Laura Friend - February 05 at 12:10 PM



“ Thank you, Laura! <3

Jen Wasil - February 08 at 01:33 PM