



Michael Leroy Phillips

September 21, 1947 - June 24, 2020

Michael Leroy Phillips departed this mortal life on June 24, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. To the countless family and friends whose lives Mike touched in his 72 years, life will never be the same.

Mike was born in West Palm Beach, Florida on September 21, 1947. He was the son of Mary Lee Joyner and Charles Ruth Phillips. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother William Scott Phillips, his sister Lucille Beatrice Dover, and his brother Edward James Phillips. He is survived by his brother, Charles Russell Phillips. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Magdalena, of 49 years, his son Dr. Michael Charles Phillips and his wife Jennifer Phillips and their children Molly, Lily, and Charlie. He is also survived by his daughter Lilia Magdalena Kozell, her husband Richard Kozell, Esq. and their two children, Rosie and Jackson, along with many other relatives and friends.

Mike was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and raised his family accordingly; always having a strong testimony of Jesus Christ. He was a native of Florida and resided in Jupiter for over 47 years, except for a brief period of time when he attended Brigham Young University and Louisiana State University. While attending BYU, he was called to serve as a missionary for the church. He was trained to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and served in the Mexican mission for two years, during which time he mastered the Spanish language and had many unique experiences. At the end of his mission, he met his “Amor” Magdalena. They subsequently married

and started their family here in Florida.

In his career, Mike was a community banker in Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties. In this capacity, he helped many local small businesses get their start. Following his retirement from banking, Mike was the volunteer coordinator for El Sol, Jupiter Community Resource Center, where he helped to organize volunteer efforts and activities for the community. Mike truly believed in and practiced his favorite scripture verse from the Book of Mormon, Mosiah 2:17 that states, "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." In his free time, Mike enjoyed many volunteer activities. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Jupiter-Tequesta for over 30 years and served as club president twice. He would often speak with great pride of the many Kiwanis projects which impacted the lives of others, such as the Dictionary Project that was designed to improve literacy in grade school children in Jupiter and Tequesta. He also was a long time translator of church services for Spanish speaking congregants. He made every effort to help anyone who was in need. He was a friend to all and considered a father figure by many.

Mike also enjoyed many activities like fishing, boating, gardening and hosting innumerable family gatherings. He felt that his greatest accomplishment, however, was raising a loving family and spending time with them. No family has ever been more proud of their patriarch than the family Mike leaves behind. And perhaps no man has ever given more of himself than our beloved Papa.

In lieu of flowers the Phillips family requests that donations be made to El Sol Jupiter Community Resource Center at ww.friendsofelsol.org.

DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE FUNERAL SERVICE MONDAY WILL BE PRIVATE FOR FAMILY AND INVITED GUESTS ONLY. VISITING HOURS SUNDAY AT THE FUNERAL HOME ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cemetery Details

Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road
Jupiter, FL 33469

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Leroy Phillips*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Mike and Magda were our neighbors and close friends for years in the 70s and 80s in Jupiter, our kids grew up together. We shared many a Christmas and wonderful meal together. He loved to cook ! Eighteen years ago he gave me the honor of marrying my husband and I at Dubois park, Jupiter.
He and Magda made a special visit to see me the night before my heart surgery in Martin hospital 11 years ago. ..Sadly didn't see them afterwards.
My very deepest condolences to this wonderful family.. you will always be kept in our prayers. 💕*



Marge James - May 15, 2022 at 04:09 AM



“ *Mike and I were friends from times we played with trucks and cars in the dirt until the present. We shared secrets, rode with his family to church and rode the bus to school everyday. He was Nick's friend and when I heard that black motorcycle coming down the dirt Elizabeth rode, I would run outside to sweep the porch and stare at every move Nick made. After he left, I would pick Mike for anything I could get out of him.
Mike will always be in my heart. I will never forget you, Mike Phillips. Magdalena, I pray for strength and love for that wonderful sweet soul that you made happy for so many years.
Love you and your boys! Nick, Dale, and Kristy Deonas*

Helen Dale Deonas - July 01, 2020 at 01:31 PM

HD

wow! made lots of mistakes! Should have proofread

Helen Dale Deonas - July 01, 2020 at 01:34 PM

MB

“ *Mike was always inviting, generous, caring, a jokester. A true family man. I'm grateful for the time we had to talk this month. I learned little things about him. Like the level of love he has for hats. Specifically flat caps. Like what his silence meant after a question. I will remember his sign language: I got lots of thumbs up as an answer or confirmation. Or a side wave if not. It was obvious how much he adored his wife and how proud he was of his family.*

*You're better off as an angel, Mike 👍
But you will be heavily missed.*

Michelle B - June 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM

SL

“ *Seems impossible...4 months to the day since my Father, passed, and now his youngest brother. Mike you were the best role model, and positive man as an Uncle. I am sure you are welcomed by a family of love there, and the family here will certainly miss you. Till we meet again xoxox.*

Sharon Lillo - June 29, 2020 at 12:08 PM

PM

“ *Paula and I are tremendously sorry for Mikes' passage. We spent several years together at the Jupiter-Tequesta Kiwanis club. Mike and Magda were gracious friends.*

We will miss you terribly Mike.

Gary and Paula Mullins

Paula Mullins - June 28, 2020 at 04:59 PM

ND

“ *Mike and I grew up together here on Amelia Island. He lived next door to Dale Blocker who has now been my wife for 53 years. Mike was one of the kindest people I have ever known. My prayers go out to his family for comfort and peace. May God Bless your family.*

Nick Deonas - June 28, 2020 at 08:50 AM

RS

“ *I graduated from Fernandina Beach High School with Mike in 1965. I remember him most from his working in our school Library under Ms. Anna Sether. Mike was friendly and kind, had a great laugh and was a good friend and classmate. He will be missed.*

Ronnie Sapp - June 27, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ *Jim Bertino lit a candle in memory of Michael Leroy Phillips*



Jim Bertino - June 27, 2020 at 09:54 AM

JB

Mike was my friend and personal banker for over 20 years. If Mike moved from bank to bank we moved our accounts from bank to bank with him. Mike you will be missed by more people than you know. God rest his soul, you are getting a real good one.

Jim Bertino - June 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM

DM

Even though I haven't seen you all in years, you will always be in my heart. I remember all the wonderful sabbaths our families spent enjoying each others company. The family reunions were great. I'm sure ours were nothing like the one that will be going on this week. Family find comfort in knowing you were a special part of such a well - lived life. God Bless you all, and much love from Dale and Buddy Mahan

Dale Mahan - June 29, 2020 at 10:58 AM

CN

“*Sooooo sorry for the loss of your dad. He is rejoicing in heaven with his Mother and Father, and Bill Phillips and E J and all of his other loved ones, family and friends. We will all meet again one day.* 🙏🙏



Calvin Newton - June 27, 2020 at 09:52 AM

LS

“*Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael Leroy Phillips*



Lori Smith - June 27, 2020 at 08:55 AM

SC

“ I'll always remember the awesome Thanksgiving dinners. 30+ people every year. Mike And Magda would have such a diversified group and by the end of the day we'd all be friends. As a kid we'd spend part of our summers together and Mike did his best to keep Sherry and I on our toes. Towel fights and cow tongue. I'll miss you Uncle.

Sue Carames - June 27, 2020 at 08:43 AM

RS

“ Lilia, my heart is with you. My condolences to you and your family.

Randy Siler - June 27, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael Leroy Phillips.



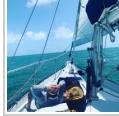
June 27, 2020 at 05:04 AM

SB

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Sarah Blair Bennett - June 26, 2020 at 11:22 PM



That's great!

Michael Phillips - June 26, 2020 at 11:32 PM



I'll always think of Mike when I put on my BYU sweatshirt. I didn't go there but I have fond memories of lunches I had with Mike talking about the Mormon faith and BYU and Salt Lake City. He was a good man.

Howar Werner - September 03, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Georgia Anderson lit a candle in memory of Michael Leroy Phillips*



Georgia Anderson - June 26, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ *Amanda Rankin lit a candle in memory of Michael Leroy Phillips*



Amanda Rankin - June 26, 2020 at 08:47 PM

JW

“ I was very sad to hear of Mike’s passing yesterday and wanted to send a sincere message to his loving family:

I had the pleasure of working with Mike at The Jupiter Tequesta National Bank many years ago. Aside from being a kind and compassionate banker, helping many, Mike’s love of his family was one of my fondest memories. That is what stood out most to me! Being a woman, there is nothing more heartwarming or attractive than a man that cherishes his family and he surely did! Magda, Charlie and sweet Lilia, you had the cream of the crop in that department! □ It just doesn’t get any better than Mike’s example!

*To Molly, Lily, Charlie, Rosie and Jackson:
Your grandfather was a very special humble man who was loved and respected by many in our community. I am not certain we will ever truly understand the scope of people that Mike has helped and touched personally. He was a great great man respected by many in both business and in the El Sol community!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely,
Jane Waggener*

Jane Waggener - June 26, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MJ

“ *María De Jesús lit a candle in memory of Michael Leroy Phillips*



María de Jesús - June 26, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ *Miss you*



Michael Phillips - June 26, 2020 at 06:24 PM

SD

“ *What a reunion that is happening in Heaven! Grandma and Grandpa Phillips, my dad Ed, uncle Mike, aunt Lucille, Bill and so many other of our loved ones!! One day we will all be together in that great reunion!!!*

Shirley Dyess - June 26, 2020 at 05:37 PM

SP

“ *Sharon Passiatore lit a candle in memory of Michael Leroy Phillips*



Sharon Passiatore - June 26, 2020 at 05:30 PM