



Thomas Phillips

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Thomas Phillips passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at his home in Covington, LA after nearly two years of confinement.

He was born on March 28, 1920 in Galveston, TX. Son of the late Benjamin Phillips of New Brighton, England and the late Catherine Rhind Phillips of Wales, England. He graduated from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, where he was the manager of the Golf Team and a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Following college, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Officers Training Program. After graduation from the Naval Program he was sent to London, England for bomb detonation training. He completed his training and was sent to San Francisco, CA to await his orders. While in San Francisco he met his devoted wife Elleo Hittell Phillips. The following year, 1943, they were married. Tom was then deployed to the U.S.S. Indianapolis as Bomb Disposal Officer until August 1945. He served on her until hours before which she sailed to deliver the Atom Bomb, after which she was sunk by the Japanese. At the end of the war he was discharged as a Lt. Commander. He returned to Galveston, TX to work for Wm. Parr & Co. where he became partner/owner of Phillips Parr Steamship Co. He then moved to Covington, LA and had an office in New Orleans, LA. He retired in 1979. Tom was an avid golfer and member of Covington Country Club, where he served on the Board of Directors. He was also a member of the ROB's and Louisiana Senior Golf Association. He delivered meals for VAAN, in Mandeville, LA for years.

He is survived by his loving wife; five children, Tom Phillips, Jr. and his wife Betty of Austin, TX, Lou P. Thompson and her husband Marion of Helena, MT, Ted Phillips and his wife Renita of Houston, TX, Terry Phillips and his partner Sherrel Alack of Mandeville and Jocelyn P. Cunningham and her husband Tom of Cincinnati, OH; beloved grandfather of Jenny Phillips, Alli Connorton and her husband Matt, Catherine Humphry and her husband Blayke, Emily, Amy and Megan Thompson,



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and T.J. and Mary Cunningham.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the memorial services on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Christ Church, 120 South New Hampshire, Covington, LA 70433.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Concern Care Hospice, 805 East Rutland Street, Covington, LA 70433.



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TA

Terri Abraham posted:

I'm so sorry to hear that Mr. Phillips passed away, he was such a kind, gentle man. My deepest sympathy to his wife, children, and grandchildren.

July 26 at 7:00 PM

DC

David Carley posted:

Elleo..... I was deeply saddened by the news of Tom's passing. I have missed both of you since moving away. I will always remember Tom for the great man he was. Tom was always willing to help me in anyway he could. Many, many times, he would loan me a tool or lawn mower or would offer a helpful word of advice. To me, he was a mixture of a neighbor and a second Dad. You both were wonderful neighbors and I wish I could have been there to return his favors in any little way I could. My prayers have been and will continue to be with you and your family.

July 22 at 7:00 PM

PT

Peggy Andersen Conard Thompson posted:

I was saddened to see the notice of Tom's passing while reading the Galveston County News online. I have fond memories of "Mr. Phillips" since my elementary school years in Galveston and then working for him at LeBlanc-Paar. My sympathies to you Lou, and your entire family at this difficult time. Peggy Andersen Conard Thompson

July 21 at 7:00 PM

LG

Lil And Bill Glenn, Jr. posted:

To the Phillips Family, Lil and I were so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. We have thought of you all often. Since Fred Brown died we have had no news of your dear family. I thought of you, Elleo when watching the fires last week that must have been near your families property on the lakes near Tahoe. Our warmest sympathies to you and to all those dear children that we knew so sell on South Shore Drive in the 1960s. With Love from Lil, Bill glenn, Jr.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

SO

Susan Reynolds Orkus posted:

"Mr. Tom" was always such a nice person and a pleasure to work for at Phillips-Parr in the ITM building. My thoughts to you Ted and Terry and Jocelyn. Susan Reynolds Orkus

July 21 at 7:00 PM



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CT

Celia (Reid) Trujillo posted:

Dear Jocelyn and Family, I am very sorry to hear about your father's passing. I have wonderful memories of him and your mother at our Parent's weekends at Drake, and when I attended your wedding in Covington. He was a warm and intelligent man, and my father, Cecil, very much enjoyed taking with him. On one occasion, they lunched together in New Orleans when my father had business there. You will all be in my prayers as you go through the funeral on Monday. Give my best to your mother. I will be in touch soon, Jocelyn. Sincerely, Celia (Reid) Trujillo

July 20 at 7:00 PM

EH

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home posted:

The Staff of E.J. Fielding Funeral Home offers our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

July 19 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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