



John Frederick Phillips

October 4, 1934 - October 4, 2018

John F. Phillips, 84, of Wapakoneta, died 12:21 p.m., on his birthday, Oct. 4, 2018, at Kindred Hospital, Lima surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 4, 1934, in Lima, the son of John W. & Gladys V. (Frederick) Phillips. On Sept. 6, 1953, he married Miriam A. (Prieser) Phillips, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

5 children, Penny G. (John M.) Zink, Wapakoneta;

Melissa A. (Dick) VanderPloeg, Wapakoneta;

John W. (Jill) Phillips, Zanesfield, OH,

Paul D. (Victoria) Phillips, Springfield, OH;

& Lori K. (Jerry) Meckstroth, Marysville, OH;

15 grandchildren,

John R. (Annie) Zink, Erin (Jason Rittenhouse) Zink,

Sara (Adam Baber) Zink, Tom (Vicki) Zink, Misty Eastman,

Nichol (Brian) Morey, Jennifer (Andy) Dean,

Robert (Marla) Green, Jerod Lookabaugh,

Jennifer (Joshua) Browning, Michael (Sylvia) Phillips,

Daniel (Amber) Phillips, Adam (Caitlin) Phillips,

Meghin Meckstroth & Mallory Meckstroth,

28 great grandchildren & 3 great great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Janis Klay.

John retired in 1996 as an engineer from General Dynamics, Lima. He worked with them as an expatriate in Egypt from 1994-1996. Prior to that, he worked at Baldwin- Lima-Hamilton and Clark Equipment both of Lima. In his younger years, he also worked with his parents at Phillips Flowers. A 1952 graduate of Blume High School, he attended The Ohio State University and was a member of Army National Guard. John was a member of First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta., and the Gideons International. He was an avid golfer and member of the Wapakoneta Country Club. John and Miriam were loyal supporters of the Wapakoneta High School athletics. He was also a fan of The Ohio State

University Buckeyes and the Cleveland Indians.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. Oct. 10, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta with Pastor Josh Tissot officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 4-8 p.m., Tues. Oct. 9, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave., (St. Rt.501) Wapakoneta, and from 9:30 a.m. until time of service, Wed. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the First United Church or the Gideons International. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Visitation

OCT **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Glynwood Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ I just found out that Mr. Phillips passed away. It brought back a lot of memories when his children were younger. I remember playing with the kids (believe it was red rover) and Mr. Phillips mowing the lawn. Always had a good time at their home. John was a respected in the neighborhood by all. I offer sincere sympathies to the family. May God bless all of you and I pray His loving embrace holds you all close together at this sad time.

Dave Kohnen - October 09, 2018 at 07:01 PM

PW

“ Dear Miriam and family. We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. We have such fond memories of John and you, Mariam, in Egypt. Those good times will never be forgotten.

We are very sad that we will not be able to be with all of you to personally express our sympathy and give you a hug for we are in Florida. That does not mean we won't be thinking of you this week.

*Mariam, we love you and will continue to have you and the family in our prayers.
Perry and Jody Wise*

Perry Wise - October 07, 2018 at 09:31 AM

JH

“ Miriam and family - my deepest sympathy to all of you. My memories of John go back to his working at the greenhouse and retail shop on Mechanic Street. Always a very soft spoken individual and pleasant to everyone. May his many wonderful memories sustain all of you during this difficult time. Jim Harrison

James E Harrison - October 06, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JS

*Dear Miriam & Mellisa & family..I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. Thinking of you and sending Hug's. I went to school and graduated with John in 1952 and we were good friends. Love to all of you. *Happy Birthday* in heaven John..*Friend's* ~ June & Forest Sawmiller*

June Sawmiller - October 11, 2018 at 12:32 AM