

Jim was born in Allentown, PA, July 5, 1943 to Hilda (Bilheimer) and James Phillips, Sr. He joined the Air Force in 1962, which landed him in Minot, ND. He was actually only days away from joining the Marines when a friend talked him into joining the Air Force instead. His friend told them they would travel and see the world. Well, being stationed in Minot, he did not travel the world, but instead met the love of his life and created their world in ND.

Jim married Katherine "Kathy" Chewerda in Williston, ND June 10, 1965. Together they made a life and raised two children, Jason and Jana.

Jim started working for the City of Williston Water Department in the mid 80's and eventually was placed in charge of the local cemetery until this retirement in 2010. However, the man could not go long without working. That was not in his nature. He worked part time for OK Distributing up until his passing.

When Jim wasn't working he was busy keeping busy. Shopping, running errands, shopping, reading every newspaper in sight (especially the sale bills), shopping, yard work, shopping, hoarding, shopping, detailing a vehicle, shopping, handing out sweet treats to anyone and everyone, shopping...I think you get it.

Jim also enjoyed watching movies, watching the Minnesota Vikings, listening to music, hanging out with the family dog, and taking road trips (long or short) with his wife. Some of their favorite road trips were to Medora and across the country to Pennsylvania to visit family "back East". Jim was known as Sonny to his Pennsylvania family.

Jim touched the lives of many and had a heart of gold. His number one priority was taking care of his loving wife and children to ensure they never wanted for anything.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, James Phillips, Sr and numerous extended family members.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kathy, son, Jason (Williston), daughter, Jana (Minot), mother, Hilda Phillips (Berwick, PA), sister, Rose Messinger (Berwick, PA), sister, Nancy Peifly (Allentown, PA), brother, Dennis "Redds" (Ruthann) Phillips, sister-in-law, Bernie Larson (Williston), brother-in-law, Roger (Priscilla) Chewerda (Williston), numerous nieces and nephews.



In Memory Of

James E. Phillips, Jr.

July 5, 1943 - March 23, 2018



*In Loving Memory of
James Edward Phillips, Jr.
"Jim"*

Father we entrust our brother
to your mercy.

You loved him greatly in this
life; now that he is freed from
all its cares, give him happiness
and peace for ever.

Welcome him now into paradise
where there will be no more sorrow,
no more weeping or pain, but only
peace and joy with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

Born to James and Hilda Phillips

July 5, 1943
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Returned to His Heavenly Father

March 23, 2018
Williston, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 11:00 am
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Father Russell Kovash

Reader

Bruce Johnson

Music

G.P. Eleria ~ Accompanist and Canter

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Jim's Friends & Family

Final Resting Place

Riverview Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota

A luncheon will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church
following the graveside services, all are invited.

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home - Williston
has been entrusted with arrangements and services