



Robert Thomas Phillips

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ROBERT THOMAS PHILLIPS "TOM", 72, of Huntington, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 6, 2021, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Evelyn (Tanner) Phillips and his grand-dog Lucky.

Tom is survived by his daughter, Kathie Phillips; identical twin brother and lifelong best friend, Dave (Linda) Phillips; nieces, Amanda Phillips (Ethan) Davis and Melissa (Shane) Edwards; great nieces and nephews, Savannah Davis, Sydney Davis, Brooks Davis, Emma Edwards and Ella Edwards.

Tom was born on August 26, 1949 in South Charleston, WV. His love of music led him to accomplish a bachelor's degree in Music Education in 1971, and then a master's degree in Trumpet Performance in 1972. Tom spent the majority of his career teaching as a band director, plus he saved many lives while working as a paramedic. He also directed several church choirs. Tom attended Lewis Memorial Baptist Church faithfully where he was an active member of the music ministry program.

Private family service. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at <https://www.ehallfuneralhome.com/obituaries> .



Tribute Wall

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EK

Elizabeth Keeton lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Tom was very special to me. He was an extended family member. He has left a whole that is not replaceable. I'm glad your no longer suffering. Can't wait to see you on the other side. Love you.

December 11 at 8:00 PM



MG

Marlene Newsome, Gallipolis Oh lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Prayers and comfort to the family now and always.

December 9 at 8:00 PM



AR

April Roach lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Mr Phillips was my band teacher. He believed in each and every one of us and motivated us to do more, and I think we are better people because of it. My deepest sympathy to all, he will truly be missed.

December 9 at 8:00 PM



LD

Lois Dunker lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Tom many many years ago, and considered him a friend; in addition to "work family".

December 9 at 8:00 PM



MH

Mary Jon Holtzapfel lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Prayers and blessings to the family. Knew Tom as an EMS student and colleague. One of the best! Rest easy my friend.

December 9 at 8:00 PM



PM

Phyllis Montgomery lit a candle in honor of Robert.

So sorry prayers for the family

December 9 at 8:00 PM





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JB

Joy Beaver lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I remember the many runs we made as EMT's with Gallia County. He was a crack up. He loved his family and music. His dedication to each task will be missed. RIP.

December 8 at 8:00 PM



RC

Rick Callebs lit a candle in honor of Robert.

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I worked with Tom and Dave for several decades at Southeast Ohio EMS District. Both of them were characters and so much fun to work with and be around, but both were very dedicated to providing skilled and compassionate patient care as Paramedics. Tom and Dave loved music and shared that love with thousands through their work as band directors, band competition judges, and endless work with churches and community organizations. Tom and Dave were a team and it just won't be the same with one of them gone. Tom is in God's arms now and we will all see each other again some day. Prayers and God's comfort for Dave, and for Tom's family, and for their many friends and students.

December 8 at 8:00 PM



CM

Charla Martin lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Tom was my jr high band director and then became a great friend that I had the pleasure of working the squad with. So many fun times with him and Dave both! He will be so missed! RIP

December 8 at 8:00 PM



AJ

Andrea Rice Justus lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Much love and deepest sympathy to the family of an admired teacher and mentor.

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SB

Scott Burnett lit a candle in honor of Robert.

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Dave was my band director when I first started to play the trombone in middle school. Prayers of comfort for the family.

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CE

Cheryl Enyart lit a candle in honor of Robert.

You touched so many people's lives during your stay here on Earth. It was always a pleasure to be performing in the Christmas Cantatas with you and David ... we always knew that music would be up lifting for those who were listening. My thoughts are with those whom you have left behind... There isn't any way of filling the space that you have left . May God be with you Dave, Linda and all those who loved Tom. Cheryl Enyart

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MC

Mark Clendenin lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Mr. Phillips was my grade school and junior high band teacher. Always the teacher and motivator. He is the reason I continued my band days all thru high school. I wanted to quit in Jr high and he convinced me better, and more fun, days were to come. He was SO right. Thank you Tom for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. Truly a great man who will be forever missed.

December 8 at 8:00 PM



AM

Amy Ridenour Mcguire lit a candle in honor of Robert.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his family. When I think of Tom, I can't help but smile. He was not only my band instructor in grade school and Jr High. He was also a lifelong friend. Though the years have gotten away from us, when we'd see each other, we'd pick up just like it was yesterday. He was a blessing to all who met him, a kind, gentle soul. Fly high my friend gone home. Love you!

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CS

Chris Shew lit a candle in honor of Robert.

In memory of Tom Phillips. From the Parkersburg South Band

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LS

Lynne Sweeney lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Where I saw Dave, I usually saw Tom. His love and talent for music was wonderful. My sympathy goes out to the family with Love & Prayers. Lynne Frazier Sweeney.

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BC

Brad Clay lit a candle in honor of Robert.

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NW

Nina Walden lit a candle in honor of Robert.

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RH

Rochelle Halley lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Such a wonderful man who inspired so many.

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TD

Tom And Marlene Davis lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing one day you will meet again. He has ended his journey here on Earth but started a new adventure in Heaven. RIP Tom.....

December 7 at 8:00 PM



SS

Sheri Sayre lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We always enjoyed his contribution to the music at First Baptist Church in Gallipolis. What wonderful Christmas cantatas we had when he and Dave were there! I also had the privilege of working with him at Vinton Elementary, where I did my student teaching. He would come down and talk to Sara Spurlock and I, since he knew us from church. We'll miss him. Sheri (Saunders) and Larry Sayre

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A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Robert Thomas Phillips lit a candle in honor of Robert.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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