



Samuel B. "Gator Man" Phillips, Jr.

January 16, 1947 - December 3, 2021

Samuel B. "Gator Man" Phillips, Jr., of Lebanon passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021, at his residence. He was the husband of Grace R. (Rueppel) Phillips with whom he celebrated 45 years in marriage.

Sam was born in Graceville, FL on January 16, 1947, to the late Samuel B. Phillips, Sr., and Dovie L. (Baxley) Phillips. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War Veteran. He was an OTR truck driver for Yellow Freight for 29 years. He was a member of VFW in Manheim, American Legion 146 in Hopewell, PA, The NRA, North American Hunting Club, and the R Field and Stream lifetime member. He enjoyed American history, whether it be watching shows on history or reading about it in books. Sam was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tinkering around the house.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children James A. (Allison) Roth of Lebanon, Bryant R. (Lynn) Phillips of Pensacola, FL, Dwayne M. (Theresa) Phillips of Pensacola, FL, Keith B. (Sheena) Phillips of Lebanon, Beth (Bryan) Zeigler of Lebanon, eight grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings Kenneth R. Phillips, Winona Lowery, Juanita Ward, and Mary Frances James.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Creamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt. 72 & Camp Meeting Rd., Jonestown. There will be a viewing one hour prior to the service. Interment with military honors will follow at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lebanon VA Medical

Center, 1700 S. Lincoln Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042, or ALSAC/St. Jude
Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel B. "Gator Man" Phillips, Jr.*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - December 08, 2021 at 03:52 PM

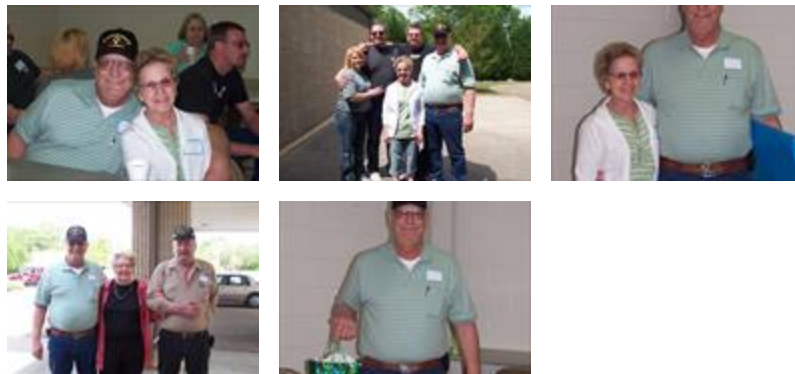


“ *I'd forgotten how tall he was. I just love this video it makes me cry. He was such a good person.*

Carolyn mcmullen his cousin. - February 14, 2022 at 01:40 PM



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Rebecca-Bekki Buechler - December 07, 2021 at 02:11 PM



Rebecca
Bekki

*Uncle B, you were one of our families greatest treasures. You always had the most amazing smile on your face that made everything in our small world seem just fine! Always a hug and a chuckle that could be felt across the room... The light you left behind will not quickly dimmed. Your memories will live on in the hearts and minds of the many lives you touched while you were with us. I'm thankful and blessed to have had you on my side encouraging me as a mama and military spouse. Your words always touched my heart and left me with a feeling of confidence and pride. I'll love you forever.
Aunt Grace, I love you. I'm praying for God's comfort and that you'll find strength and peace as you begin this new journey. Hugs and Much love.*

Rebecca-Bekki Buechler - December 07, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JW

“ Sam and my brother Stanley Pope were best friends. They ran around together in high school. I remember Sam from the times he came over with Stanley. I was 14 almost 15 when I met Sam. Him and Stanley drove Stanley's car up over some cars over on A st in Pensacola. They were two peas in a pod. Stanley loved Sam, we all did. Stanley passed away this past January. My prayers are with the family. Sam was a good man. I wish I'd known that he was so sick. I would have gotten him a sweet potato pie that he loved so much. Blessings and comfort to the family. Love Julie Pope Winchell Bulls Gap Tennessee.

Julie Pope Winchell - December 06, 2021 at 08:09 PM

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“ Charles Rueppel sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel B. "Gator Man" Phillips, Jr.



charles Rueppel - December 06, 2021 at 01:25 AM

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“ Thank You Sam for being a Friend and for what you have done for my Mom. I will miss you and that Southern drawl. Fly high with the Angles. 🙏 . Linda.

Lindaweiss - December 05, 2021 at 05:32 PM