



# Edwin A. Phillipy

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## **Edwin A. Phillipy**

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**E**dwin A. Phillipy, 74, passed away unexpectedly at his home July 19, 2014. He is survived by his wife of nearly fifty years, Claudia Powers Phillipy; his sons Edwin Blake Phillipy (Jill) and Craig Carter Phillipy (Amy) of Knoxville; his daughter, Allyson Ann Phillipy of Memphis; and three grandchildren: Carter, Camille, and Maggie Phillipy, all of Knoxville. Mr. Phillipy was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Phillipy, and his three brothers: Ralph K. Phillipy, C. DeWayne Phillipy, and Edward E. Phillipy, all of Memphis. Mr. Phillipy attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and was on the Vol Freshman Football Team of 1958. Following college, Mr. Phillipy worked for Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company for twenty four years, specializing in Advanced Financial and Estate Planning insurance products. Over twenty years ago he founded and managed Edwin A. Phillipy & Associates. His hobbies were his three grandchildren and sports. He was a walking encyclopedia on The University of Tennessee Football program. His father was a close friend of General Robert R. Neyland and the Phillipy name has been known by Volunteer fans since the early 1940s. Mr. Phillipy was a multi-sport letterman at Memphis Central High and led the Memphis Prep League in extra points and field goals his senior year, and was known by his coaches as “Mr. Hustle.” He excelled in championship tennis through his forties, had been a scratch golfer, and continued to have a low single digit handicap until his death. All of Mr. Phillipy’s friends knew him as “Fat.” Mr. Phillipy was a beloved husband, father, and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow on Tuesday, July 22 all at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The Phillipy family has requested that in lieu of flowers, to send any memorials or remembrances to Emmanuel United Methodist of Memphis, the University of Tennessee Athletic Department, or the charity of the donor’s choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home



## Obituary

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and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis TN, 38119. (901) 767-8930. The obituary is still pending at this time. Please check back later for full information



## Tribute Wall

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DH

**Doris Hodges** posted:

Dear Claudia and family I am so sad to hear this news. I heard it from Peggy at our volunteers in policing meeting tonite for the first time or I would have surely been at the funeral. Please know that I totally understand the shock and what you are going thru as that is almost identically what happened with my husband. As you need to keep your mind focused on something and not make any important decision for a while... call on me at any hour... I am here to listen and help any way I can. I only met your sweet husband that once 2 yrs. ago at the reunion and he was so nice..but have known you most of my life and hope you will call on me any way I can help. My prayers for God to hold you and your family in his loving arms and give you peace. Parting is sad... but not permanent. In deepest sympathy, Doris Heafner Hodges

July 22 at 4:06 PM

RW

**Ray Wallace** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Edwin in Heaven, you were a kind and good person, I was blessed to know you.Ray & Susan Wallace

July 22 at 7:39 AM

DE

**Dennis** posted:

Dennis & Amy Hennessy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edwin A. Phillipy.

July 21 at 9:44 AM

DM

**David Murphy** posted:

Have had many UT football conversations with Edwin. Always enjoyable and many good memories. My thoughts are with you and your children. Harriett called and R.D. and Diane know. David W. Murphy

July 21 at 8:38 AM



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KW

**Kristy Wiegand** posted:

Well said Mr. Parker. My heart is heavy today to hear of the passing of this treasure of a man. I was a lucky person to have known him. He was a kind and gentle soul and will be missed dearly by all who knew him. I will always cherish the memories I have of Edwin and how he always called me "darlin". RIP dear Edwin, you were loved by all!!

July 21 at 7:36 AM

MC

**Mike Caldwell** posted:

While this is certainly a sad time, I will always have a smile on my face when I think of Fat. As the sayings go, they broke the mold when they made him and he was a piece of work. He was so many things: lover of family, friends, golf, the Vols, Cosmopolitans in the winter and Sea Breezes in the summer, expert ball striker, expert ball mover, inventor of words and golf phrases ("Fat'isms" we called them), indoor wearer of Ray Bans, Dirty Bucks Fan Club member, oldest Lindeberg belt owner, record holder of longest club demo from Edwin Watts.....he was indeed a Renaissance man...and I will miss him greatly.Mike Caldwell

July 21 at 6:00 AM

MH

**Maury Hanks** posted:

Even though I only met Mr. Phillipy a few times, he always made me feel like we had known each other for years. He was a wonderful man with a great spirit. My thoughts are with his family. He will be missed.Maury Hanks

July 21 at 5:43 AM

HB

**Heather Bolton Bennett** posted:

Edwin Phillipy was the \*quintessential "Gentleman". He always made you feel 'especially" special and along with that awesome "Southern accent", it could make your day just to hear his special voice across the telephone! He has made such a strong and "lasting" impression upon all of us that knew him. Yes, he did have much wisdom to share and it came from a truly caring "heart". His eyes lit up when he smiled, which we know, was "often"! i was able to have had a last "hug" when he made one of his frequent visits over to Metropolitan Bank just in this last week or so...I am so very thankful to have had that "moment" and those wonderful words with Edwin that special day\*. He was his usual "joyous" self that day... We have wonderful memories of such a wonderful fellow...He is alive in "our" \*Hearts.

July 21 at 5:29 AM



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MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edwin Phillipy.

July 21 at 4:07 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Phillipy.

July 21 at 3:52 AM

TP

**Thomas Parker** posted:

Edwin will certainly be missed by all. An uncanny southern wit, snappy dresser and a friend that would always spend the time to make you smile (and possibly share a cosmo). One night after all had gone to sleep Edwin and i shared one last drink. He was sticking by me to make sure i was alright – he knew i was driving later in the morning to see my cousins near LA and knew my senses would be a bit foggy. He left me with just one on thousands of pearls of wisdom " Tommy (he said) when your driving to see your cousins, make sure the Ocean is on your left". i loved Edwin for all he was and will cherish forever the great memories I have. To a great man – hit em straight! Tom Parker

July 21 at 3:44 AM

LA

**Laura** posted:

Claudia, Craig, Blake, and Allyson ... I was so saddened to hear from Craig about his dad's passing. Mr. Phillipy was always so kind, generous, and nice to me ..... his love for all of you was so apparent. It is always hard to know what to say at a time like this, especially when someone has passed away unexpectedly. I just wanted you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers – and that I thought the world of Mr. Phillipy. Love, Laura

July 21 at 3:43 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwin Phillipy.

July 21 at 3:34 AM



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**Morgan G** posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. I know it's never easy to lose someone so I wanted to share an encouraging bible scripture with you found at John 5:28,29 where it talks about a resurrection. Knowing about this when I lost someone helped me greatly so I really wanted to share with others.Morgan

July 19 at 3:55 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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