



Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips

January 12, 1953 - August 29, 2021

Charles Randall (Randy) Phillips, age 68, left this world for his heavenly home on August 29, 2021 in Tyler, Texas. Randy was born to Earl and Geneva Phillips on January 12, 1953 in Tyler Texas. He was the middle of three children, and he enjoyed growing up around the family grocery store (Phillips Food Store) off of East Erwin. He attended John Tyler High School and played football for them until he graduated in 1971. He then he furthered his education by attending TSTI in Waco, Texas. He had a passion for designing and building. However, after earning a degree in construction development, the Arab Embargo of 1973 left little opportunity in his field.

On October 5, 1973, he married the love of his life, Susan Lynn Bickerdike. He was then offered a position as an understudy to a school photographer. In the next few years, while mastering the art of photography, Randy and Sue became a family of four with sons Benjamin and Matthew. He built a very successful business of "Phillips Photography" from 1981 until his retirement in 2015. During his career he served so many of the East Texas school districts. He also served the Tyler Symphony League and photographed countless weddings and family portraiture. He made many life-long friends and never met a stranger.

During the final chapter of his life he enjoyed spending time with his Grand "Sugars," Skylar, Micah, and Scarlett. Skylar, being the oldest, gave him the

name "Gree" because "Grandy" was too difficult to say. He enjoyed teaching them how to fish and play card games. Gathering eggs from Gree's chicken coop was always a treat. He loved watching and hearing about all aspects of their lives.

He is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Geneva Phillips, and his brother Billy Earl Phillips. He is survived by his wife and best friend Susan Bickerdike Phillips, his son Benjamin Phillips and family; Kacey, Skylar, and Micah, and his son Matthew Phillips and family; Jessica and Scarlett. He is also survived by his sister Cindy Phillips Stokes.

We welcome friends and family to join us at Randy's Memorial Service to be held on Thursday, September 9th at New Life Worship Center 18535 Highway 69 South, Tyler, Texas. His celebration of life will begin at 6 p.m. Honorary pallbearers will be: James Smith, Jimmy Taylor, Jim Bickerdike, Randy Bettes, Tony Bickerdike, Zeb Phillips, Clint Phillips, Michael Phillips, and Fred McWhorter.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to The King's Storehouse Food Bank, 422 East Oakwood Street, Tyler, Texas 75702.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips.*



September 08, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips.*



September 07, 2021 at 05:28 PM

HF

“ *Helene, Tony and Bickerdike Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips.*



Helene, Tony and Bickerdike Family - September 06, 2021 at 12:59 PM

RP

“ *Randy was awesome Sue and Randy always welcomed me for many parties and food! He will be missed
Love and prayers
Robbie Picou
Morgan City Louisiana*

robbie picou - September 03, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Randall "Randy" Phillips.*



September 02, 2021 at 11:48 PM

PR

“ *I met Randy and Sue in 2010 when I moved from calif to Texas,they both were very special to me of all the people i have met in my life they are special people.love them and well sure miss Randy and all his picture he puts on facebook*

Pamela

pamela russo - September 02, 2021 at 08:49 PM

PL

“ Randy never met a stranger his whole life. He was always cracking jokes and the life of the party. He loved Sue, his children and his grand sugars to the moon and back. Randy will Be missed by many. RIP my sweet friend!

Pam Lemons - September 02, 2021 at 08:33 PM

DF

“ Randy lived down the highway from me. We went to school together from elementary through high school. You could not have a better friend than Randy. He made people laugh and did not meet a stranger. He is greatly missed by many people. He loved his family with all his heart. His family are in my prayers.

Debra Freeman - September 02, 2021 at 07:16 PM

SK

“ Our family has known Randy since our children were in Fairfield ISD elementary school. We looked forward to his campus visits, his nicknames for all of us, his professionalism. Even after the children's graduations and our move from Fairfield, Randy was still our photographer for Rae-Ann's wedding and family portraits. We loved him, and I truly believe he loved us (and all his clients) in return. Our love & sympathy to Sue and his family.



*Sherry & Ray Kent
Travis Kent & daughters
Rae-Ann & Kenneth Richbourg & family*

Sherry Kent - September 01, 2021 at 04:04 PM

SJ

We met Randy and Sue at New Life Worship Center. Loved them from the first time we met .Shocked and saddened by his passing . Hugs Sue and I pray peace for the family.Sonny and Margy Jaynes

Sonny and Margy Jaynes - September 02, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JO

Randy was a light to others, true to his word and will be greatly missed!

James OBarr - September 03, 2021 at 07:49 AM

SY

Randy's uncle, Bob Phillips was married to my sister. We were around each other a lot growing up. He was such a character. Always making everyone laugh. He was also a very sweet guy. I will miss him so much!

Sylvia - September 03, 2021 at 03:57 PM

BB

Randy and Sue's wedding was the first for me to attend in my 11 short years. The wedding was held at my Aunt Pat and Uncle Rolan's home. In all these years I have never forgot that beautiful sight Sue and Randy made together starting their lives with each other.

Becky Bryant - September 07, 2021 at 09:43 AM