



Joe Lee Phillips Sr.

August 21, 1930 - February 2, 2020

Joe Lee Phillips, Sr. was born August 21, 1930 in Bald Creek, North Carolina, Yancey County. He left this world 02/02/2020 in Spencer, Indiana, where he was a long-time resident of Owen Valley Health Campus following a stroke several years before.

The first in his family to attend university, he interrupted his education to serve as corporal in the U.S. Army from 1950-52 during the Korean conflict; Joe graduated from Mars Hill College (NC) and later, Bowling Green University in Kentucky. Joe worked in Jamaica, then settled in New Orleans, LA working as accountant in his own firm for over thirty years. He was a loving, devoted, lively, beloved husband and father, and later caregiver to wife, Elsie Bailey Phillips of New Orleans, and to most special daughter, Joele Lynn; they both preceded him in passing.

He leaves behind his son, Joe Lee Phillips, Jr. (Lee) and his longtime partner and husband, Kevork Markar Mardirossian, both professors in Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana; his daughter, Deborah Manner Dugas and grand-daughter Lindsey Dugas Thoms, both residents of Madison, Mississippi; older sisters Ila Phillips McInturff (105) and Margaret Phillips Prosser (91), and many dearly loved nieces and nephews. Joe also leaves Lee's current fur family, Golden girls Matilda, Bella and Chrysanthemum, who visited him often in Florida and Spencer. Rest in blissful peace with the angels, beloved Daddy, Mr. Phillips, Paw Paw, dear Uncle Joe.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

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“ *Kathy lit a candle in memory of Joe Lee Phillips Sr.*



Kathy - February 10, 2020 at 04:46 PM