



John David Phillips Sr.

April 21, 1957 - May 31, 2026

John David Phillips Sr., age 69, of Forrest City, died Sunday, May 31, 2026, at his home in Forrest City. He had been in poor health for the past two years.

Mr. Phillips was born April 21, 1957, in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was the son of David Elmer Phillips and Lillian Cavitt Phillips. He lived in Forrest City for the past three years, moving here from Chicago, was a carpenter, and was a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Phillips married Helen Hope in 2023, and she survives him along with three sons; Colbyous Stapleton of California, Joshua Phillips of Fort Stewart, Georgia, and John Phillips Jr. of Katy, Texas, one daughter, Wendy Stapleton of California, one sister, Patricia Jo Brenza of Webster, Texas, and seven grandchildren; Joshua Jr., Jace, Nyzsa, Colbyous, Urian, Uriah, and Kiaun'i.

Mr. Phillips wishes were to be cremated. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Tribute Wall

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“ *First, please allow me to offer my condolences to the John Phillips Sr. family.*

John was the kind of man who knew when to stand firm and when to step back. He lived life on his own terms — honest, grounded, and never pretending to be anything other than who he was.

Talking with John was simple: he told you the truth as he saw it, and he let you take it or leave it. No ego, no games.

I'm going to miss him deeply. But his presence doesn't disappear — I can still talk to him like he never left, because his spirit lives on.

Until we meet again, may his spirit walk with us and keep us steady.



Heru - June 18 at 02:59 PM



“ *Shannon Payne lit a candle in memory of John Phillips*



Shannon Payne - June 08 at 12:30 PM

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“ *Colbyous Stapleton lit a candle in memory of John Phillips*



Colbyous Stapleton - June 06 at 06:54 PM

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“ John Phillips was my Father and he's the only Dad I know. I wish we would have had more time to do the things that we said we was going to do before he found out his situation with his health. We lost a lot of time and now there is no more time. My Pops was a real man that stood on protecting his family and wasn't really scared of nothing... Well, I do remember when I was 8 years old and had a friend who was a part of a karate family, his Daddy and Momma were instructors. Me and my friend was having a karate match and he was calling my karate fake because I was learning my moves off of karate movies. So one day I ended up bruising his ribs with a side kick. His father was so mad that he came over to our house with this karate suit on and black belt with no shoes on. Pops answered the door.

And the boy's father was talking and telling him that I hurt his son doing fake karate on him. Pops was saying, " what do you want him to do about it, they're kids and they were playing " The karate Dad told Pops " come outside so I can beat you up! " I was standing right there beside Pops at the door and when I heard that, I grabbed hold of his leg and wrapped myself around his leg and told him " don't go outside, nooo!!!🤔 he's gonna beat you up Dad!!! All I knew was that he was a real karate man, and I was a Bruce Lee fan, and a regular man can't beat a karate man. And I think my Pops knew it too, and he didn't go outside😂😂 That was the only time that I seen or heard of Pops allowing disrespect around us as a family. Pops was a very strong and brave family man. I will miss him until I see him in the spiritual world when my time is up, love you Dad🥹

Colbyous Stapleton - June 06 at 06:44 PM

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My condolences to the family and friends

Patrick bland - June 12 at 07:02 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of John David Phillips Sr..*



June 06 at 05:23 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about John's passing. I was fortunate enough to talk on the phone with him a few weeks ago.. We are going to miss John. He was a caring, talented, wise and humble servant of God.*



No doubt he's spending his eternal time hunting and fishing with the Lord. We were lucky enough to meet John years ago during his years in Chicago during several intricate stair system installations for which there was no finer gifted tradesman around.

Kevin Clancy - June 06 at 05:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John David Phillips Sr..*



June 06 at 12:13 PM

MH

“ *Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to our Son Josh and the entire family. We will miss the phone calls from John. Mike and Kim Hill*



Mike and Kim Hill - June 06 at 11:32 AM

EK

“ *2 files added to the album John Phillips*



Ellen Kerstens - June 04 at 04:12 PM