



William J. Phillips

December 28, 1941 - July 18, 2023

William "Bill" Phillips passed away peacefully at home. A graduate of Springfield Technical High School, Bill was a US Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. After serving, he migrated to tool design, and later worked at Hamilton Standard (Sundstrand) for thirty years. He enjoyed his life's work as a dimensional analyst and group leader in the aerospace field, and was proud of the high-quality aircraft he and his colleagues developed for our country. Many will remember Bill as the tenor saxophone player and band leader of Inner Light, a versatile band that entertained countless families in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, and parties. Bill was active in his community and deeply involved in youth hockey programs on a local and state level. A lifelong rail fan and advocate for train travel, Bill and Mary enjoyed travelling across the United States by rail. Bill also had a passion for model railroading, and was an active member of the Amherst Rail Society. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, Mary Ellen Phillips; loving children, daughter Lisa and family, and son Joseph and his wife Sandra (Smith); and grandchildren, Cameron and Hunter Phillips, and Austin and Alivia Dean. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Bill's life on Monday, July 24th, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30AM in Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee. Committal service with Military Honors will follow in the chapel of the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joan of Arc School, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA 01020. kozikowskifuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JUL 24. 9:30 AM (ET)

Ste. Rose de Lima Cemetery
Christopher St.
Chicopee, MA