



## Douglas Lawrence Phelps

June 13, 1945 - July 12, 2023

Douglas "Larry" Lawrence Phelps, 78, of 4867 Browns Mill Road, Rustburg drew his last breath, Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the devoted husband of the late Jane Evelyn Gibson Phelps.

Larry was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on June 13, 1945, a first son of the late Douglas I. Phelps and Bessie Estella Terry Phelps Rowell. He was raised in Suffolk, VA., entered the military after high school: retired decorated Officer of the U.S. Army and a retired Security officer of the North Anna Power Station. He is survived by his loving children: two sons, Jarad Phelps of Manassas, and Johnathan Phelps of Charlottesville; six daughters, Dianne Phelps Newcomb of Manassas, Nicole O'Brian of South Carolina, Cynthia Perez of Rustburg and Stephanie Aldoph of New Jersey; a stepdaughter, Carolyne Beale of Smithfield; a brother, Terry Phelps of Suffolk; a sister, Lynette Hefley of Florida; fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Daniel "Danny" T. Phelps; 1 son, Ryan Phelps; and 2 daughters, Michele Phelps and Brittany Phelps.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2023 at Finch & Finch Funeral & Cremation Service, Altavista by the Rev. Bobby Brumfield. Inurnment will follow in Green Hill Cemetery, Altavista, where military honors will be rendered by American Legion Post 16.

The family will receive friends beginning an hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Wounded Warrior Project at [support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service, Altavista has been entrusted with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Memorial Service

JUL 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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## “Granny's "Tear Drop" Soup

*Helpful ingredients to consider:*

*A pot full of tears.*

*One heart willing to be broken.*

*A dash bitters.*

*A bunch of good friends/family*

*Many handfuls of comfort food.*

*Buckets of water to replace the tears.*

*Enough self care (sleep, exercise)*

*Plenty of patience*

*Season with Memories*

*Optional: 1 good therapist or support group*

*Directions:*

*Choose the size pot that fits your loss. It's okay to increase pot size if you miscalculate. Combine ingredients. Set the temperature for a moderate heat. Cooking times may vary depending on the ingredients needed. Stir often. Strong flavors will mellow over time.*

*Cook no longer than needed.*

*Garnish with love.*

*Suggestions:*

*Be creative*

*Trust your instincts*

*Cry when you want to, laugh when you can.*

*Left overs many be frozen to use as a starter for next time*

*Keep your own soup making journal so you wont forget.*

*Serves 1*

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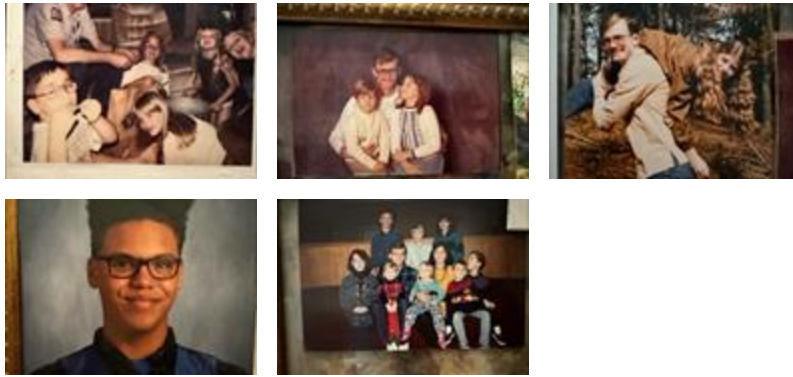
“ *Dianne Phelps Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Douglas Lawrence Phelps*



Dianne Phelps Newcomb - July 22, 2023 at 01:47 PM

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Dianne Phelps Newcomb - July 22, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Douglas Lawrence Phelps.*



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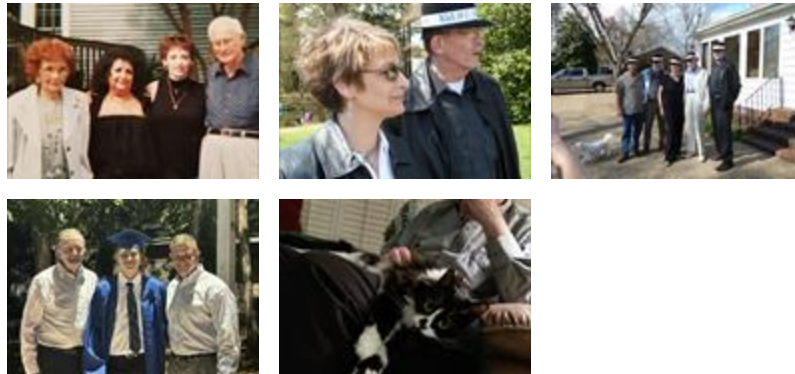
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Dianne Phelps Newcomb - July 20, 2023 at 08:23 PM

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Dianne Phelps Newcomb - July 19, 2023 at 09:06 PM

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“ Grandpa... I loved all the conversations we have had threw out the year and I will keep them in my heart.. I love you and we be dearly missed and you are in no more pain and back with grandma and happy with her again. And for the service you service for this country rest in peace 🕊️ grandpa all the memories and visits and smile you have to everyone and the smiles you put on peoples faces and I will always have you next to my heart and grandma... I love you both🕊️.....

Elijah Slipp - July 19, 2023 at 02:40 PM

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**Elijah Slipp** - July 19, 2023 at 02:27 PM

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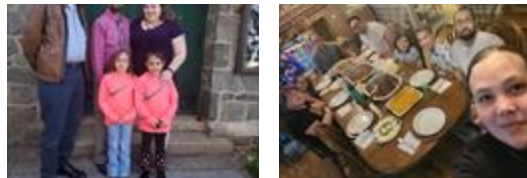
“ Grandma and grandpa in the trees 🍁



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**Elijah Slipp** - July 19, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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**Dianne Phelps Newcomb** - July 19, 2023 at 01:26 PM

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*To Dianne and the Phelp's Family. Bob Chase and Glen Caldwell, Army friends of Larry, will donate to the Wounded Warrior program in Larry's name, to honor him for his service to America.*

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**Bob Chase** - July 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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*Thank you so much for the donation!!!*

**Dianne Phelps Newcomb** - July 19, 2023 at 09:37 PM

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**Dianne Phelps Newcomb** - July 22, 2023 at 12:18 PM

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*“ I first met Doug in 1963 when we were both young enlisted soldiers in the US Army Security Agency stationed at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines.*

*We both had the same job skill and over the years continued on a parallel path with assignments in Vietnam, Thailand and California among other's.*

*Doug was always admired for his dedication to duty and performance.*

*He has now departed us to soon. May he rest in peace and his memory be a blessing to his family and his Army friends.*

*Chief Warrant Officer  
Robert (Bob) Chase  
US Army (retired)*

**Bob Chase** - July 18, 2023 at 07:09 PM

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*Thank you Sir - For Your Service and for your life long friendship with our father. He always spoke highly of you and shared so many stories of his "travels". He will be forever with us. Blessings of Peace from our hearts to ours!*

*The Phelps Family*

**Dianne Phelps Newcomb** - July 19, 2023 at 09:30 PM