



William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips

September 24, 1944 - February 18, 2025

William "JoJo" Thomas Phillips, 80, of 901 Bedford Avenue, Altavista went to be with his Heavenly Father Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at his residence. He was the husband of Susan Phillips for twenty-three years.

He was born September 24, 1944 in Portsmouth, a son of the late Oscar Phillips and Mae Phillips. He was a retired Production Specialist of Abbott Laborites; loved his pets, Jackson, Abby, Chloe, Milo, and Coco; was known at the "West Virginia Man" in Altavista due to his love for the West Virginia Football and Basketball teams; but mostly for his love of Christ.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Jamie Bennett and his wife, Susan of Gretna and Justin Bennett of Gretna; one daughter, Donna Phillips Rader of Altavista; two sister-in-laws, Brenda Evans of Huddleston and Norma Harris of Rustburg; six grandchildren, Morgan (Mason), Autumn, Emily, Brock (Lindsay), Katelyn, and Tristian; his mother-in-law, Frances Wood of Altavista; special friends, Earl and Melinda Robertson, Wanda Crider, and Lucinda Davis; a number of nieces and nephews; and many loving cousins.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Dottie Melton and Frances Smither.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2025 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Brad Hendrix.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 21, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 20, 2025 at 03:56 PM

AP

Rip Jojo you will be missed

April - February 21, 2025 at 10:43 AM

MR

“ *megan rorer lit a candle in memory of William Phillips*



megan rorer - June 08, 2025 at 04:22 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Goode lit a candle in memory of William Phillips*



Sandra Goode - February 24, 2025 at 07:26 PM

CH

“ *Little Ole Altavista will never be the same. JoJo will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.*

Cathy Hall - February 21, 2025 at 04:39 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry that we weren't able to make it as Justin and I both had to work today, but I am watching the service live online. To know Jojo was to know friendship and his love for people, and most importantly the Lord. A conversation with Jojo never ended without Jojo speaking about Gods goodness. We thought so much of him, and were so blessed to know him for the last 15+ years. We are deeply saddened by his loss and are praying for peace and comfort for the family for these tough days ahead. We love you all and hold the memories of Jojo so close to our heart! Love, Justin and Jill Sexton, and boys.*

Jillian Sexton - February 21, 2025 at 02:17 PM

WW

“ One of the kindest people God ever had here, never judging, never ignoring issues and always kept God at the forefront of a conversation, you are a great man and will be missed tremendously. Rest Easy and Go Mountianeers. Thanks for always talking with me. Billy Whitaker

William C Whitaker - February 21, 2025 at 09:16 AM

MG

“ Marlene Shelton Giles lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



Marlene Shelton Giles - February 20, 2025 at 11:19 PM

WC

“ Wanda Crider sent a virtual gift in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



Wanda Crider - February 20, 2025 at 10:28 PM

WC

“ I will miss you my brother. I love you.

Wanda Crider - February 20, 2025 at 10:03 PM

WC

“ Wanda Crider lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



Wanda Crider - February 20, 2025 at 09:57 PM

DH

“ Susan, Donna and family you are in my thoughts and prayers .



Donna Hall - February 20, 2025 at 06:27 PM

DR

“ DarrellJoAnne Rorer lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



DarrellJoAnne Rorer - February 20, 2025 at 11:22 AM

NO

“ Jojo going to miss you and and the West Virginia picking that you loved you was a good and would give the shirt off your back to help someone you will be missed but one day we all be together again loved you jojo



Norma - February 20, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RC

“ Randolph And Joyce Coffey lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



Randolph and Joyce Coffey - February 19, 2025 at 10:48 PM

WB

“ Susan so sorry to hear of your loss, you're in my thoughts and prayers

Wanda Bailess - February 19, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ Jeff Saunders / Dodson Pest Control lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



jeff Saunders / Dodson Pest Control - February 19, 2025 at 06:54 PM

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“ Jeff Saunders / Dodson Pest Control lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



jeff Saunders / Dodson Pest Control - February 19, 2025 at 06:53 PM

RC

“ *Our Condolences to the family. Prayers for peace and comfort for today and days to come.*



Ray and Kay Caldwell - February 19, 2025 at 06:53 PM

LF

“ *Louise & The Leonard Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips.*



Louise & The Leonard Family - February 19, 2025 at 06:07 PM

SN

“ *Steve Nichols lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips*



steve Nichols - February 19, 2025 at 04:47 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckete lit a candle in memory of William Phillips*



Eddie Puckete - February 19, 2025 at 04:12 PM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear about Mr jojo he use to come to Hardee’s and get a coffee all the time he always had made my day. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing I pray God will comfort you in your time of grieve

Jasmine Johnson - February 19, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JC

“ Judy Cox lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



Judy Cox - February 19, 2025 at 12:55 PM

DS

“ When my brother, Roger, and his son, Roger Cole, were alive, Cookie spent a lot of time with them at Tucker’s Market discussing who had the better football team VT or WV. So I figure Roger and Roger Cole were waiting at the pearly gates to continue their discussions. Every time I’d see Cookie in town, he would tell me how much he missed Roger/Roger Cole.

Dianne (Tucker) Sykes - February 19, 2025 at 12:37 PM

GG

So sorry to hear of Jojo's passing. I worked with him and Susan at Abbott. Jojo was a sweet and friendly person. I'm going to miss seeing him at Hardee's. My cousins and I would meet at Hardee's to celebrate our birthdays. Jojo would always come over and join in the celebrations. He is surely going to be missed. RIP Jojo. Gladys Slayton Garvin

Gladys Slayton Garvin - February 21, 2025 at 01:50 PM

MW

“ Susan,
Please know you are in our thoughts and
prayers.



Mike & Jo Ann Weeks - February 19, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of William Thomas "JoJo" Phillips.



February 19, 2025 at 10:45 AM

PM

“ Patti Morton lit a candle in memory of William
Thomas "JoJo" Phillips



Patti Morton - February 19, 2025 at 09:52 AM

CS

“ Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of
William Phillips



Cindy Stewart - February 19, 2025 at 02:10 AM

CD

“ *Cathleen Dillard lit a candle in memory of William Phillips*



Cathleen Dillard - February 18, 2025 at 11:10 PM

WC

“ *Wanda Crider lit a candle in memory of William Phillips*



Wanda Crider - February 18, 2025 at 10:49 PM

DF

“ *Jojo would talk about the beauty of WV. When I heard of his passing I could only imagine him telling Jesus WV was nothing compared to the sights of heaven. Your suffering is no more friend. Praying to you all.*



Danny Dianne. Fifer - February 18, 2025 at 10:39 PM

ME

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.*



Mary Edmonds - February 18, 2025 at 08:08 PM

NR

“ Susan so sorry for your loss!! Deepest Sympathy & Prayers to you and all Family!!

Nancy & Henry Rowland

Nancy & Henry Rowland - February 18, 2025 at 07:56 PM

WC

“ Wanda Crider lit a candle in memory of William Phillips



Wanda Crider - February 18, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SO

“ “Almost Heaven. West Virginia”. Jo Jo loved his Mounties dearly. I worked with him at Abbott and will never forget him. He used to love to talk sports and give me a hard time especially if WV beat UVA. God forbid.

He was a good ole soul and I will cherish his memory. Susan I am so sorry for your loss.

Shirley Orrell - February 18, 2025 at 05:58 PM

GR

I worked with JoJo at Abbott, a real likeable person. He was always telling stories about WV, and how beautiful it was. I'm glad he's in a better place and thinking of you Susan and your family

Gwen Reedy - February 19, 2025 at 01:56 PM

JP

“ *Johnny Parker lit a candle in memory of
William Phillips*



Johnny Parker - February 18, 2025 at 05:00 PM