



Lee Arnand Phillips

July 4, 1936 - October 22, 2018

Lee Phillips of Vancouver, Washington passed away October 22, 2018 at his home. Known for his jolly spirit and infectious laughter, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Lee was born in Burnet, Texas on July 4, 1936, a true "Yankee Doodle Dandy", to Richard and Zelma Phillips. As a young man, Lee was a member of the United States Marines and was stationed in San Diego, California. Upon completion of the military, he used his love and skill for technology to begin his trade as a television repairman. After several years in this field, he embarked on a new journey; he accepted the position as Maintenance Grounds Manager for McKenzie Stadium at Evergreen School District. He was highly respected for his compassion and attention to detail in all activities taking place at the stadium. Running the stadium was more than a job for Lee; he put his whole heart into it. Within the thirteen years he worked there, he touched hundreds of children's lives by always having a friendly word of encouragement or sharing a hearty laugh.

Lee was also extremely proud of his patriotism and hoped to inspire our country's youth to participate in Legislative leadership. He helped facilitate the funding and selection of hundreds of young men and women to participate in Boys and Girls State. He was Commander for the American Legion Post 14, a member of 40 et 8, Sons of American Legion and Veterans of Korean War.

There was nothing more important to Lee than his family. From the love of his life, Denise, his beloved children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to his siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews, Lee adored them all. Sharing stories and funny jokes, he managed to spread happiness and joy wherever he was.

Lee is survived by his loving wife of fifty-five years, Denise, his children, Debbie Redburn (Byron), Joseph Phillips (Doni), Deanne Mack, Lisa Chiles (Jeff) and Karen Denney (Jerry), thirteen grandchildren that adored him and loved to hear his wonderful stories, twenty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

A Memorial Service will be held for Lee on October 25, 2018 at 12:30 p.m at Evergreen Memorial Gardens 1101 NE 112th Ave. Vancouver, Washington 98684. Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Honoring Lee's reverence and respect for the sacrifices of our military, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Veterans of Korean War.

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:01 PM

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“ To no longer be able to sit with Lee at family gatherings and listen to his many life experiences is still very hard to imagine. At least we know that he is at peace now, pain-free, and that he will always be loved. Rest in peace Lee-we love you.

Nancy and Mike Drovdahl - October 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ How I already miss my Dad, I miss hearing his big old Texas laugh, one of my earliest memories of hearing that laugh is when I was very little, he would be reading the newspaper, I would stand on the other side of it, I could not see his face, I would poke the paper, until he lowered it, he would have a mad face on, then all of a sudden he would let out a big laugh. It is something I have done to him for years, I just did it to him the other day. His laughter is something I will take deep into my heart and cherish for the rest of my life. My Dad is up in heaven, he is now pain free, something that he has not been for many years. He is up there talking peoples ears off and laughing right though the whole story he is telling them. I have had many conversations with him about this time in life, where he has gone to be with our sweet Lord, I know what he wanted, he wanted for everyone that he knew, to know that he loved them, and to keep on just laughing in life. He will be missed. He was loved by so many.

Deanne - October 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will forever remember Lee as a proud husband, father, grandad, great grandad, Texan, patriot, Marine, Legionnaire and friend. During our many travels around The American Legion 5th District I heard story after story about family, Texas, The Legion and friends. It never got old! It was a lot of work and Lee made it fun. I along with many others will miss the "Big Lug" RIP Brother!

Bob Ford - October 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lee was a member of our American Legion Post 44 for the last few years. He is a legendary figure in the Legion. He commanded Post 14 in Vancouver in years past with 3000 members. We all enjoyed his Texas size stories and historical perspectives. I saw him a few weeks ago at another veterans memorial service. He always went out of his way to serve. I had a great visit with him. His memory will continue to be the legacy of valor. Bryan Laycoe, Past Commander, Post 44

Bryan Laycoe - October 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Grandfather was one of the best people I knew. He was so sharp and would tell so, many stories that we all had the privilege to listen to until Grandma would say to him "be quite Lee". His love for his family and friends was so, amazing to see. I'm grateful for the time that we shared over the years even though they have been far and in between. I will cherish all the memories Grandpa has given us from his stories to his humor to that infectious smile. He will truly be missed but not ever forgotten. Love you forever Grandpa Lee!

Michelle Craft and Family - October 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Uncle Lee is already so missed. His laughter and love of telling a story (sometimes the same one over and over) will remain legendary in our family. His face would light up when he saw you. When I was in high school and he was in charge of McKenzie Stadium, it was like being related to royalty. He knew all my friends by name and kept me from getting into too much trouble. Uncle Lee was a once in a lifetime kind of person. He certainly left a mark on my life. The Fourth of July, his birthday, will never be the same. Fly free, Uncle Lee. I know you're healed and in the presence of God. I love you. Dawn

Dawn Marie Pongon - October 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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