



George P. Phillis

August 24, 1930 - September 25, 2017

George P. Phillis, 87, of Zanesville, died Monday morning, September 25, 2017, peacefully at his home surrounded and under the care of his family, with direction and support from Genesis Hospice. He was born August 24, 1930, in Grant Hospital in Columbus, the son of George G. & Teresa (Dreese) Phillis of Corning.

He married Barbara L. (Kelly) Phillis, of Zanesville, April 16, 1955, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church by Monsignor Dury. George was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Council # 505 Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degree Knight. He was a veteran of the Korean War, United States Army. And member of the VFW Post 1058, American Legion Post 29, NRN, and Charity Newsies.

George graduated in 1948, from St. Bernard Catholic High School in Corning. Over the next 20 years he was employed by the New York Central Railroad, based primarily in Columbus. He was drafted September 21, 1951, and served as a corporal with the 25th Infantry Division, 14th Infantry Regular Company L, and awarded the C.I.B. Following his discharge on September 22, 1953, George enrolled in Meredith Business College and Bliss College in Columbus, on the G.I. Bill.

In 1969, the family relocated to Zanesville where he began a successful 26

year career as an agent with Nationwide Insurance. Following his retirement from Nationwide in 1995, George along with his son, Jay, sold real estate operating out of their office at 1604 Maple Avenue, with Home Opportunities Real Estate and then, Lepi Real Estate, retiring at the age of 80.

George was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed following the family in all their sporting and social events. He spent many a summers vacationing and traveling with Barbara in their motor home. Following his retirement, George received great comfort from being able to care for his beloved Barbara.

George is survived by four children: Linda (Mike) Haren, Jay (Lori) Phillis & Kellie Cummins all of Zanesville, & Doug Phillis of Cincinnati; nine grandchildren: Scott (Sara) Haren, Stephen (Keisha) Haren, Lacy (Ian) Robinson, Laura (Shane) Wolfe, Kaleigh, Clayton & Kelsey Cummins, Jacob Phillis & Megan Phillis all of Zanesville; eight great grandchildren: Leeann, J.T., Michael, Anna, Ella, Wynn, Rio & Cash; and a sister: Joylyn Dodson of Corning.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his beloved wife of over 59 years: Barbara Phillis, who died March 8, 2014; one son-in-law: Michael Cummins; and infant brother and sister: Raymond & Rita Jean Phillis, and his mother & father-in-law: Bill & May Kelly.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, Friday, September 29, 2017, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, with the Rosary at 7:45 PM. A Funeral Mass will be Celebrated 10:30 AM, Saturday, September 30, 2017, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 145 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Jan C.P. Sullivan as Celebrant. George will be laid to rest next to his beloved Barbara in Mount Olive Cemetery, with the United States Army, VFW Post 1058 and American Legion Post 29 conducting Full Military Honors. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
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Rosary Service

SEP **29**. 7:45 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
144 North Fifth Street
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Military Honor Service

SEP **30**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George P. Phillis



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - September 29, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ George P. Phillis

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU, Cpl. Phillis for your service in the "NEVER" Forgotten Korean War.... And Semper Fi..... Soldier.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - October 02, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DO

“ Thanks to Scott, Steve, Clayton, Jake, Ian and Shane, my Father's Pallbearers. I know my Dad was saluting you guys!

Cheers!
Doug



Doug - October 01, 2017 at 10:09 PM

JR

“ The Rodenfels family of Columbus, Mary Frances (Mom), Fr. Jerry, and Joe, send their prayers and condolences to the children, spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of George. All of us have pleasant memories of your dad and mom from the St. Gabriel days in Columbus. We also remember one or 2 summers at Lake Erie with all of us and perhaps other families from St. Gabriel. May you be aware of God's presence with you as you journey through the days ahead without Dad.

(as a p.s.,mom is 98.5, she is, mentally alert but declining physically; she has been living in a senior retirement center for the past 4.5 years)

Prayerfully,

Fr. Jerry Rodenfels

Jerome P Rodenfels - September 30, 2017 at 04:34 PM

TL

“ Dear Phillis Family,
Thinking of all of you during this time and
sending my deepest sympathy and many
prayers for comfort and peace. I'm very sorry
that I am unable to be there at this time.
Blessings to all,
Theresa LaCrone & Family



Theresa LaCrone - September 29, 2017 at 06:04 PM

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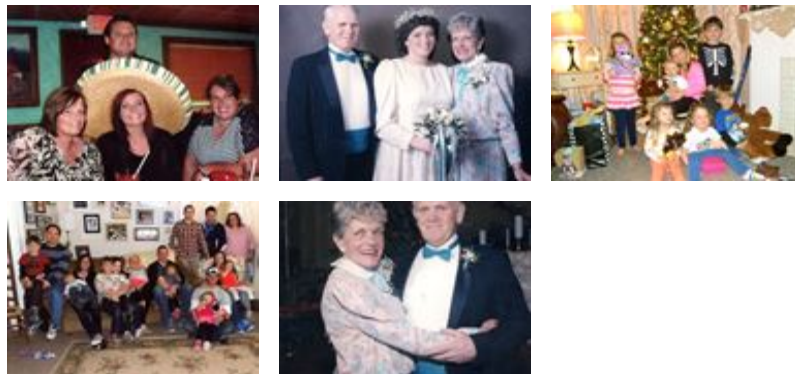
“ Linda and all the Phillis Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Please accept my deepest
sympathy. Keeping each of you in my thoughts and prayers. I wish
you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead,
and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Kathy Schiele Soller

Kathy Soller - September 29, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ 129 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - September 29, 2017 at 11:05 AM

GG

“ Jay, Doug, Linda, Kellie and all the family, George was a great friend and a business mentor in my life, as well as my families. The breakfast discussions we shared together as Nationwide agents were priceless...George eating the oatmeal and dry toast...George impacted my life as he recommended me to Nationwide to be an agent and 33 years later his influence is still impacting my career in the same industry. George did great things for many people and he has left fond memories with all of us. Lisa, myself and our family pray for you to have strength, many happy memories to reflect upon and peace during this difficult time in your lives.

Gary, Lisa and the Gibson Family

Gary Gibson - September 28, 2017 at 11:21 AM

SE

“ Did not know George personally, but he was a mainstay at St. Thomas church. Am so sorry for your loss, Jay, and sending you and your family my sincere condolence.

Sherry Erhard - September 27, 2017 at 12:34 PM

KM

“ Karen Morrison lit a candle in memory of George P. Phillis



Karen Morrison - September 26, 2017 at 04:38 PM