



Harry Eugene Phillips

March 25, 1943 - September 19, 2025

With great sadness, the Phillips Family would like to announce the death of Harry Eugene Phillips. He was a 1962 graduate of Kankakee High School. He enlisted into the Army April 1964. While in Germany, Harry received orders that he was being sent to Vietnam. His initial response was "Where is Vietnam? And I hope it is hot there." He was discharged from the Army April 1967, and one week upon returning home he met his future wife at St. Mary's Hospital, Therese Langlois. They were married May 4, 1968 at St. Dennis Church Lockport, IL. Harry made his livelihood as a Teamster truck driver. He began his over the road career at Kroehler Furniture in Bradley, IL. He knew every two lane road, Mom and Pop restaurant, and back alley across the U.S. He was his own GPS before the word was ever coined. He also worked for Roger's Cartage and retired from ABF in Chicago in 2003. Even after retiring he continued to travel with his wife. He said he has passed up so many Memorial markers and historical sites he never had time to stop, but now he had the time. Everyone thought he was on one big road trip for the 35 years he drove a semi, but he was working and never had the time to visit or read the Historical markers. After retiring from the Teamsters, he made the time to travel and see the world. He eventually made it to all 50 states and many foreign countries. He had the honor of going on Honor Flight Chicago in 2023. This trip to Washington, D.C. was something he never would have imagined back in 1967 when he returned to Kankakee from Vietnam. All of his family was at the airport to greet him upon his return. What a surprise that was for

him.

He and Therese had five children: one daughter Rebecca (Romeo) Casiple of LaGrange, IL; four sons, Adam (Gina) Phillips of Kankakee, IL, Jacob (Jennifer) Phillips of St. Anne, IL, David (Shannon) Phillips of Redmond, WA, and daughter-in-law Charlene Phillips of St. Anne, IL, spouse to their deceased son Noah Phillips. Harry was the proud grandfather to nine wonderful grandsons and three beautiful granddaughters. He is also survived by his mother, Gladys Phillips of Kingman, AZ and sister, Carole Frizzell of Montgomery, AL, along with three sisters-in-law, Catherine Langlois of New Lenox, IL, Madelin Hurley of New Lenox, IL, and Barbara and Jeff Jennings of Ralston, WV, and many nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church Goodrich. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council 15032 of Irwin and a 4th degree member of the Bishop Martin McNamara 4th degree assembly 202 of Kankakee.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 25, 2025, also at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. The Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church Goodrich. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee, beside his brother, John, and his father, Harry.

Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council of St. James Church Irwin, Sacred Heart Church Goodrich Needy Fund, or The Merchant Street Art Gallery of Artists with Autism.

A life well lived!

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

SEP **25.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Mass

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
Goodrich, IL

Tribute Wall

KH

“ So sorry for your loss. My father and I had the pleasure of meeting Harry on the Honor Flight in 2023. He was such a joy to talk with.



Kathy Hunger - September 24, 2025 at 10:14 AM

KH

Sorry, Honor Flight was 2022

Kathy Hunger - September 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM

TP

Thanks for the honor flight photos

Therese Phillips - September 26, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MS

“ Theresa and family, Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace Harry .



Madonna and Brian Zasada, Sr - September 23, 2025 at 06:18 PM

MG

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy.....*



Maria Gwaltney - September 23, 2025 at 12:04 PM

TP

Thanks Marie . I hope you are doing well.

Therese phillips - September 23, 2025 at 05:24 PM

JS

“ *I always enjoyed talking with Harry after our Knights of Columbus meetings. He had some great stories and I enjoyed his company. Rest in peace my friend.*

Justin Sommer - September 22, 2025 at 02:32 PM