



Cecil R. Phillips

September 14, 1940 - May 9, 2023

Cecil Ray Phillips, 82, of Kalkaska, passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. He was born on September 14, 1940 to William and Addie (Hunt) Phillips in Bolling, Texas. Cecil was the youngest of eight children and he had been married to his wonderful wife Jeanette (Stephens) Phillips for 42 years. Cecil had a successful career in the used car business. He knew a lot about cars and worked hard to make sure his customers were happy. One of Cecil's favorite things to do was to travel to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He loved exploring the beautiful lake, forests, and small towns there. It was a special place for him and his family; they made many happy memories together. Before his career, Cecil served in the U.S. Army where he learned important values like duty and patriotism during his time in the military. He was proud to have served his country. Cecil was a loving grandfather and had 12 grandchildren whom he adored. Cecil will be lovingly remembered by his wife Jeanette; daughters Nicole (Ryan) Schafer, Fallon (James) Erickson, Lisa (Doug) Smith-Bowerman; stepdaughters Kristy Bowerman and Lisa Bowerman; sons Adam (Lauren) Creighton and Reese Phillips; and his 12 beloved grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Pam Phillips; parents William and Addie Phillips; and brothers-in-law Bill Stephens and Doug Stephens. A Celebration of Life will take place later this summer and all the details will be updated when available. We would like to thank the nursing staff at Munson Healthcare in Traverse City as they were wonderful to Cecil and his family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral

Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor of knowing Cecil for 50 years and there was never a person I bought a pickup from other than Cecil. I would call him up, let him know what I wanted and he would tell me to give him a couple days and he would have it ready. We never discussed a price as a handshake was our bond. He was my best man at my wedding and I shall cherish his memory and our escapades until we meet again. To the family, please accept my sincere condolences and prayers of comfort and strength at this difficult time.



William Nelson - June 10, 2023 at 07:10 PM

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“ I had bought a few vehicles from Cecil back in the day and had some good party and times with him as well. He was a great person. Jeanette my heart goes out to you and your family.



Tina Nelson - June 10, 2023 at 07:00 PM

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“ Mickey lit a candle in memory of Cecil R. Phillips



Mickey - May 16, 2023 at 01:01 PM

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“ Will be so missed what a guy Cecil was. He taught me a lot about business and life. A friend will never be replaced we lost a great man.

George Slick - May 13, 2023 at 11:04 AM