



Mr. Corey Phillips

April 4, 1969 - October 12, 2023

Mr. Corey Alexander Phillips was born in Saginaw, Michigan, April 4, 1969. He was called home October 12, 2023 at the age of 54 years. Corey was the son of Lavada Baniel and Willie Phillips.

He and his loving wife raised six sons. He was the grandfather of more than 20 lovely grandchildren. Corey attended Heavenrich Elementary, St. Mary's Catholic and Nouvel Catholic Central High Schools where he graduated with the Class of 1987. During his youth he loved to play football, basketball and baseball. He was baptized in 1981 at the age of seven years and later became a member of the Kappa League. Corey was well-known for excelling on the basketball court throughout his life, winning and leading Nouvel Catholic Central to their first ever State Championship.

He went on to Indiana Purdue University before transferring to Delta College where he led them to their first ever, National Championship. He then went to serve his country by joining the U.S. Navy where he also played in intramural sports. He set scoring records playing in basketball leagues on the USS Enterprise. Corey had become known for coming out on top when facing adversity especially in sports. An underdog, a fighter, a true warrior who never let quitting be an option. He would always say, "As long as there is time on the clock, there is a chance". He extended his service to the federal government working at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital and the Department of Veteran Affairs. He then continued living out the rest of his life being an unconditionally loving father, grandfather, brother, mentor, coach, trainer, friend and a genuine good person.

Throughout his years Corey had many accomplishments. He was Basketball All State, Top 5 in Five Star All American Camp, Saginaw News Dream Team 1987, Honorable Mention Pre-Season All American, inducted into the Saginaw Hall of Fame and much more. He had put in over 30 years of service with the Department of Veteran Affairs and just under a decade with the Department of Defense in the Navy.

Corey Phillips aka "Pops" was an inspiration to his family, friends and even others around

the neighborhood. Everybody knew and loved “Pops”! He was seen as a father to those who didn’t have one. If you were around him he cared about you and would pass his knowledge and wisdom to you. If one was willing to listen and learn he was willing to pour his heart into you. “Pops” wanted the best for everybody and never wanted anybody to struggle. He was always there to motivate people to be better.

Corey not only enjoyed playing sports, he enjoyed watching and coaching as well. He coached boys’ basketball at South Middle School and Arthur Eddy Academy. He watched all sports including obviously basketball, football, baseball, boxing, softball, track and field, and even tennis. ESPN was always playing on his phone or TV. Corey was the biggest fan of the University of Michigan Wolverines and always supported the Maize and Blue. He also enjoyed watching the Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, and the Detroit Tigers, playing his video games and had to have the latest and greatest Madden. His favorite athlete was Magic Johnson, favorite color was red, favorite place to be was around his family. Corey loved his kids but his grandkids definitely stole the show when they entered the room. Corey adored each and every one of his grandchildren more than anything in the world. It is well known that he will continue watching over his friend and family.

Corey Phillips aka “Pops” and “B-Pa” may you rest peacefully, fly high, you will live forever in our minds, hearts and spirit. Last but not least, Hail to the Victors! GO BLUE!

Mr. Corey A. Phillips leaves to cherish his memory his life long devoted and forever family, Regina Phillips; six children, Jamaar Gilmer, Marcel Gillmer (Sophia), Maurice Gilmer (Latisha), Marcus Gilmer (Stephanie) Corey, Phillips, Jr. (Laquesha), Jaylan Phillips (Ondreana); grandchildren, Aalaja, Layla, Thalaya, Maurice, Jr., Jordan, Quinn, Nevaeh, Markayla, Marcus, Jr, Markell, Ni’Asia, Shacori, Corey III, Violet, Cartier, Lavontae, Jayla, Santiago, Carter, Courtney, Coreiauna, Issac, Gracie and Derrick Rodriguez; sisters, Valencia Mitchell, LaShondria Carson and Jojuaniis Carson; brother, Philip Phillips “Bo”; mother-in-law, Gwendolyn Gilmer and father-in-law, Fred (Rochelle) Gilmer; sisters-in-law, Desiree Perkins and Svea Phillips; brother-in-law, Thurman Perkins; four nieces; seven nephews including a special nephew, Douglas Phillips, Jr.; honorable mothers, Doreen Leek and Brenda Beverly; honorable sister, Jennifer Leek Booker; honorable brothers, Paul and Craig Leek; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Corey Ward, Larry Walker, John Banda, Steve Bell, Alton Wicker, Mary Uloth, Nancy Baird, Holly Cooper, Danielle Dale, a host of family friends and teammates.

Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents, Lavada Baniel and Willie Phillips; grandson, Jacoreion, brother, Douglas Phillips grandparents, Addie Phillips and Cora Lloyd-Phillips; aunts Vivian (Lee) Doss, Daisy Thrower, Effie Bryant, Catherine Coleman,

Mary McDaniel and Virgie Duckett, Sr.; uncles, Frank Baniel, Sr. and Willie Baniel; honorable father, E. Paul Leek; friend, Brian Morgan.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Covenant ICU, staff, Daveda Quinn and Brenda Doss extended family member.

Family hour 2:00 PM Friday, October 20, 2023, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48607, with funeral service commencing at 3:00 PM Pastor Delwin Tatum will officiate. Visitation will take place from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 20. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

OCT 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

OCT 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Browne's Mortuary - October 20, 2023 at 02:43 PM

SV

I have known Corey, since we were 4 years old to come on Facebook to learn of his passing crushed me. Praying and sending my sincerest condolences to his entire family 🙏

Shauntel Vaughn - November 01, 2023 at 11:42 PM

DJ

“ *Douglas Phillips Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Douglas Phillips jr - October 14, 2024 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Doloris Mixon - February 03, 2024 at 11:07 AM

JW

“ *Jimmie Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Jimmie Westbrook - January 06, 2024 at 11:35 PM

KB

“ Kimberly Bond-Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Kimberly Bond-Sims - December 06, 2023 at 10:06 AM

MS

“ Marcel H. Cormier, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Marcel H. Cormier, Sr. - October 27, 2023 at 10:54 AM

AG

“ You will be forever loved and forever missed!! Thank you for the joyful memories we share. May the love of God fill us with peace and strength to heal from your loss. May you rest with Him until we meet again in heaven in Jesus name. Amen. P.S. I'm bringing the green bean cassarole. 🙏❤️

Amy Gonzales - October 22, 2023 at 07:20 PM

ES

“ So very sorry for your loss. Eric T. Scott St. Mary's Alumni



Eric T Scott - October 20, 2023 at 08:51 PM

AS

“ Anthony & Patricia Spinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Anthony & Patricia Spinner - October 20, 2023 at 03:34 PM

RC

“ *Ronnette Calvert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Ronnette Calvert - October 20, 2023 at 02:28 PM

RC

You will be truly missed and my love.and prayers to all the Phillips family. Bo, Doug and all Corey's kids and grandkids,.and his wife may God hold you and keep.you thru this time and bring you peace and understanding.

Ronnette Calvert - October 20, 2023 at 02:30 PM

ML

“ *Corey was a wonderful man and usually a joy to be around. When he joined our Delta College basketball team and was able to play mid year; he simply was the missing piece that took us from good to great. He ws a blessing for us all, on and off the court. My heart goes out to his family and I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Corey.*

Mike LaRose - October 20, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Melissa Zanke-Detwiler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Melissa Zanke-Detwiler - October 20, 2023 at 10:32 AM

LM

“ Every memory of a friend from long ago will always remain in my heart. We were a part of the Berkley Ct. clan of games and good times. Swimming, skating, playing Basketball and just good old fashion living. Although small, St. Mary’s was a high school with love and big hearts. Thank you Corey for your Military Service and being a fellow brother in arms. I salute you!



To Bo and the family: There are no words to ease the pain of such a great loss, so hold on to the memories that will always add a smile to your lives and warmth in your hearts. God bless you all and may the Lord grant you peace and assurance that this Angel will always abide with Him in love. Rest on Corey, and thank you for the memories 🙏

Linda Oden(McGowan) - October 20, 2023 at 10:02 AM

SD

“ Sandra Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Sandra Dale - October 20, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ 173 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - October 19, 2023 at 02:11 PM

PC

“ Priscilla Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Priscilla Craig - October 19, 2023 at 01:27 AM

PC

RIP Corey. You will Truly be Missed. To the Phillips Family you have my Deepest Condolences. We worked at the VA together and you were all he talked about. His Grandbabies was his World. Love You My Brother.

Priscilla Craig - October 19, 2023 at 01:52 AM

SG

“ Shawn Gills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Shawn Gills - October 18, 2023 at 10:11 PM

LJ

“ RIP big brother.

Luther (Melvin) ODaniels Jr - October 18, 2023 at 08:55 PM

CR

“ Crystal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Crystal - October 18, 2023 at 08:38 PM

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💎💎 - September 11, 2024 at 12:09 AM

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“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Phillips.*



October 18, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Corey Phillips.

October 18, 2023 at 03:08 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Deborah Morris-Williams - October 18, 2023 at 12:48 PM

TR

“ *Tasha Redeemar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Tasha Redeemar - October 18, 2023 at 12:31 PM

LG

“ *Love you Pops*

Lakisha Gillespie - October 18, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Phillips.*



October 18, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Corey Phillips.

October 18, 2023 at 08:10 AM

DW

“ Desiree Worthy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Desiree Worthy - October 17, 2023 at 11:59 PM

MO

“ Mark Oates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Mark Oates - October 17, 2023 at 09:27 PM

VB

“ Velissa Batts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Velissa Batts - October 17, 2023 at 07:00 PM

TJ

“ Rest Well my friend



Tony Jackson - October 17, 2023 at 01:46 PM

RP

Thank you for your love and condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:23 AM

AN

“ *Fly high my brother! Sending my deepest condolences to your wife, brother, children, grandchildren, and all extended family and friends...*



Atosha Newsome - October 17, 2023 at 01:26 PM

RP

Thank you for your love prayers and condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:24 AM

VB

“ *Miss you Corey. You are and always will be family. Respectfully,*
Vincent Barronette

Vincent Barronette - October 17, 2023 at 01:09 PM

RP

Thank you Vince for your continued love, prayers and condolences .

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:25 AM

BM

“ *Bobby Myles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Bobby Myles - October 17, 2023 at 12:45 PM

RP

Thank you for your prayers and condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:26 AM

TW

“ *I remember talking to you about my hernia surgery and you told me about yours. I told you about my home dialysis and you told me how much you hated it. When you didn't respond to my text and answer my call something shook inside of me. We always respond or pick up for one another. I love and going to miss you big bro!!!*



Tavonie K Walton - October 17, 2023 at 10:22 AM

TB

“ *My sincerest condolences. Corey was such a joy to work with. He always had a smile on his face and a cheerful adage to give. While I have not the pleasure of seeing him day to day since we are no longer in the office, I remember him fondly and have so many memories of laughter. He will be missed. Tammy M. Bailey, FSC, FPS, Payroll Field Operations Reports Division.*

Tammy M. Bailey - October 17, 2023 at 10:08 AM

LR

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. C Phillips. It's been years since I've seen him. But the remembrance of him would keep you laughing sometimes it would bring you to tears. So Corey rest in peace. Family may God strengthen you, bless you with His peace which surpasses all understanding and send you comfort.*

Ps. 30:5

For His anger endures but for a moment; in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.



Linda Robinson - October 17, 2023 at 07:17 AM

SC

“ *Rest In Heaven*



Shila casey - October 16, 2023 at 08:25 PM

PL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Paul Leek - October 16, 2023 at 06:21 PM

TW

Champs!!!

Tavonie K Walton - October 17, 2023 at 10:16 AM

DJ

No doubt

Douglas Phillips jr - October 14, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Phillips.



October 16, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Corey Phillips.

October 16, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Phillips.



October 16, 2023 at 02:34 PM

SH

“ My condolences to the Phillips family. I worked with him at the FSC. He adored his beloved Michigan, RIP!

Sharon - October 16, 2023 at 12:10 PM

TM

“ Tania Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Tania Moore - October 16, 2023 at 11:48 AM

AG

“ ALISA Y GRIFFITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



ALISA Y GRIFFITH - October 16, 2023 at 09:48 AM

KB

“ Karen Browning lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Karen Browning - October 16, 2023 at 09:34 AM

EW

“ Praying peace and comfort upon the Phillips family. Corey was a quite and powerful blessing with a golden smile within the FPS family and will be missed.



Elaine Walter - October 16, 2023 at 09:22 AM

AC

“ My condolences to the Phillips family. I had the pleasure of working with him at the FSC for a few years. He didn't know a stranger and was kind to everyone. He would speak about how much he loved and adored his family more than anything. RIP Corey!



Angela Carden - October 16, 2023 at 09:03 AM

JA

“ Corey was always a bright light in the room, His friendship will surely be missed, Condolences to the Phillips Family, and RIP Corey, I know you are in His presence Now!! John Ashley

John Ashley - October 16, 2023 at 08:38 AM

RT

“ *Phil, May God be with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Reggie Taylor and family.



Reggie A. Taylor - October 16, 2023 at 08:18 AM

BH

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Phillips family. Corey was a dedicated and caring member of our team and he will be greatly missed...from his Financial Payroll Service family.*



Brian Huff - October 16, 2023 at 07:47 AM

CA

“ *Condolences to the family of Corey my prayers are with you*



Cynthia (Sledge) Adams - October 15, 2023 at 09:25 PM

WH

“ *William And Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



William and Freddie Hodges - October 15, 2023 at 09:04 PM

PR

“ *Our condolences from the Richardson family.*



PRich - October 15, 2023 at 08:29 PM

RA

“ My condolences to the family. Cory was my friend and my coworker. We had a lot of laughs together Rest in peace my brother you will be missed

Raecille - October 15, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JH

“ Jacqueline Hill-Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - October 15, 2023 at 06:59 AM

SG

“ Sharon Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips



Sharon Green - October 14, 2023 at 11:38 PM

MB

“ You will be missed my friend , your vanilla twin..Matt

MATTHEW BROWN - October 14, 2023 at 08:29 PM

LC

“ My condolences to the Phillip family. Corey was a kind, cheerful, gentlemen with a voice of Barry White. I will miss his positive, optimistic outlook on life and working with him. Rest in heavenly peace my friend.



Lil Cepeda - October 14, 2023 at 06:45 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the entire Phillips family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May Corey Rest In Peace.

Melissa Coats - October 14, 2023 at 06:08 PM

GB

Peace and blessings to Phil the entire Phillips family. May our God comfort everyone at the point of their need. Father, give them strength to endure in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. Let your love for Corey be honored in the life you live in remembering the life he lived. Rest in God, Corey. We ask these things in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen, amen, and amen!

Pastor Gary and Elder Julie Burton

a.k.a. Dad & Mom

Gary & Julie Burton - October 17, 2023 at 07:53 AM

VB

“ *Velissa And Melissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Velissa and Melissa Batts - October 14, 2023 at 06:04 PM

SA

“ *Sadrena lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Sadrena - October 14, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Phillips.*



October 14, 2023 at 02:28 PM

LV

“ *Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Linda McClain Veasley - October 14, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Vashawn Skipper-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Kimberly Vashawn Skipper-Davis - October 14, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Phillips.*



October 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM

KR

“ *Kristyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Kristyn - October 14, 2023 at 09:11 AM

DS

“ *Dell Simon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Dell Simon - October 13, 2023 at 09:27 PM

TC

“ *Tracy L. Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Tracy L. Cormier - October 13, 2023 at 04:44 PM

RP

Thank you for your condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:52 AM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Deidre Hunter - October 13, 2023 at 04:05 PM

RP

Thank you for your condolences Dee.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:53 AM

RG

“ *The Gilmer family will be lifting the children, grandkids, brothers, cousins and wife Regina up in prayers*



Rochelle gilmer - October 13, 2023 at 03:13 PM

RP

Thank you for everything! Love you.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:55 AM

BB

“ *Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Bridget Baber - October 13, 2023 at 01:34 PM

RP

Thank you for your condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:55 AM

SS

“ *Sophonra R Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Sophonra R Sparks - October 13, 2023 at 09:46 AM

RP

Thank you for your condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:56 AM

TS

“ *My Most Sincere Condolences To The Entire Family 🥹🙏
❤️,Praying for You All in your time of need...,So sadden,We
Love You All,Hold to God Unchanging Hand.....*



Theresa Cooper & Sons - October 13, 2023 at 08:25 AM

RP

Thank you for your prayers and condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:56 AM

VS

“ *The heart of a friend knows not time nor distance. From the halls of Jones Elementary School, through the halls of St. Mary’s Cathedral High School and Nouvel Catholic Central, to the halls of the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center the smile of our friend Corey Phillips will live on in our hearts forever.*



Sending heartfelt condolences to Corey’s Children, Grandchildren, Big Brother Bo Phillips, friends who became brothers and sisters and the rest of his family and friends. It is my prayer that God will continue to comfort and keep each of you.

I thank God for blessing me to be one of the many people who knew Corey as friend. While we know that God’s word is true in that to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord, we mourn for a moment as we celebrate the life that he lived, the love & respect that he showed, the friendship that he gave, and the legacy that he left.

You are already missed old friend. ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Vonnie Scott

Vonnie Scott - October 13, 2023 at 12:27 AM

RP

Thank you you continued love prayers and condolences.

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:58 AM

MT

“ *Ms. Michelle Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Corey Phillips*



Ms. Michelle Tatum - October 13, 2023 at 12:02 AM

RP

Thank you for your condolences

Regina S Phillips - October 22, 2023 at 08:58 AM