



John "Doug" Phillips Sr.

January 5, 1928 - October 8, 2015

John Douglas Phillips, Sr., a long time resident of Jonesboro, passed away on October 8, 2015. He is predeceased by his parents, Joe A. and Arminda Phillips of Harrisburg and his sisters Dorothy Maestas (Martin), Mary Sims and is survived by his sister, Annette Williams. Doug leaves his beloved, Rosa Lee, wife of over 65 years, his son, John Douglas Phillips, Jr. (Nancy) and his daughter, Jennifer Phillips (Jerrell Shelton). Doug cherished his grandchildren, Caitlin Mello, Jason McCoy, Joshua McCoy (Chelsea), Jordan Phillips his great grandchildren, Marley Rose Mello, Chloe McCoy and many nieces and nephews.

Doug was born in Harrisburg, AR in 1928. His father, Joe was a rural mail carrier and postal clerk and his mother, Arminda was a primary school teacher. He attended school in Harrisburg and was a graduate of Arkansas State University. While at ASU, he was a member of the TKE fraternity and the Indian marching band. It was Doug and a friend who designed the very first "Jumping Joe" Indian logo. Doug and Rosa Lee were among the most loyal and dedicated ASU fans. Up until their move to Tulsa, OK in 2010, you could find Doug most days on the sidelines of the ASU football practice field trying to coach with the best of them. It was music that brought Doug and Rosa Lee together. Doug, a member of the Southernaires dance band, was playing his tenor sax one evening when he met what would become the love of his life. Word has it, he asked her to dance during a break and ask her "if she could keep up with him". Her answer, "well I'll try" with a wink. They jitterbugged together for the rest of their life. They married in 1950 and Doug was called into the military stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where he became a teaching officer in Officer Candidate School. His lifelong career (37 years) with Farm Bureau Insurance began in 1952 originally as an agent and then District Sales Manager for a vast area of the state. Doug and Rosa Lee raised their children and were active citizens of Jonesboro from 1954 until 2010 when they moved to Tulsa OK to be with their son, John and his family.

After retirement, Doug and Rosa Lee dedicated their life to mission work where Doug's travels took him to countries worldwide. His most memorable and fulfilling missions were

in Liberia, Chile, India and Pakistan. Doug was a humble servant of the Lord and shared His word at every chance he got. Their RV took them all over North America with frequent stops in Colorado and Wyoming and their favorite Rocky Mountains. It then sat in the driveway for several years for Doug's afternoon naps.

Burial will be at the Ft. Gibson National Cemetery (Oklahoma) on Friday, October 16th at 1pm followed by a Memorial Service at Believers Church in Tulsa, Saturday, October 17th at 11am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to please consider a donation to Destiny International, PO Box 702303, Tulsa OK 74170-2303 an organization Doug knew well and that carried on his passion for missions.

www.destinyinternational.us

Services are under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, OK.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Memorial Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Believers Church
4705 S Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74145

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Oh, my sweet second daddy, and godfather of my first bornnson❤️. Oh, how i loved you so. The love between us was so special, even though you were my second daddy, i always knew you were there for me and the love we had for each other as 2nd daddy! And daughter is something i will always praise god for you❤️

Tracy Stewart - April 27, 2024 at 12:36 AM



“ John "Doug" Phillips Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Doug" Phillips Sr. .



October 15, 2015 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ Mrs. Phillips and all the family, I was saddened to hear of Mr. Phillips passing. I have very fond memories of all of you from the old neighborhood. Mr. Phillips was such a kind and decent gentleman and was such a good influence on me. May God be with you all in this trying time. Prayers to you. Brad Clark

Brad Clark - October 13, 2015 at 03:12 PM

SW

“ My sincere sympathy to you and your family, Rosa Lee. Doug was one of my favorites during my time at ASU, and I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Sincerely,
Sammy Weir

Sammy Weir - October 13, 2015 at 02:15 PM

AH

“ Dear sweet Rosa Lee & family, I was saddened to hear of Doug passing last week. He and Rosa Lee were always a blessing for me to be around. Both always had a friendly smile for everyone they met. One Summer, I took our youth to Mexico on a mission trip and Doug, an elder, & Rosa Lee went with us. One thing that I remember about Doug was when we would order dinner at the hotel restaurant, Doug would always order ice cream.

The waiter would always bring the ice cream before the meal. I remember we had a good laugh about that. Doug enjoyed his ice cream regardless of the order he got to eat it.

In our Sunday School class, yesterday, someone shared how dedicated Doug and Rosa Lee were ASU fans. When the teams traveled in buses, Dough & Rosa Lee would be there to send off the team.

I know Doug was met by the Lord Jesus saying "Well done my good and faithful servant."

With love to Rosa Lee & family.

Ann Hoggard - October 12, 2015 at 03:51 PM

JT

“ I send sincere sympathy to the family of Douglas. His mother "Aunt Mink" and my grandmother Annie Harris Densford were sisters. Annie and Joseph Densford had Sarah Frances (Frankie), Willie Jo and Keith Densford. Keith lived in Harrisburg many years. While growing up, I visited with Aunt Mink and Uncle Joe many times in Harrisburg, AR and remember them, Dorothy, Mary, Annette and Douglas, fondly.

Joann Thomas Loughlin, daughter of Sarah Frances Densford Thomas

Joann Thomas - October 11, 2015 at 06:42 PM

SS

“ To Rosa Lee & Family: I am so very sorry about the loss of that sweet Doug. I remember him being so kind, always with a big smile, while living in Jonesboro, Ar. Please know that you are in my prayers & thoughts during your time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
Sherry Stone

Sherry Stone - October 11, 2015 at 12:51 PM



“ Remembering all the times we sat a few rows behind you at the basketball games at ASU as you were sitting next to Joe & Ann Brooks. Rosa Lee, We go back a long way to the beauty shop days at Pack's Hair Fashions when Jennifer was little. Always enjoyed seeing you! My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.

Deloris Tolbert - Jonesboro, AR

Deloris Tolbert - October 11, 2015 at 11:53 AM

MA

“ Marystel Appleton sends her love and fond remembrances of Doug, Rosa Lee, Johnny and Jennifer, who were our neighbors and friends.

Marystel Appleton - October 11, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 09, 2015 at 01:27 PM