



"Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips

September 20, 1940 - January 12, 2021

"Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips, 80, of Clayton, passed from this life in his home and surrounded by his loving family on January 12, 2021. He was born in Mooresville on September 20, 1940, to the late Charles Raymond and Hazel Irene (McCoy) Phillips.

The middle child of 8, Jerry was raised in Morgan County, and at an early age acquired the nickname "Cowboy", because of his favorite outfit, a diaper and cowboy boots. Jerry worked for Mooresville Block in high school and graduated with the class of 1959 from Monrovia High School. He attended the Monrovia United Methodist Church as a child, and later secured employment with John Hall Construction as a truck driver.

Set up on a double date, Jerry met his future wife, Joyce. On the third date, while at the drive in, he snuck a quick kiss and began 61-year love affair. The happy couple were united in marriage on March 4, 1961 and started their happy family.

Country to the bone and a true cowboy at heart, Jerry adored everything horse related. He was past president of the Golden Spurs Saddle Club, along with being a member of the Hendricks county and Bainbridge Saddle Clubs.

A loving father, Cowboy led by example, teaching his children and grandkids

the value of hard work and dedication to the things you love. He will be deeply profoundly missed.

Along with his parents, Cowboy was preceded in death by an infant son, Charles Robert Phillips; and siblings, Eugene and Dale Phillips, Nancy Gordon, and Karen Koons.

Cowboy is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joyce R. (Roberts) Phillips of Clayton; children, Jerry Lee Phillips (Samantha) of Gosport, Nina May Ashlock (Dennis) of Pocahontas, AR, and Julia Jennifer Parrish (Scott) of Spencer; siblings, Beverly Gregory of Avon, Donna Berling of Monrovia, and Glen Phillips of Brownsburg; 17 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; along with countless nieces and nephews and friends from his days of truck driving, horse shows, saddle clubs and trail riding.

Due to current county and state COVID-19 guidelines, public gatherings have been limited to contain no more than 25 people. All attendees are required to provide and wear their own facial masks throughout the duration of services. Please be mindful of social distancing and avoid all personal contact to slow the spreading of the virus. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Monday, January 18, 2021, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel. A Celebration of Life Service will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m., Pastor Justin Cook will officiate, and services will be livestreamed on Light Memorial's Facebook page. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall, and Cowboy will be taken to his final resting place on a flatbed semi. In lieu of flowers, his family is seeking assistance with his final expenses, c/o Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E. Main St., Monrovia, IN 46157. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Cowboy's memory search Facebook for Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel @MonroviaFuneralHome or visit his tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My most favorite memory of Cowboy was vVC when our youngest, Brian was 5. We were fussing at him at a GSSC show because he couldn't remember the barrel pattern when Cowboy came over with an ink pen and drew the pattern on Brian's saddle horn. He never forgot it again! Kathy Shaner

Kathy Shaner - January 19, 2021 at 09:16 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your families loss, Cowboy was a cousin of my Mother (Carolyn L. Bean Mason).

Debbie Fraker - January 18, 2021 at 08:15 AM

JC

“ Jan Holcomb Cummick lit a candle in memory of "Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips



Jan Holcomb Cummick - January 15, 2021 at 05:14 PM

RW

“ Richard Woodley lit a candle in memory of "Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips



Richard Woodley - January 15, 2021 at 03:48 PM

TC

“ Cowboy was one of my favorite customers in the 8 years Tracy's was open in Belleville. He and his lovely life, is why I looked forward to going into work every day.. I miss seeing my customers from that place, every day. God Bless you and thank you for being so funny and kind to me.

Tina Tomlinson - Coffman - January 15, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - January 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of "Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips.



January 14, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of "Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips.*



January 14, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of "Cowboy" Jerry Wayne Phillips.*



January 14, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Donna n Family - so sorry to hear of the loss of ur loved one - May God grant u peace n comfort n this time sorrow n n the days n weeks to come. Blessings to all - Thoughts n Prayers - Carolyn n Larry Clements*



Carolyn - January 14, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear this. I knew Cowboy some 50 years ago. Those were certainly very fond memories for me. I will have a good thought for you all.*
Bill Reel

Bill Reel - January 13, 2021 at 10:40 PM

VA

“ So sorry to hear cowboy has passed away.
We were distant cousins. 😞❤️



Virginia Page Austermiller - January 13, 2021 at 03:48 PM