



## Virginia H. Phillips

September 14, 1932 - February 22, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Virginia Len Hamilton Phillips, 91, of Southaven, MS, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, February 22, 2024. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her family.

A visitation will be Friday, March 1, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home (626 Star Landing Road East, Southaven, MS 38671) followed by the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Interment will be at Forest Hill Home & Memorial Park - Midtown. John Woods will officiate the service. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Phillips graduated from Mississippi College in 1954 with a degree in Elementary Education. She did her post graduate work at Baptist Hospital's School for Medical Records Librarians. Upon graduating from there, she worked as the associate director of the medical records department at University Hospital in Jackson, MS. As a Certified Medical Records Specialist, she later moved back to Memphis, TN, her hometown, and taught coursework to college and graduate students at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

While at MC, Mrs. Phillips sang in the MC Chorale Touring Choir, was the first president of MC's Swannanoa Social Tribe, and met the love of her life, Harry

V. Phillips, Jr. She loved her time at Mississippi College and continued to love and support the university for the rest of her life.

Mrs. Phillips married Major Phillips in December of 1960, but was only blessed with <sup>5</sup>½ years of marriage before he was killed in Vietnam. Major Phillips was an Army Med Evac helicopter pilot and lost his life on a mission on which he had volunteered. However, the years they spent together, and the love they shared, was one of a kind. It was, and still is, an inspiration to all. They had 4 children in their brief time together, and Mrs. Philips raised the four of them on her own.

She was employed by the Memphis Children's Clinic for 29 years. Mrs. Phillips worked at the front desk, served as a bookkeeper, and finished her career as the Office Manager. She loved her jobs at MCC, made many lifelong friends, and provided above and beyond for her children.

While growing up in Memphis, Mrs. Phillips became an accomplished pianist. Reading, however, was her favorite pastime. She was a voracious reader and read thousands of books throughout her lifetime. In her younger years, she loved to swim and play tennis. In her later years, she loved crocheting, doing her word search books, and watching golf, football, and Fox News on TV. Throughout her life, she always loved cooking and spending time with family and friends.

Mrs. Phillips was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church Memphis where she sang in the choir for many years. She also loved singing in the Broadway Baptist Church choir as well. She cherished the beautiful friendships she made from all of her church choir years.

Mrs. Phillips loved attending the numerous activities of her grandchildren and great grandchildren alike. They, along with her children, were the joy of her

life. Oma, as she was affectionately called, or Ava by some, passed down this gift of love for family to all of them. The lifelong memories she made with each of them will forever be treasured.

Mrs. Phillips was a godly woman with a servant's heart and a devout love for her Savior and His Word. She personified kindness and grace to everyone around her and instilled those values in her family. She was the epitome of strength and beauty. Her unshakeable faith was evidenced daily, no matter the circumstances. She lived her favorite verses for her entire life: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." — Proverbs 3:5-6

She is survived by her children, Teresa Len Phillips of Southaven, MS, Harry V. Phillips, III, M.D. (Robbie) of Southaven, Joseph F. H. Phillips of Olive Branch, MS, Jack P. K. Phillips (Denise) of Byram, MS, and a bonus daughter, Vernon Adele Tate of Ridgeland, MS; grandchildren, Gracie Stevenson (Tyler) of Germantown, TN, Rebecca Hajek (Blake) of Memphis, TN, Jamie Phillips of Kent, WA, Sarah Adison Phillips of San Francisco, CA, Christian Len Phillips of Springer, NM, and Jackson H. Phillips of Byram; great grandchildren, Olivia, Nora, and Roman Stevenson of Germantown, Anniston Hajek of Memphis, Gabby and Aurelia Phillips, both of Springer; and one sister, Margaret Ann Greer of Gaylord, MI; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Major Harry V. Phillips, Jr.; her parents, Joseph F. Hamilton, M.D. and Ruby Lynn Williams Hamilton; and one brother, Joseph F. Hamilton, Jr., M.D.

Donations and memorials may be made to MC in Virginia H. Phillips' honor. Checks may be mailed to: Mississippi College, Box 4005, Clinton, MS 39058 or donate online at <http://mc.edu/give>.

Expressions of condolences may be left on Mrs. Virginia Len Hamilton Phillips  
Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Memorial Park (Midtown)

1661 Elvis Presley Blvd.  
Memphis, TN 38106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven  
626 Star Landing Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672  
(662) 349-3900  
[info@colemanfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@colemanfuneralhome.com)  
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## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Webcast in memory of Virginia H. Phillips



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - March 01, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia H. Phillips



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - February 23, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.



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February 29, 2024 at 04:22 PM

AK

“ Angie king purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.



Angie king - February 29, 2024 at 04:17 PM

SM

“ Scott and Sandra Mills purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.



Scott and Sandra Mills - February 29, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.



February 29, 2024 at 10:29 AM

FP

“ From the Board and Staff of Perichoresis purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.



From the Board and Staff of Perichoresis - February 28, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MC

“ *Memphis Children's Clinic purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.*



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**Memphis Children's Clinic** - February 28, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.*



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February 28, 2024 at 11:36 AM

AT

“ *Andy & Paige Taleisnik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia H. Phillips.*

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**Andy & Paige Taleisnik** - February 28, 2024 at 11:36 AM

DK

“ *Donna & Mike Keeling purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.*



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**Donna & Mike Keeling** - February 27, 2024 at 10:03 PM

FM

“ *Faranak Motaghian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia H. Phillips.*

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**Faranak Motaghian** - February 27, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ *Faranak Motaghian purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.*



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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Virginia H. Phillips.*



February 25, 2024 at 10:42 PM

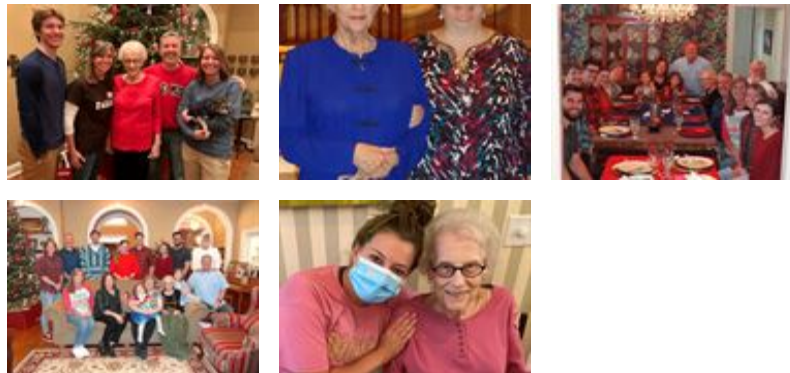


“ *Seaney Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia H. Phillips.*

Seaney Family - February 25, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - February 23, 2024 at 01:55 PM

PJ

*Virginia was such a beautiful lady, inside and out. She was an inspiration to me and our family. Thanks for sharing your pictures of her throughout her life.*

*We love you all,  
Patricia Rose Johnson, and Mary Edna Rose*

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**Patricia Rose Johnson** - February 24, 2024 at 08:18 PM