



## Buddy Zane Phillips

October 21, 1956 - September 28, 2024

Buddy Zane Phillips passed away at the age of 67 on September 28, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Buddy at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 in the Loganville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Pastor Joel Goddard officiating. Burial will follow at Hill Haven Memory Gardens in Monroe. There will be a visitation from 5:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 and 10:00 – 10:45 AM on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Loganville. Buddy was born to Charles Benton and Iris Lewis Phillips on October 21, 1956 in Winston-Salem, NC. His family moved to Decatur, GA in 1959. As a child, Buddy participated in youth sports at Midway Park including Little League All Star baseball teams and Midway Mighty Mites traveling football teams. Buddy attended and graduated from Avondale High School in Decatur, Georgia in 1975. During his time at Avondale High School Buddy was an avid athlete and participated on the varsity football, baseball and wrestling teams. During those years Buddy made lifelong friends. Buddy began his 43-year successful career at Peachtree High School in DeKalb County. Buddy was only 20 years old when he began working as a campus monitor. During that time, he had the support of Principal John Snoderly. A man he had known during his time playing football at Avondale High School. While working at Peachtree High School his true talents were revealed, Buddy was able to connect with students and positively influence the choices they were making. During that time, he also shared his love of football as he announced all the

high school football games at North DeKalb Stadium. After his time in DeKalb County, Buddy moved on to the rapidly growing Gwinnett County Public School system where he would spend the next 38 years of his career. He continued to positively influence not only students, but teachers, administrators and colleagues. His time was spent throughout the district working at Brookwood High School, Meadowcreek High School, Lilburn Middle School, North Gwinnett High School and Parkview High School. In addition to these schools, Buddy worked as a campus monitor at Phoenix High School in the evenings. For more than 30 years Buddy worked two jobs in GCPs schools. Hard work was no stranger to Buddy, he loved his work and the people that he worked with. Buddy was a beloved and valuable member of the school community wherever he worked. He became the heart and soul of each and every school. Buddy always had a smile, a story and encouraging words. He made everyone feel loved and appreciated. Buddy radiated a special warmth. He touched so many lives with his kindness and his positive outlook. Buddy loved Georgia Bulldog football! He enjoyed fishing, cooking and gardening. But every person whom Buddy encountered knew that his most precious treasure in life was his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Benton Phillips; mother, Iris Lewis Phillips; sister, Sharon Phillips Bowen and sister, Martha Phillips Drury. Buddy is survived by his beloved wife, Farrah Franklin Phillips of Loganville, GA; sons, Josh Phillips (Chevas) of Winder, GA; Austin Phillips (Natalie) of Atlanta, GA; Dylan Phillips of Gainesville, GA; Tyler Phillips of Loganville, GA; 2 granddaughters, Harlan and Raylan; grandson, Porter and brother, Charles Gray (Lynn) Phillips of Marietta, GA. Buddy is also survived by a host of relatives including an aunt, nephews, nieces, cousins, and in-laws who loved him deeply. He also left behind his adored and devoted dogs. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hill Haven Memory Gardens

490 Edmondson Rd  
Monroe, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville  
670 Tom Brewer Road  
Loganville, GA 30052  
(770) 466-1544

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville  
670 Tom Brewer Road  
Loganville, GA 30052

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville  
670 Tom Brewer Rd.  
Loganville, GA



# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Buddy Zane Phillips*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - October 01, 2024 at 02:19 PM

TS

*RIP BUDDY*

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**Terri Sayre** - October 01, 2024 at 02:49 PM

AE

*Thank you 🥀 I will miss him.*

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**Alisa Eason** - October 02, 2024 at 09:45 AM

TE

*Buddy thank you for being an amazing to my mom(Alisa Eason)and her family on Aya Circle, Loganville GA. You will be missed, GOD bless you!*

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**Tahneea Eason** - October 02, 2024 at 09:51 AM

TE

*He was an amazing neighbor!*

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**Tahneea Eason** - October 02, 2024 at 09:53 AM

AH

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of a great man! Our thoughts and prayers are with you your family.  
*The Higgins Family*



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**Ashley Higgins** - October 02, 2024 at 09:10 PM

AE

“ My neighbor guy. I met Buddy when I relocated to Georgia in September 2021. God saw fit to bless me and my family with the Phillips as neighbors. The love affair began. I often hear people talk about the neighbors from hell. That wasn't my story, I hit the Jackpot! Buddy was my guy. I will remember the conversations, enjoying the Barbecue dishes, helping me with trimming my hedges, cutting my lawn and his good vegetables from the garden. He would always say we love you guys, and the feeling ❤️ was mutual. I will not be there to send you off, however you will be in my heart. I love you Phillips family!!

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**Alisa Eason** - October 02, 2024 at 10:10 AM

VB

“ Vicki Brown lit a candle in memory of Buddy Zane Phillips



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**Vicki Brown** - October 02, 2024 at 10:08 AM

VB

*I have known Buddy and his great family for a very long time. He and Farrah have been with me in some of my darkest moments we laughed cried hugged he even used to call me is 2nd wife. I have watched his boys grow up into the fine young men they are today. Buddy was by far a great man. He always had that glowing smile laughing and having a good time. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Rest high my Buddy until I see you again. Love you always and forever yes this is your Vicki Brown. Love you Farrah and boys.*

**Vicki Brown** - October 02, 2024 at 10:30 AM

MP

*“ I had the privilege of meeting Buddy when I started my educational career at Peachtree High School. Buddy always had time for everyone and enjoyed a good laugh. Throughout the years our paths would cross and we enjoyed our time together. Buddy always loved telling those around us how we played high school football against each other when he was at Avondale and I was at Cedar Grove. Buddy has touched many lives and left an outstanding legacy. Prayers for Farrah and Buddy’s family....Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal.*



**Mike Phillips** - October 01, 2024 at 09:37 PM

JL

*“ Johnny & Dorothy Lovetto purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.*



**Johnny & Dorothy Lovetto** - October 01, 2024 at 03:26 PM

JL

“ Johnny & Dorothy Lovetto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.

Johnny & Dorothy Lovetto - October 01, 2024 at 03:26 PM

JC

“ Jason & Nan & The Staff of Bethlehem Ch. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



Jason & Nan & The Staff of Bethlehem Ch. - October 01, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MS

“ Buddy was one of the best people I've had the privilege to know and have as a friend. We went to high school together. He played football and I was a majorette. Once we graduated we had a 10 year class reunion. I will never forget Buddy walking in the room a little later than everyone else and walked in with that swagger he had in a pair of white pants and a white jacket and a colored T-shirt with no collar looking like Sonny Crockett, for his son's who may know who this is look up Miami Vice that was big back then. Everyone loved it! No one else that could have done that! It was awesome.! Our 50th reunion is scheduled for next summer, but it won't be the same without you Buddy!! He was a good friend everyone he knew. You will never be forgotten. You touched us all in our hearts. Rest in peace my sweet friend. 🕊️🙏❤️

Mari Sitner - October 01, 2024 at 12:46 PM

KR

“ Kenny Reese

*Buddy was such an energetic and engaging person. He really was a fine person always ready to help others. Buddy was a wealth of knowledge about people and events. I always enjoyed talking to him about common events and people in our past. His passing will leave a void in my life and Parkview High School! May God Bless his entire family. Heaven just gained a special Angel!*

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**Kenny Reese** - October 01, 2024 at 11:42 AM

GF

“ Gran gran, Ginny, Karen & Todd & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



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**Gran gran, Ginny, Karen & Todd & family** - October 01, 2024 at 10:56 AM

GF

“ Gran gran, Ginny, Karen & Todd & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.

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**Gran gran, Ginny, Karen & Todd & family** - October 01, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - October 01, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Buddy Zane Phillips*.



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October 01, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Buddy Zane Phillips*.



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October 01, 2024 at 06:36 AM

LW

“ Liam and Lily White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.

Liam and Lily White - October 01, 2024 at 06:36 AM

MS

“ Marian S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.

Marian S. - September 30, 2024 at 09:49 PM

GL

“ I first meet Buddy when we worked together at Peachtree HS. He was such a great role model to the kids at school and always had a positive thing to say about everyone. He will be missed. Prayers to Farrah and family.

Gary Long - September 30, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



September 30, 2024 at 02:30 PM

RF

“ Ray Franklin and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



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Ray Franklin and Family - September 30, 2024 at 12:57 PM

RF

“ Ray Franklin and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.

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Ray Franklin and Family - September 30, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JC

“ Buddy with his warm and welcoming smile will be missed. Buddy never met a stranger and he positively impacted the lives of many. Sending my condolences to the family and praying for God to comfort you. 🙏  
J. Callins

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Jean Callins - September 30, 2024 at 12:56 PM

TF

“ The Assurant family. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



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The Assurant family. - September 30, 2024 at 12:30 PM

TF

“ *The Assurant family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.*

The Assurant family. - September 30, 2024 at 12:30 PM

TS

“ *Buddy will miss you remembering all the great things you have done and who you are God Bless*  
*Terri Sayre*



Terri Sayre - September 30, 2024 at 11:57 AM

GF

“ *Gary Watkins & family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.*



Gary Watkins & family. - September 30, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.*



September 30, 2024 at 09:26 AM

ED

“ I remember meeting Buddy at my High School. The first time I meet him he was so welcoming and he was such a good friend.

Eric Dudley - September 30, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DK

“ I began teaching at Parkview ten years ago, and one of the first people to reach out and ask me if I needed anything was Buddy. We quickly formed a bond as a fellow UGA football fan. He was always eager to share a story and knew everyone. It was comforting to listen to him retell a story, even if he'd already told you the story earlier. Buddy would give you the shirt off his back without hesitation and make sure us teachers & coaches had what we needed. I am saddened that I cannot have those conversations like we used to have, but I am happy that he is in a far better place now and not suffering. He's a one-of-a-kind figure that had such a positive impact on the lives of everyone he touched.

Daniel Klinect - September 30, 2024 at 09:04 AM

FK

“ I remember when i just started working at Parkview, Ms.Buddy came to talk to me ,welcoming me with a big smile and he never misses to greet me every time he sees me . My sincere Condolences to his family ! he is in Heaven...

Fatiha Koudri - September 30, 2024 at 08:54 AM

MW

“ He always had some of the whackiest stories but he sure did know how to make you crack a smile. I've never had a conversation with Buddy where I didn't end up laughing. Parkview doesn't feel the same without you here, you will be forever missed!

Melina Weaver - September 30, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.*



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September 30, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Parkview feels so empty without you here. I will never forget all of our talks and sharing pictures of our doodles. I could always count on a smile every time I saw you. I pray God gives your family peace.*

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**Leah Yurisich** - September 30, 2024 at 08:42 AM

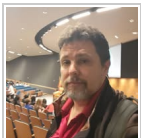


“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.*



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September 30, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ *What I will remember most about Buddy is his heart—always with a smile and a story to share. When my son was diagnosed with Autism, I knew exactly who to turn to for advice. Buddy was the greatest role model, as a father to a son with Autism. He showed me that Autism is a superpower, and it takes a special father to harness that power. Seeing the great man Tyler has become gives me hope for my own son, Isaac.*

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**Denny Elkins** - September 30, 2024 at 12:32 AM

LA

“ Love you brother - Joseph Alexander purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



Love you brother - Joseph Alexander - September 29, 2024 at 04:48 PM

KA

“ Avondale high school #1981

karen - September 29, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



September 29, 2024 at 03:43 PM

PS

“ Paula,Lynn & Debbie (Starnes Sister's) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



Paula,Lynn & Debbie (Starnes Sister's) - September 29, 2024 at 03:05 PM

FJ

“ From Joe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Buddy Zane Phillips.



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**From Joe** - September 29, 2024 at 02:13 PM

FJ

“ From Joe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Zane Phillips.

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**From Joe** - September 29, 2024 at 02:13 PM