



## Charles J. Phillips

January 16, 1951 - May 16, 2008

Phillips, Charles J., age 57, May 16, 2008 of Westland.

Beloved husband of Lynn. Dear father of Roderick Delmar Phillips, Raena C. Phillips and Charles J. (Charlynn) Phillips. ♦ Loving grandfather of six.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral home, 980 Newburgh Rd, Westland, MI. ♦ Funeral services will be held in Rockford, IL. ♦ Memorial offerings may be made to William Beaumont Hospice, 3601 West 13 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48073. ♦ To view or send a condolence to the family, please use the condolence link on this page.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles J. Phillips*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Lynn & the rest of Charles' family. Rest assured that he is in heaven. And take comfort in this fact. Charles was my dear friend of many years. He was a kind, patient, honest & humble man. But most of all he was a good horseman, which could not have been true without possessing all those other qualities in abundance. Charles was open and friendly & quick with a smile, to anyone he met, that's why so many loved him. Which is apparent from the responses of those who knew him briefly or for a long time. Both Tim & I will miss him a great deal. His love of horses also shines through from the memories posted here, whether they be from "horse" friends or co-workers, or students. I'm so glad he had many good years to enjoy his passion and I'm sure he's still enjoying horses in heaven, as God would certainly not leave out one of His most perfect creations. Hope to ride with you again Charles, where the horses don't spook, and if they do the fall is soft.*

**Lisa & Tim** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Lynn,*

*I am so, so sorry to hear about the passing of Charles. Your love for him showed everytime you shared about him at NTN. It was a pleasure getting to know him through you. I can't begin to imagine the loss you feel. May you somehow find peace in knowing that Charles life here on earth is a part of Gods bigger plan. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Karen*

**Karen Kalaj** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

DI

“ Charles and I shared many rides together. He always had a smile on his face and sense of joy on the trail. Many of the times we rode, he spoke very highly of his wife Lynn, and of his children. Thanks for the memories. My family will pray for you during these difficult times. God Bless

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**Diane** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

KT

“ Lynn and family: I remember when I first met Charles (through Rose Clark) at one of the Brighton rides, several years back. He immediately struck me as one of the nicest people I had ever met. Over the years I would run into him from time to time and he made you feel as though he had just seen you the day before, always cheerful and pleasant. For lack of a better word Charles was "genuine" and I always felt lucky to have known him. About a month ago, I was able to visit with him. We went upstairs where he showed me all his horse photos and ribbons, and we chatted about his horses. This effort must have been tiring for him but he handled it with such strength. Charles was one of those people who pop into your life and make an indelible impression. Charles will never be forgotten ... he'll be greatly missed ... but never forgotten by anyone who ever came in contact with him.

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**Kathy Taylor** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

AW

“ Lynn,  
Very sorry to hear of Phillips passing. I met him at the endurance rides at Brighton Rec Area and a few times when he was just getting himself and his horse in shape. Very friendly with a quick smile. He will be missed. I regret that I only met you a couple of times at get togethers. Please know that my prayers are with you and your family. You can bet he will be riding in heaven!!

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**Agnes Wallace** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JY

“ Dear Lynn and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times. Jim and I knew Charles through endurance riding events, and he was such a wonderful person to be around, we will all miss him. God bless you and your family.

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**Jim & Teresa Yell** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

RC

“ Charles was a very dear friend of mine. I still remember when Sue Sugzda asked me to look for him at his first ever endurance ride up at White River MANY years ago and to help him along. He was a Natural and Endurance riding soon became his passion! I can still see him walking around ride camp, visiting with others, with his big smile. His spirit will always be with me out on the trails and at ride camp. I will miss him dearly!

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**Rose Clark** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ Charles first entered my life at Schoolcraft College in the Endurance riding class I taught...he was such a thoughtful and thought - provoking man. I have always respected his intelligent, caring way with both people and animals. Charles' willingness to help and provide input will be sorely missed by trail riders, students, friends and of course by family. He continues in our hearts.

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**Sue Stimson-Sugzda** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JN

“ Dear Lynn and Family,  
Offering my sincerest condolences to you at this very sad time. I worked with Charles at Oakland County Community Mental Health. He was always so friendly and professional. He was a great co-worker. We were very saddened to hear of his death. Wishing you peace.

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**Jeanette Nadler** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

BT

“ Dear Lynn and family, may you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Charles was a very special person and a friend I will never forget.

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**Bonnie T** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

TT

“ Dear Phillips family,  
I worked with Charles for many years and I will miss his smile and sense of humor. He was a wonderful friend and coworker.  
To me he will always be "Sir Charles"

*I will keep him and you in my prayers.*

*Love*

*Terry*

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**Terry Thorpe** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

BR

“ Dear Phillips Family,  
I will always remember Charles as an energetic teacher who always had a smile on his face. My prayers go out to the Phillips family at this sad time. Charles, you will be surely missed.

*Brandy*

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**Brandy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

KG

“ to The Phillipps Family

*Charles always had a smile and a friendly greeting whenever I saw him on the trail. He will be missed. I hope he is getting a chance to ride some new trails up above.*

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**Karen Graham** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

CD

“ To the Phillips' family it is with great sadness that I send this note. Mr. Phillips was my Economic instructor at the University of Phoenix in 2004 when I was getting my MBA. He loved riding as much as he loved teaching. He was a great instructor. I am truly sorry for your loss. May God continue to be with you and your family during this sad time.

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**Clarice Davis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

LP

“ We will miss you Charles with your happy smile and quick wit. We pray that you ride hard with the wind in your face. Happy Trails Dearest Friend!!! We will never forget you. Love always, Cris & Lorne P

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**Lorne & Cris P** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

TB

“ My condolences to Lynn, the Phillips family and anyone who spent time with Charles and feels the same great loss as me. It is difficult to acknowledge that he has been taken from the world--but when I last spoke with him, he was at peace with the lot that he had drawn. The next time I canoe down a river, I'll say another prayer, giving thanks that our paths crossed in this life. /tom

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**Thomas Benner** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JM

“ Charlie was one of the best riding buddies I have ever had. When I see Sharri on trail, I will know that Charlie is overseeing her up above and enjoying the ride along with Carl, her new buddy. Thank you Lynne for sharing Charlie with us. My thoughts are with you. Love, Jeanie

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**Jeanie Miller** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JS

“ Lynn and Family,

*Our deepest sympathy at this difficult time to all of you. My daughter, Amy, and I had the pleasure of riding with Charles on his very first endurance ride years ago on his mare Whitney. We've shared many miles since and he will certainly be missed. God's blessings to you all and you will be in our prayers in the days and weeks to come.*

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**Jim and Linda Sherrill** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

YL

“ *In love they are remembered and in memory they live. Lynn my deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Charles will truly be missed. My thoughts of him will live on with me, with the love he had of horses and the camp-outs he shared with us (Michigan Black Horsemen) the good times that he and his family shared with us. May you and your family find peace at this time and know that our thoughts are with you, in deepest sympathy.*

Yvonne

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**Yvonne Lee** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

LZ

“ Lynn & Family,

*I am so sorry to read that Charles had passed away. I only had the pleasure of meeting him a handful of times and he was always smiling and friendly -- especially if the conversation was about his family or horses! Lynn, you always spoke so highly of Charles and what a great person he was. I know he was very loved and will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!*

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**Lisa Zielinski** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

LH

“ Dear Phillips Family,

*As a volunteer in the community I wish to extend my sincerest condolences with the passing of Charles. At times like these it seems no amount of words can fill the void you now have. However, comfort can always be provided from God's Word the bible. I would like to briefly share one thought with you that I hope will give you and your family a measure of peace during this difficult time. It is the words of Jesus friend John as he describes a time when the sting of death will be gone forever. I quote from Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". When you have a quiet moment, perhaps you can view these beautiful words in your own bible for added comfort. Until then your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lisa H.** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM