



Steve Phillips

September 21, 1957 - May 13, 2015

Steve Phillips, age 57, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Steve was born to James H. Phillips and Carol Ann (Capdepon) Hayes on September 21, 1957.

Steve was preceded in death by his beloved step-mother Joyce Nightcap Phillabaum Phillips in 1977. He is survived by his parents, his children, Zanna (Phillips) Wallace and husband Brandon of Mesquite, TX, Steven Phillips II of Phoenix, AZ and Skylar Phillips of Glendale, AZ. Steve also leaves behind two grandsons, Emet and Ezra Wallace, and several brothers and sisters living in various parts of the country.

Steve graduated from Miamisburg Senior High School in Ohio in 1975. His resume of work experience over the years was quite impressive and certainly represented his interests well. During the late 70's and early 80's, Steve spent time working as a radio personality in Louisiana & Mississippi, which is not surprising considering his love of good music. Later, Steve became a licensed pilot and began flying corporate jets. Most recently, Steve had enjoyed a decade of employment at TechLinks as a systems engineer. He was a proud and loyal TechLinks team member, and even rode his bicycle to work to commemorate his 10th anniversary of employment last year, which coincided with his birthday.

Steve was certainly adventurous in his hobbies as well. In addition to his love of flying, Steve later became quite skilled as a novice kayaker, competing in numerous white water competitions and even winning some of them. Certainly how Steve would like to be remembered though is as a randonneur. Many years ago, he developed a passion for this sport of long distance cycling. He logged thousands of miles on his bike and volunteered many hours at various races around the region. One of his greatest achievements was completing in the Paris-Brest-Paris in 2011 on a single speed cycle. He would no doubt say that the best way for friends to honor his memory would be to grab a bike and go for a long ride on a beautiful day.

The family would like to thank Dr. Tina Wood and the staff of UAB for their exceptional care during Steve's illness, as well as his colleagues at TechLinks, his close friends , and his riding buddies for their faithful friendships to him over the years.


A Memorial Service to celebrate Steve's life will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 10:30 in the morning in the chapel of The New Gardendale Funeral officiated by Pastor Brandon Wallace, Steve's son-in-law. A gathering of friends and family will begin at 9:30 am, prior to the service. Business casual attire is welcome, but cycling jerseys are also more than appropriate for this occasion. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial donation be made in Steve's name to the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation at www.pancan.org/Donate

Tribute Wall

RF

“ For several years Steve saw no calendar conflict between the ride I organize, the Old Howard 100, and the Cheaha Challenge. He would arrive in Marion well before dawn, do the second loop to Selma and back, and then ride out with everyone else for the first loop. By noon he would be back for a friendly visit on the steps at Judson before he headed up to Anniston for the next day's century ride. He was always an encourager. I pay tribute to him as a truly great man. Rosemary Fisk

Rosemary Fisk - May 20, 2015 at 02:43 PM

 Joan Wortham

“ I didn't realize that my FB buddy had passed away. So terribly sorry for his family. He was a fighter, and I know he fought this battle hard. RIP Steve. You will be missed.

Joan

Joan Wortham - May 20, 2015 at 10:01 AM

CA

“ Steve touched my life as I know he did many others. He exemplified determination, perseverance and hope. His legacy is a keen reminder to the rest of us that above all, life is what we make of it and no matter what we must face, attitude is everything. He will be missed. Ride on and enjoy the terrain my friend!

Cary - May 19, 2015 at 06:35 PM

SL

“ Steve would find me in the early mix of any century I did - because he did ALL of them. Every time, he stayed long enough for us to 'catch up' and he would also cheer me in when I finally finished. The same pleasant smile in the picture above is exactly how I would have described him on any given day/ride ;-)

Sophia Lal - May 19, 2015 at 04:25 PM

CA

“ Chris Argo lit a candle in memory of Steve Phillips



Chris Argo - May 19, 2015 at 12:25 AM

BT

“ I met Steve after a group ride one Saturday. I was amazed that he had ridden to the start, ridden the ride and was going to ride home afterwards. He inspired me then and still does today.

Brian Toone - May 18, 2015 at 08:58 PM