



Mr. James Leo Phillips

April 4, 1930 - April 18, 2020

James Leo Phillips
Carthage, MS

At ninety years of age, James Leo Phillips passed on to be with his wife of sixty-nine years, and with Jesus, his Lord and Savior, on Friday, April 17, 2020. He and his bride, Mary Jo, were members of the Bethel Baptist Church. He served twenty-four years in the U S Air Force, retiring from Strategic Air Command in 1975, and then served as a rural letter carrier for another fifteen years from the Carthage, Mississippi Post Office, finally retiring on their place, not far from the homestead of his great, great grandfather.

Leo is survived by his sister, Joan Layton, his sons, Michael L. and Warren C., and five grandchildren; Kristen Townsend of Wichita, Ks., Erin Hejde of Minot, N.D., Joshua Phillips, Penelope Phillips, and Effie Guillot of Baton Rouge, La., and they have nine great grandchildren: Briana, Caitie, Calista, Abner, Seth, Truman, Anthony, Leona, and Clara.

Rev. Melvin Mordecai officiated the grave-side service at the Salem Cemetery in Marydale, Mississippi at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21. Wilcox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

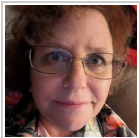
Salem Baptist Church
Carthage, MS

Tribute Wall

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“ Leo was my Dad's (Jodie Johnson Jr) best friend. Every time we would come home to Mississippi we would visit Leo and his wife Mary Jo. Dad would always tell stories of the friendship. I myself had grown to love both of them as my own family. I will miss seeing them on my visits back to Mississippi. I will be saying prayers for the families. Susan Lunsford

Susan Lunsford - April 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ I met Mr Phillips at the bank where I worked and we immediately clicked as Teller and Customer. My mom is in a nursing home and Mr Phillips and I shared our stories every time he came in. I thoroughly enjoyed being his banker when he came in and he always uplifted my day. The last time I saw him he got up from his chair to give me a hug but we weren't allowed due to the Covid-19. I am so sorry I didn't give to give him a hug. He was always so special and nice and his visits will definitely be missed. Prayers! Denise Kemp Kirkland

Denise Kirkland - April 21, 2020 at 05:10 PM

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“ From tommy Horn 949 casey circle. Mr Leo friend and neighbor up the road. So so sorry for your loss both parents can't b there by keeping your family in prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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