



Mr Morris Clayton Phillips, Jr.

August 17, 1944 - August 29, 2024

Morris Clayton Phillips, Jr.
Carthage, MS

Morris Clayton Phillips, Jr., born August 17, 1944, in Lexington, MS and passed away on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at Hilltop Manor Nursing Home in Union.

Morris was a member of Freeny Community Methodist Church.

Morris grew up in Freeny and he graduated from Carthage High School in 1962 and from Ole Miss in 1966; then he graduated from Cumberland School of Law (Samford University) in 1970. Morris served in the Alabama Air National Guard.

Morris was a partner with Wright, Phillips, & Wright for fifty-two years. He was a Mason, past Master, and Secretary of Pearl River Lodge No 105 for over 20 years.

He served two terms as Commissioner for the Mississippi Bar Association. Morris was City Attorney for Carthage and the Town of Lena for many years.

Morris and his wife, Suzanne, traveled and cruised extensively, visiting

multiple countries, and sights in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. They also enjoyed visiting with Suzanne's parents in North Carolina. They enjoyed photography and taking pictures in the countries they visited. Morris and Suzanne enjoyed watching Ole Miss and Mississippi State football together.

Morris was preceded in death by his father and mother, Morris C. Phillips, Sr. and Grace Van Keuren Phillips. Morris is survived by his wife, Suzanne Brownell Phillips, to whom he was married for fifty-five years; his sister, Rebecca Phillips Sprayberry (Milford); his nephews, Van K. Sprayberry (Tonya) of Tullahoma, TN and Rod W. Sprayberry (Davida) of Henderson, NV; his niece, Karmen Sprayberry Dahnke (Camerson) of Huntsville, AL; eleven great nieces and nephews; six great-great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Scott Carr, Skip Sprayberry, John Sprayberry, Woody Herrington, David Stuart, and Mike Brooks.

Honorary pallbearers were Candy Bone, Robert Brooks, George Dorrill, John Pinkard, Jimmy Cook, and Marlin Collier.

Memorial gifts may be made to Freeny Community Church, 3417 Freeny Road, Carthage, MS 39051.

His services were as follows: visitation was 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Wilcox Funeral Home. Funeral services were 3:00 pm in the Wilcox Chapel with Bro. Paul Sanders officiating. Interment followed in the Freeny (Caldwell) Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Freeny (Caldwell) Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Service

AUG 31. 3:00 AM.

Wilcox Chapel

Visitation

AUG 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wilcox Funeral Home
106 S Jordan Street
Carthage, MS 39051
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<https://www.wilcoxfuneralhome.com/>

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“ I knew Morris as a fellow Lawyer back in the early 1980's. I was a Lawyer working out of Jackson for the Department of Human Services. Morris and Roy Wright were both so generous with me as an Attorney new to the practice of Law. Morris was always pleasant and ready with a kind word. I remember him best with a bright smile on his face.....just below his "trademark"..... mustache.

*Steve Lawrence
Retired Assistant Attorney General
State of Mississippi*

Steve Lawrence - August 30, 2024 at 11:05 AM