



Walter Henry Philbates

July 30, 1937 - December 10, 2023

Walter Henry Philbates, 86, of West Point, passed away Sunday December 10, 2023. Walter was born July 30, 1937, to the late Henry and Myrtle Geneva Philbates, in Hanover County. He was a graduate of New Kent High and excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. After graduating, Walter joined the United States Air Force and served 4 years, stationed in Massachusetts. When returning home to New Kent, he met his future wife, Linda Prince. They married on November 9, 1960, had two daughters, and later moved to West Point.

Walter was employed as a maintenance foreman for the Chesapeake Corporation before retiring at 55. He was a member of the West Point Christian church where he was a deacon and then elder. He served as the financial secretary and the chairman of the property committee. His hobbies included carpentry, vacationing in Nags Head, fishing, gardening, and piddling. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Geneva Philbates; and a grandson, James Paxton Edmonds, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Linda; two daughters, Donna Edmonds, and Mary Bush; two grandchildren, Tiffany Mitchell (Billy), and Justin Bush; two great granddaughters, Ella Jane Paxton Edmonds, and Kathryn Avery Mitchell; a sister, Evelyn Virginia Smither; an aunt, Joyce Adams; and two

brothers in law, Michael Prince (Jenny) and Chris Prince (Barbara).

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 16, 2023 at the West Point Christian Church, 290 Euclid Blvd, West Point, VA 23181. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Checks should be made payable to "Alzheimer's Foundation of America." or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Attn: Membership Department, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Point Christian Church
290 W. Euclid Blvd
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Walter was always friendly and kind with words of wisdom when he spoke. He raised a beautiful garden and kept his yard immaculate! Our hearts are heavy hearing of his passing and we pray for the family’s comfort now and the days ahead.* ”

Bruce Johnson - December 18, 2023 at 09:14 AM

GC

“ *Sorry to hear. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.* ”

George Carter - December 15, 2023 at 06:49 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Morgan Staples lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Philbates* ”



Debbie Morgan Staples - December 13, 2023 at 06:29 PM

LS

“ *Thoughts and prayers for Walter’s family!* ”



Linda South - December 13, 2023 at 09:12 AM

MH

“ *Michael Haden lit a candle in memory of
Walter Henry Philbates*



Michael Haden - December 13, 2023 at 08:37 AM

GF

“ *Our prayers are with all of you.*

Carol and Gina



Gina Fetterolf - December 13, 2023 at 08:16 AM

GS

“ *G.C. Sears lit a candle in memory of Walter
Henry Philbates*



G.C. Sears - December 13, 2023 at 07:45 AM

JC

“ *Joanie Gordon And Charlie lit a candle in
memory of Walter Henry Philbates*



Joanie Gordon and Charlie - December 13, 2023 at 03:10 AM

FJ

“ *Floyd Philbates Jr lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Philbates*



Floyd Philbates jr - December 12, 2023 at 11:04 PM

GC

“ *The Philbates family has always been so kind and thoughtful to me...I loved all of them. Cherish all of your precious memories until you are together again. With heartfelt sympathy, Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



Gloria Couch - December 12, 2023 at 06:52 PM

RC

“ *RT Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Philbates*



RT Croswell and Donna Croswell - December 12, 2023 at 03:05 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Philbates*



Brenda Anerton - December 12, 2023 at 01:43 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mary bush - December 12, 2023 at 07:59 AM

VI

Such a treasured photo, my sympathies to the entire family!
Vickie Rowe Grimes

vickielgrimes63@gmail.com - December 21, 2023 at 05:11 PM

BR

“ Jim and I send our deepest sympathy to the family. Walter was a very friendly and considerate man. God Bless you all and may you find peace and comfort in the coming days, knowing he is resting in the sweet arms of Jesus.



Beverly&Jim Ross - December 11, 2023 at 09:29 PM

HW

“ HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of
Walter Henry Philbates



HENRY WARD - December 11, 2023 at 08:53 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Philbates*



john and vickie roane - December 11, 2023 at 07:54 PM

PC

“ *Mrs. Philbates, Donna, Mary, Ginger and family. I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Walter. I truly thought alot of him and enjoyed working with him. I pray you'll find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories of the love I know he had for you.*

Pamela Carter - December 11, 2023 at 06:58 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss. We send our love and sympathy to all of his family.*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - December 11, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Philbates*



Margaret Ogg - December 11, 2023 at 04:35 PM

AW

“ *For Linda, Donna and Mary.*



Abbi Williams - December 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM