



## Mr. David Johnson Phipps

November 19, 1952 - September 4, 2022

Mr. David Johnson Phipps, 69, of Henderson, passed from this life on Sunday, September 4, 2022, in Tyler. He was born on November 19, 1952, in Houston to the late A.J. and Ruth Carpenter Phipps. Mr. Phipps was an operator as well as owner of Opti-Case Inc.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, JoAnn Choate.

Survivors include his brother, Robert A. "Bob" Phipps, Sr. and wife Alice of Jasper; nieces and nephews, Lucy Phipps Baspain, Robert A. Phipps, Jr., Walter Michulka, Karen Michulka, Mark Cross, Peggy Haywood, Charles Luther Cross III, and Charlotte Cross; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, friends, and family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association, 1211 Beverly Ave. Henderson, Texas 75654 or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I see it's been 9 months since he passed away & I just found out. He was my good buddy & band mate in our rock band in college. He was the other guitar player. lol One day he told Larry, our drummer, & me that we were going to build a PA system. He drew up the plans & we built it. I was amazed at what he could do. The 3 of us hung out all the time & all ended up graduating between gigs. Love you brother Dave.

Ken Carey - June 22, 2023 at 10:32 AM

JS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jacque Spencer - September 21, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tana Clark - September 20, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tana Clark - September 17, 2022 at 06:48 PM

DF

“ Dave was my CCHS classmate and friend. My condolences to his family. I will miss him and I will ways remember the good times we shared at our class gatherings.

David Flight - September 12, 2022 at 09:53 PM

SM

“ Shannon Marsh lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Johnson Phipps



Shannon Marsh - September 11, 2022 at 09:21 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We knew Dave for many years, and I use to sit in church with him. May God be with all the family. Jeff & June Lee



June Lee - September 11, 2022 at 05:46 PM

TC

“ Dave...your Clear Creek classmates enjoyed seeing you through the years at our gatherings. You will be missed!  
Rest in Peace dear friend.



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**Tana Clark** - September 09, 2022 at 06:26 PM

JC

“ I worked for Dave at OPTI-CASE and I enjoyed it there and was treated fairly. Thankyou

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**Jim Cowart** - September 08, 2022 at 08:16 PM

ML

“ Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Johnson Phipps



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**Mary Lowe** - September 08, 2022 at 11:55 AM

DM

“ Dwayne and I have enjoyed having a friendship with Dave for years. We will miss him



DEBBIE MILEY - September 08, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ I love reading others' memories of my sweet Uncle David! He was loved by many. We will miss you, Uncle David! Ande, Luci, Victoria, & Austen



Luci Bostain - September 08, 2022 at 10:10 AM

KY

“ I grew up with David. We attended elementary to High school and kept in touch through the years. He lived in the same subdivision as I did growing up. He was a kind and decent person. I always enjoyed catching up on our lives when we saw each other. I will certainly miss him. May you Rest In Peace, David. Karen Thomas Yeaman



karen yeaman - September 07, 2022 at 02:56 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Johnson Phipps



Sue HENDERSON - September 07, 2022 at 09:45 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Johnson Phipps*



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**Jon Best** - September 07, 2022 at 09:30 AM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Johnson Phipps*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - September 07, 2022 at 03:21 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - September 07, 2022 at 02:39 AM

CM

“ *Missing Dave. A true innovator in the live music industry. Best Road Cases I ever used, some of the best PA Systems in the country.*

*Dave Phipps- everyone's friend. He was also always willing to help out a Church, Shelter or pretty much any good work that needed support we could provide.*

*Man, we had a time, we really did.*

*I think Dave got his greatest joy, work wise, from hearing a promoter, club owner, band , facility owner or manager telling him how happy they were with our work, quality of sound, organization etc. He would just beam!*

*Pickers ( musicians for those outside the industry) Dave loved you all, you and what you do, was the reason for everything he got into, everything we did. It was always about Music and the people who create it . There was always the sense of "presenting what you do" to the absolute best of our abilities .*

*I'm not sure Dave ever worked a day in his life, for him, it was always an adventure in creating, innovating , refining. Lord only knows all the times he stayed up all night working on a new idea, rebuilding a console etc . ( Grin, And messing about in my monitor-world cases, sometimes just to watch me me blow a gasket I think-grin)*

*My Buddy Dave, I miss you brother, we remain, as always: Online, Ontime.*

*May your Memory be eternal.*

*Rusty Matheny, Engineer, foh/roh Opti-Case, Opti-Sound*

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**Charles Matheny** - September 06, 2022 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ *David & Kathy Chapman*



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**David & Kathy Chapman** - September 06, 2022 at 05:26 PM

BC

“ *Shared a lot of memories with David ..... extremely good hearted person. very intelligent, caring, & dedicated individual who loved his music ... thank you, David for just being yourself, you were a gift to so many ....*

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**Billy Capps** - September 06, 2022 at 05:13 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross*



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**Suzanne Cross** - September 06, 2022 at 12:39 PM

PB

*I hate to hear this. David was a nice person. Prayers for the family.*

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**Patti Bryan** - September 06, 2022 at 05:00 PM