



## Dr. Hugh M. Phillips

May 23, 1920 - March 23, 2013

Memorial services for Hugh M. Phillips, D. V. M of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at South Main Church of Christ with Brothers Jay Lockhart and Bob Payne officiating. Family will receive friends following the services at the church. Hugh M Phillips, D. V. M. was born May 31, 1920 in Gilmer, Texas; he was one of four sons and two daughters of Otis J. and Mary Clyde Smith Phillips. He graduated Gilmer Ward Elementary School as the class salutatorian. Graduating as a "Buckeye" from Gilmer High School in 1938 and entered Texas A &M College graduating from there in October 1943 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Dr. Phillips enlisted that same week in the U.S Army Medical Corp, Veterinary Department, entering with the rank of First Lieutenant. His duty assignments included stations in Brooklyn, New York, Baltimore, Maryland and Fort Myer, Virginia. While in Fort Myer, he received notice that Gen. Ike Eisenhower's wife, Mamie, was bringing her three Scottish Terriers. Captain Phillips had a very nice visit with Mrs. Eisenhower. After being discharged in October 1946, Dr. Phillips worked as a Veterinarian ten months in Shreveport, La., at the Dixie Garden Veterinary Hospital. In 1947 he moved to Henderson, Texas and began his practice of Veterinarian Medicine on North Marshall Street at Phillips Animal Clinic, which he continued until his retirement in 1985. It was in Henderson that he met his bride Miss Jo Burnaman where she worked at the local Montgomery Ward's. On July 17, 1949 they were married at the home of the Bride's parents in Nacogdoches. They were married for 63 years. Dr.

Phillips was active in his community and church, serving as deacon at South Main Church of Christ, and served as chairman of the Benevolence Committee, and Senior Citizens Committee. Other organizations of which he was a member include: Rusk County Chamber of Commerce; American Veterinary Medicine Association; Texas Veterinary Medicine Association; East Texas Veterinary Medicine Association; Henderson chapter of the Texas A & M Club; Henderson Lions Club (65 Year Monarch); the Depot Museum; Rusk County Historical Commission; Rusk County Heritage Association. He also took care of his old home place, which was a labor of love and a very rewarding experience for him. His family grieves his passing but give thanks to God for his long and healthy life, the remarkable gifts he possessed, and the great love he bestowed on his family. Doc was a man of deep faith, speaking frequently of his gratitude for the Lord's many blessings in his life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Mary Clyde Phillips; and daughter, Sarah Anne Cobb. Survivors include: his wife, Jo Phillips of Henderson; daughter, Melanie Taylor and husband John of Henderson; son-in-law, Brian Cobb of College Station; four grandchildren, Blake Taylor, Adam Taylor, Stephanie Cobb Langwell and husband Matthew, and Elizabeth Anne Cobb; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Blake Taylor, Adam Taylor, Dr. Phil Woodall, John Taylor, Brian Cobb. Honorary pallbearers are the members of the Lions Club. Memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, PO Box 199300, Dallas, Tx 75219-9842, or Eastern European Mission, PO Box 670928, Dallas, Tx 75367-0928, or the charity of your choice. Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacri.com](http://www.crawfordacri.com).

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dear Jo, Melanie and family, We were so sorry to hear about Hugh. You have been in my thoughts for sometime and I had intended to call a few weeks ago, but did not get it done. I wish so much that I had. Take care and know that we are thinking of you. With much love, Dax and Samantha Cowart

Dax Cowart - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sad to hear of the loss of Dr. Phillips. Dr. Phillips was a very kind person. He always had a smile on his face and never forgot anyone's name. He will be missed greatly. God Bless your family.

Donna Boatwright Saffell - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Such a great person. I know he will be greatly missed by the community. May God grant his family peace during this difficult time.

Dr Mike Duncan - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Dr. Phillips was an wonderful man with a sweet spirit and our community has suffered a loss. . He will be missed, but remembered with love, by so many who admired him..

Jan and Charles Nilsen - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Dr. Phillips touched so many people...he will surely be missed.

Jim & Wilma Young - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *What a kind and caring man Hugh was. He took great care of our animals over the years....even the really loud, screaming Siamese cat. He watched over mother during her later years and we always knew a visit from Hugh would brighten her day. May this sweet man rest in peace and may his family find peace here on earth.*

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**Judy Nutter** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *A very special person has left this earth. God be with your family.*

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**Dr. & Mrs Curtis Seelbach** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Dr. Phillips was a great man and we be missed dearly. We are praying for your family.*

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**Teris & Drew Butler** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Dr. Phillips was a great vet and a good man. He saw my children's dog on an emergency basis when it got a bone stuck in its throat years ago. When we asked how much we owed him Dr. Phillips said we owed him nothing.He said just the smile on my children's faces was enough pay for him. What a man he was!SincerelyBilly F. Martin*

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**Billy F. Martin** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Doc's family, such a wonderful, kind and gentle Christian man. I will always remember when Doc would drop by the church office and let me know how everyone was doing at the hospital. That was one of the many great things about Doc Phillips, he visited everyone in the hospital, not just the members of South Main. For all the visits he made, a wing of that hospital should be dedicated to his memory of service. Many have been blessed by his kindness, what a wonderful example and legacy for his family and friends.

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**Devin & Cammy LaBay** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ "Doc" was a great man and will definitely be missed by our community. Our prayers are with you.

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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Jo so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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**Wanda Lambeth** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Our hearts are heavy at the loss of Dr. Phillips. He impacted the lives of many for good in his community. Please know we are praying for your comfort and peace in this difficult time.

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**Vanessa and Derek Faulkner** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dr. Phillips blessed all those who knew him. Our prayers are with his family and friends. What sweet memories he leaves in each heart!

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**Dr. Mike & Anne McCrady** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jo and Melanie: Dr. Phillips meant a lot to me. He took care of my best friend (little dog Bootsie) when I was young and he trusted me enough as a teenager to let me chauffeur the family so many times to Johnny Caces for Friday night dinner when I dated Melanie. He had such a sweet spirit - I will miss him. You are in my prayers!

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**Mike Mason** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mrs. Phillips, Melanie and John and Family; So sorry to hear of your loss. His kindness will always be remembered. Martha Solomon

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**Martha Solomon** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Henderson was blessed to have the leadership of Dr. Phillips in our community. His impact will never be forgotten.

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**Stacey Rodgers Sullivan** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Jo, Melanie and Family, My thoughts are with you at this time. Hugh was respected in the community and the church. His spirit of goodwill was experienced by those who knew him. His many visits to the hospital, nursing homes and homes were appreciated and uplifting to those who felt the blessing of his genuine love. His life was the Christian example we strive for each day. To follow in his footsteps is indeed a challenge.

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**Linda Romer** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Phillips' passing. He was a wonderful friend, and we have so many happy memories of our times together - especially 4th of Julys at the lake. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

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**Cyndi and Johnny Walker** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dr. Phillips was a true Christian servant. His acts of kindness and benevolence will always be a testimony to how he practiced his faith. His love for God, his family, his country and his church will be his legacy. We recognize his life was well lived. Our love and encouragement to Jo, Melanie and the entire family. "Well done thou good and faithful servant...".

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**Ray & Sandra Hall** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ No better example of a true "Christian life" has ever been left but by "Doc". We have so many memories. His passing will make the reunion in "the land beyond, so fair and bright" just that much sweeter. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with Jo, Melanie, and family.

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**Kerry and Kathy Buckner** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM