



Richard Kevin Phillips

September 17, 1944 - December 26, 2020

Richard K. Phillips was born at DC General during 1944. After his father's death in 1950 he moved to Greenwich, Connecticut. His mother married Roger S. Phillips who in 1956 adopted him. Richard graduated from Tabor Academy (Honor Naval School) Marion, Massachusetts and attended La Universidad de Santander, Spain.

He was a US Army ROTC cadet and graduated from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Class of 1966. As an active duty Intelligence Officer he served in stations encompassing North Carolina, Georgia, Panama, and as an Infantry Platoon Leader in the 101st Airborne Division, Viet Nam. Following active duty, he earned an MBA at American Graduate School of Management (Thunderbird) while serving with a USAR Intelligence Detachment in Arizona. He continued active reserve service with Intelligence units in Maryland and California.

He joined Motorola Communications and Electronics in 1976 in Southern Cal, and was soon offered a promotion to develop and manage the Caribbean. With critical issues growing in 1978 Nicaragua and Panama, he was tapped to manage Central America as well. In 1982 he was promoted to the Motorola Federal Government Division to develop and manage US government operations and foreign aid for all of Latin America and the Caribbean working out of the DC metro office.

During the period 1982 through 1995 he and his team were issued DoD ITO's and personally participated in the Grenada Incursion (OP Urgent Fury), the El Salvador Civil War, the Contra War, the Panama Incursion (OP Just Cause), and several major Hurricane Relief missions. He was issued a State Dept ITO to provide on-site communications assistance to the Philippine's Government Security Service in the Cory Aquino Presidential Election and again during the attempted counter coup by Col Grigorio Honassan.

Richard and his team received orders in 1990 from the USAF to deploy to Saudi Arabia during the first weeks of the crisis for purposes of conducting a needs assessment

program for deployable strategic, tactical and fast-turn ground communications systems in support of OP Desert Shield/Desert Storm. While serving in this AOR he was breveted to LTC. Motorola then promoted to Global Director of US Army Programs.

In 1996 he successfully negotiated the largest contract award in Motorola's history, \$730 million, with US Army Communications and Electronics Command. His last deployment was on Atlantic Command ITO's to physically inspect potential mountain top sites (supported by the US Army's 10th Mountain Div) and bring a deployable county-wide communications system in support of the suppression of Haitian dissidents (OP Restore Hope).

Richard was then promoted to Director of the Motorola Micom HFSSB Product Group being manufactured in Israel. He retired in 2006. A stimulating career of guns, bullets and radios. Since then he filled his life with fishing the Bay, travelling to countries that he hadn't yet seen, providing what assistance he could to his Church, his community, and the many fund raising projects the Knights of Columbus.

He leaves his lovely adoring wife, Anne, two strong sons, Straun and Brig, and his beautiful daughter, Bree, with hope that they feel he provided enough love for them to prosper. Funeral Memorial Mass will be at Holy Family Catholic Church at a future date. Private Family Burial will be at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

Comments



“ Remembering Rick Phillips

That fellow Richard Phillips,
Let's celebrate him, all:
A special man in many ways,
Now answer'ring Heaven's call.

Who knows the path each life will take?
For Rick, though, this was true:
Don't go and hunt excitement, Rick:
Excitement's hunting you!

Rick started with the Army,
Screaming Eagles, one-oh-one;
Through Vietnam, then "MI Hill"
Grenada: he's not done!

Panama, Kuwait, and Haiti:
Also blocks he checked,
But pride in fellow Soldiers, though,
Did Rick oft recollect

Three decades Motorola:
Career thrill trip, worldwide!
Though seeing colleagues make the grade
Gave Rick the greatest pride!

In Army green or corporate gray,
No matter which the track:
His teammates knew and trusted Rick:
He always had their back!

All work and no play
Might dull a boy named Jack
But fun times with Rick was something
No one felt they lacked!

It's said he's quite a party host:
At dinner or poolside
He loved his family and his friends;
He reveled at their side!

Rick's Cath'lic faith he cherished dear;
A living model for us
He put that faith to work for all:
A Grand Knight of Co-lum-bus!

Rick gave his all to Church and Knights,

And always with such class:
His Grace, the Duke at RennFest,
And a wizard with stained glass!

To Anne, and Straun, and Brig, and Bree:
You'll always have his love
But different than you've felt before,
'Cause now it's from above!

Rick's resting place on Earth will be
Exactly where you'd think:
Google "Bury Me With Soldiers"
By Monsignor Charles Fink!

But rest assured Rick has arrived
To his new post on high:
At ease, Rick – here,
"All is well: Safely rest, God is nigh!"

With respect, admiration, and fraternal love
from your brother Knights in South County Council 8251

Brother Knights - January 23 at 06:32 PM



“ Rick and Anne were our neighbors in Davidsonville. There are family, friends, acquaintances and then there are neighbors....who get your mail, watch out for you, have a spare key, bring up the trash cans, drive to the car repair and chat at the end of the driveway...for hours. Rick was the best...we missed him and Anne when we moved, but now we will miss him more. May he rest in peace, and Anne, may you find your peace. Fondly, Bill and Pat

Pat Jones - January 23 at 10:21 AM



“ We miss Rick's presence and think of him each time we visit Holy Family. We looked forward to seeing him as usher with his welcoming smile, witty comments and kind words. We met the both of you at OLOS years ago and enjoyed seeing you at HF events and Sunday masses. Keeping you both in our hearts and prayers. Praying he has a special place in Heaven. Love, The Hynes Family

Noreen Hynes - January 23 at 09:17 AM



“ Rick was the true measure of an American Patriot. Rick and I shared some stories and I always walk away thinking my 40 Years of Service could be put in a thimble compared to his. His ability to convey a story of one moment in time could have your memorized. Rick’s story falls in the category of a “Life Well Lived”. Anne and Rick’s colorful smiles and open hearted sincerest created an aurora of true friendship. I loved to hear Rick and Anne’s stories of their adventures; they were like interesting stories out of a well-constructed novel. Rick strong Christian Character and his dedication to the Catholic Church and the Knight of Columbus places him with the Archangel Gabriel and other who have gone before us. This is a note to all his fellow co-workers who was in the business of keeping secrets. Rick could not keep a secret when it came to sharing stories of good food and the beauty of this earth, during his travels while on this earth. If he saw something; he said something and if it was delicious—he said something. God Bless Anne and the entire Phillips Family. Vivat Jesus SK R. C. Fisher



Roland C. Fisher, Fort Meade, MD - January 22 at 07:11 AM



“ Rick--It was a pleasure knowing you, and having you in our circle. You were always upbeat, generous and an excellent host when we came to your house. Your enthusiasm for all of your various projects was contagious. You will be missed. Love, Mick, Melissa and Jake.

Mick Green - January 14 at 01:56 PM



“ David and Ruth Sanchez-Way purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of Richard Kevin Phillips.



David and Ruth Sanchez-Way - January 12 at 01:48 PM



“ Thank you, Rick, for the memories with my family here in Colorado and at your home in Davidsonville. We enjoyed much laughter and happiness with you and we hope that you are in heaven and praying for us.

Eric Hemmer - January 08 at 08:14 AM



“ Anne and family prayers and condolences to all of you. May Rick's memory remain eternal in your hearts now and always. One of my favorite memories is when Rick hosted a group dinner at Ruth Chris Steak House in DC.
Sandy Tucker

Sandy Tucker - January 08 at 06:48 AM



“ Although I am still a bit mad at you for leaving us, the Hemmer family, Eric, Nicole and your three grand kids, Stanton, Beckett and Arabelle and I, are remembering you fondly and miss being with you. May there be lots of stained glass in Heaven.

Anne Hemmer - January 07 at 05:33 PM



“ I am sad to hear the news of Rick's passing. I was a Motorola coworker with Rick at both, Motorola Latin American Sales group, as well as the federal Government Sales Group. Rick was a good friend, and coworker.. We shared many experiences together at Motorola. He was always looking to achieve sales goals, and satisfy our customers. I was fortunate to deploy with Rick, during his last deployment to Haiti, with the 10th Mountain Division, while we looked for repeater sites, and provided communication equipment for the new Haitian Police. I will miss him, and will remember him. May he rest in Peace in God's embrace, and may God grant Peace and serenity to his family. Juan M. Gonzalez

JUAN M GONZALEZ - January 03 at 06:12 PM



“ We are very saddened and shocked by Rick's passing. When I last spoke to him a short time ago, he was optimistic and we discussed many varied subjects as usual. Rick was always there with helpful suggestions, offers to help with anything and his sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.
Condolences to Anne and the Phillips family.
Gene and Lynn

Gene Zeiser - January 02 at 01:18 PM



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Gene Zeiser - January 01 at 10:29 AM



“ I worked with and for Rick. He was the best event planner at Motorola LMPS and Federal. Will always be remembered as a great Friend. My deepest condolences. Jin Calvo

Jin Calvo - December 31, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Rick. No words can heal your pain but may your wonderful memories bring you joy, peace and a smile to your face. He was a good man.

Philip Lerner

Philip Lerner - December 31, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Rick was a member of my RCIA class and became a strong believing Catholic. He was a joy in the class and kept me on my toes. We laughed a lot and I will always remember him with affection .Ann Devine

Ann Devine - December 31, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ Very sad to hear of the passing of my friend Rick. He was always very understanding, sympathetic, outgoing and helpful in the unique business challenges that I faced in my International territory while at Motorola Federal Government Markets. If I needed help of any kind, I knew that Rick would be there for me. The consummate professional and friend.

May GOD provide peace and solace to Anne and his children.

Andres J. Nuñez

Andres Nunez - December 31, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Only got to know Rick in the last five years or so when he helped shepherd me through joining the Knights of Columbus and knew he was a proud Navy man but had no idea of his extensive career and the contributions he made. Never one to brag but he spent some time sharing with me his passion for stained glass. Always optimistic and subtly humorous. Was a pleasure to know him, even if for only a short time.

Jules Smith

Julius Smith - December 31, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ I knew Rick only through the Knights of Columbus, but I always admired and respected him as a leader and a gentleman. I am sure that he is in the presence of our Lord. God bless Rick.

Tony De Laurentis

Anthony De Laurentis - December 31, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ I was proud to work with Rick at Motorola. He brought me on to his sales team in the Motorola Federal Governments Market Division; to develop Motorola's programs involved in US Government Economic and Security Programs thru the US Government. Rick was always creative and had a strong desire to try new and different things. He taught me how to think beyond what I already knew and to always ask 'Why Not?'

Because of Rick's confidence in me I was asked to take a new position in Motorola Latin American Countries Region; where I led the systems sales teams in the Caribbean and Central America. I owe Rick my gratitude for opening the doors for me to new adventures.

God Bless Rick, Anne and the Phillips family.
John Magee

John P Magee - December 30, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ I miss you already Rick!

I've always really appreciated his easy going personality and kindness - towards everyone I've ever seen him interact with. He was a cornerstone of the Supper Club, w/ Aunt Anne, Mom, Gene & Uncle Fritz, and the consummate, ever-hospitable co-host of innumerable family pool parties. Thank you for all of the smiles and fond memories, Rick. God Bless.

David Green - January 14 at 08:49 PM