



Mrs. Aynn Kirtley Phillips

May 27, 1923 - December 1, 2018

Aynn Kirtley Phillips

Aynn Kirtley Phillips, age 95, died on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at her home in Albany, Georgia .

She was born in Lebanon, Tennessee on May 27, 1923, the daughter of James Addison Kirtley , PhD., and Mary Maude DuVal Kirtley. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Temple Phillips, Jr. , who died in 2007.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by her three children and their spouses:

Her son, John Temple Phillips, III and his wife, Sarah Howe Phillips, of Albany, Georgia; her two daughters, Elizabeth Van Deren Phillips Murfree, (Betsy) and her husband, Robert Bell Murfree (Bob) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and her daughter, Virginia Shoop Phillips Bacon, (Gina) and her husband, James Lewis Bacon, III (Jim).

She is also survived by six grandchildren: Dr. John Temple Phillips, IV, Thomas Kirtley Phillips and his wife Mandy, of Albany, Georgia; Robert Brickell Murfree, DDS, and his wife Nikki, of Roswell, Georgia; John Phillips Murfree, DDS, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and Virginia Phillips Murfree DeJean and husband, Grant, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and Curt Orr Hall, IV, and his wife, Jade of Greenville, South Carolina.

Her seven great grandchildren are: Thomas Kirtley Phillips, Jr., Emily Sarah Phillips, of Albany; Samuel Hardy Murfree and Hugh Hardy Murfree of Roswell, Georgia; William Murfree DeJean, Elizabeth Kirtley DeJean, and

James Brickell Murfree DeJean of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and Hannah Virginia Hall of Greenville, South Carolina.

Mrs. Phillips was a 1939 graduate of Central High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She graduated from the Tennessee College for Women in 1942 and sang in the Women's Glee Club. After graduation she attended Middle Tennessee State College and obtained a certification to teach Elementary and High School English. After college she worked at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tennessee during World War II. She met John Phillips while he was stationed there before his tour of duty in Italy. Four years later they married and moved to Albany, Georgia.

Mrs. Phillips was a long time member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. She loved being a part of the Ladies Circle 4 and the Intercessory Prayer Group. She was a member of the Alpha Sunday School class.

Mrs. Phillips was an avid Bridge player and had lifelong friends who played Bridge together every Thursday for 50 years. She was in the Town and Country Garden Club. Mrs. Phillips spent many years researching the genealogy of both her parents' family lines as well as several of the Phillips family trees. She was a member of the Albany Town Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and served as Town Chairman as well as Candidates' Helper for genealogical lines. Mrs. Phillips not only enjoyed her time as a Sunday School teacher for her children's and many adult classes, but also also taught a Bible class for many years with the Christian Women's Club.

Mrs. Phillips was a founding member of the Albany Junior League. She was active in the Junior Service League and the Hospital Auxiliary and served as an Easter Seals volunteer. She was a former board member of the Salvation Army. She enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader for her daughters and a Cub Scout den mother for her son. She and Mr. Phillips were active in the support of Young Life, serving on the first committee in Albany.

Many nieces and nephews, cousins and close friends remember Mrs.

Phillips's wonderful hospitality not only in her home around her dining table but also on the many trips to the beach with family and friends. We will all miss her sweet smile and her insight into life that she so willingly shared with others. Her deep faith in the Lord was evident in her willingness to share words of scriptural wisdom with others. She reminded us always to put on love, to think of others first, and above all, to keep a good attitude.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a gift in her memory to Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Road, Albany, GA 31707; the Salvation Army, 304 W. 2nd Ave., Albany, GA 31701; or a charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral starting at 1:00 PM. The Reverend Robert Greene will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

To share your thoughts with the Phillips family, you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Aynn Kirtley Phillips*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Aynn Kirtley Phillips*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Susan and Ronnie Whatley*

Susan Whatley - December 05, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ *What a lovely, sweet, kind, graceful lady. I know you all have some wonderful treasured memories that you will cherish for many years to come. She was fortunate to be blessed with a great family and you all were fortunate to have such a precious mother.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can ever take.

Kathy Prisant

Kathy Prisant - December 05, 2018 at 03:05 PM

JB

“ Loved sweet Aynn! Such a kind, wonderful lady who was like a 2nd mother to me.

I have so many memories of the Reynolds and Phillips families together.

Albany has lost another member of the Greatest Generation.

My sympathy and prayers go out to all the family.

Juli Bruner

Juli Bruner - December 04, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ We never saw Mrs. PHILLIPS without a smile on her face. Because of her, we are better people. Chuck and Cris DARSEY

Chuck Darsey - December 04, 2018 at 06:19 AM

RL

“ In the “Pictionary” under the heading of “Southern Lady” is a picture of Aynn Phillips; always gracious, smiling, generous and kind. I have lost, and this city, has lost a wonderful role model. My sympathy to her children whom I have known all my life. She and your dad were true treasures and she will be missed but I rejoice that they are once again together.

Ri Newcomb Lamb - December 03, 2018 at 06:34 PM

PM

“ *To all the family of sweet Aynn Phillips:
Your mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, was an incredible
lady....full of grace
and charm, and never without a smile and a kind word for anyone
she met.
Aynn lived her life in such a Christlike manner....always kind and
gracious.
I know all of you will miss her so.
I had the pleasure of always sitting with John, Sr. at Rotary for many
years, and
remember how much he and Aynn loved each member of their
family. They were so
proud of each of you and leave an amazing legacy for you to follow.
My sympathy to each of you.*

Patsy Martin - December 03, 2018 at 10:34 AM

EC

“Mrs. Ayanna” and “Uncle John, Jr.” as my dad, Bubba, called them, were two of most caring people in Albany. We were ‘Mighty Blessed’ to know them.

Both Jane and Bubba listed the Phillips in their best friend groups. Someone said Aynn and Jane were the most sophisticated ladies in Albany.

A necklace made from Aynn’s charm bracelets was a tribute to her diverse, sweet life. When asked she proudly told memories evoked by some charms.

In my early childhood I recall Aynn and Jane at dining table putting together a program for a Hospital League Follies. Their happy laughter as they worked was a lesson to me on pleasure of volunteering. They were always doing some community service project and frequently together. The Phillips were truly members of the “Greatest Generation.” They are greatly missed.

Elizabeth Champion - December 03, 2018 at 05:18 AM

JF

“ I send my sympathy and love to her family, especially to those of the family I know personally. You were very blessed to have her in your lives as long as you did. She was a lovely lady and always took the upper road!

Jane Fairburn - December 03, 2018 at 03:00 AM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy to her family . We remember Mrs. Phillips as very friendly and caring to everyone . She had the most beautiful smile . Our dear Esther Sanders loved her and was one of her many friends she played bridge many years ago.

Margaret & Woody Sanders Woodstock GA (formally Albany GA.)

Margaret Sanders - December 02, 2018 at 07:29 PM