



## John Temple Phillips, Jr. Obituary

June 13, 1915 - December 2, 2007

John Temple Phillips, Jr. John Temple Phillips, Jr., of Albany, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, highly respected community leader, and loyal servant of God, died at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital on Sunday, December 2, 2007. Mr. Phillips was born in Suffolk, Virginia, on June 13, 1915, the son of John Temple Phillips, Sr. and Virginia Shoop Phillips. He attended public schools there and later attended Virginia Polytechnical Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. When John T. Phillips, Sr., purchased controlling interest of Lilliston Implement Company in 1935 and moved to Albany, Mr. Phillips joined the company and moved to Albany in July of 1937. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1941 and attended Officers Candidate School, graduating in 1942. Mr. Phillips served as a base intelligence officer for 1 year, attended the Army Air Force Intelligence School in Harrisburg, PA, in 1943, and served for 20 months in Italy as Squadron Combat Intelligence officer. He was discharged with the rank of captain. Mr. Phillips married Aynn Puckett Kirtley daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Addison Kirtley of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1945 and returned to Albany. He worked with Lilliston Implement Company as Sales Representative. In May of 1949 he became Vice President and Assistant General Manager. He continued his career with Lilliston as Executive Vice President and then General Manager, and in 1960 was elected President of Lilliston Implement Company. In July of 1975 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Lilliston Corporation. Mr. Phillips was a member of Porterfield Memorial United

Methodist Church and attended the Alpha Sunday School class. In his early years in Albany he served St. Paul's Episcopal Church as Sunday School Superintendent. Later at Covenant Presbyterian Church he served as deacon, elder, Clerk of the Session, and Chairman of the Sanctuary Building Committee. He was past President of Southern Farm Equipment Manufacturers; past Vice-Chairman of the joint Albany-Dougherty County Planning Commission; past director of Associated Industries of Georgia; former member of the National Defense Executive Reserve; past director and chairman of the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute; past director, First State Bank and Trust; former member of the Advisory Committee of Vocational Technical Schools for the State of Georgia; Trustee Emeritus for Darton College; former member of the Education Goals Commission, State of Georgia; former member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Advisory Committee for Agribusiness Industry; former director of Southern Industrial Relations Conference; Trustee, Georgia Agrirama Foundation; past director, Albany Chamber of Commerce; former Trustee, Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc.; and member of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, and member of the Peanut Institute Development Foundation Committee.. Mr. Phillips gave more than 50 years of service to many organizations, including the Albany Rotary Club, past president and a Paul Harris Fellow; the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout and the recipient of the " Distinguished Eagle" and "Silver Beaver" awards; Albany YMCA, past president; American Society of Agricultural Engineers, state chairman; and the American Legion. Mr. Phillips was the recipient of the Exchange Club's "Golden Deed" award; the Liberty Bell award from the district and state; the 1972 John Deere Gold Medal award "For Distinguished Achievement in the Application of Science and Art To The Soil;" the Character Education Award of Honor from the American Institute for Character Education; and The "AGHON" Award from the University of Georgia's Agricultural Honorary Society, and the "Outstanding Citizen Award" from the Woodmen of the World. On behalf of Lilliston Corporation and his father, he was the recipient for two of

the Equipment Manufacturers Institute's recognition of the Top 100  
Contributions to the Mechanization of Agricul

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to you Ann on John's passing. We recall so many times together at FIEI when John was Vice Chairman and I Chairman and the following year when he was Chairman. He indeed was one of the finest gentleman I have ever met in my life. He was a great success in his career and in his life. Our warmest wishes to you in this time. Sandra and Roy Uelner, Brookfield, Wisconsin*

**Roy and Sandra Uelner** - January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mrs. Philips,  
My father, Sammie Simmons, would want me to convey his deepest sympathy to you and your family. I know he did work for you and your family throughout the years when he still owned Simmons Refinishing Co. He thought so highly of Mr. Philips, always telling me what a fine Christian man he was. Mr. Philips telephoned daddy and me when my mother passed away in 2001. I cannot tell you how comforting his kind words were to us. My father has advanced Alzheimer's and can no longer talk and has lost his memory, but if he could, I know he would have telephoned you himself. God bless you Mrs. Philips, Rebekah Simmons Whitacre, St. Marys, Ga.

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**Samuel L. Simmons** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We attend church and Bible class with Ralph and Sue Wilson, and they told of your mother's passing last Sunday. Please know you are in our prayers. May your sweet memories of your mother be with you always, and help you in the days to come. God bless you.

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**Gary & Cindy Cantrell** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dear Aynn,

*Emmett Barker told me of John's passing. It is never the right time, but he certainly, with you, led a most honored and respected life. He was one of a kind, a person whom I, nor anyone, could ever forget. He gave so much, asked so little. The two of you were not only fun, but gave to any group or organization a strong sense of morality while still being real people.*

*Aynn, take care, we all loved you.*

*On another sad note, my beautiful wife Jeanne, whom I do not believe you ever met, died very suddenly six weeks ago on the 5th of November. We had purchased a winter home near Green Valley, Arizona, had just driven down there four days before...our furniture was to arrive the next day. She was talking on the phone just a few feet from me when she suddenly collapsed with a heart attack. We had a wonderful marriage and life together.*

*My love and very best to you,*

*Bob Lanphier*

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**Bob Lanphier** - December 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *"John Junior" as we called him was a dear friend of Jane and Bubba. We Champions held him in high esteem and felt blessed by his caring demeanor and affectionate hand clasp. It's sad to loose a pillar of Albany's greatest generation.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Jane Champion and family.*

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**Wendy Baker** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mrs. Phillips, Gina, Betsy, John Temp, and family,  
I just heard about Mr. Phillips this morning. I am so sorry I missed  
the visitation and service. My thoughts and prayers are with you all  
during this difficult time. Mr. Phillips was one of the sweetest  
gentlemen I ever knew. I am sure he has made the angels smile in  
heaven.

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**Jan Youngblood Brock** - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am friends with Kevin  
and have known him for a very long time and think very highly of  
him. If you need anything I am here.

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**LeAnn Bollinger** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mr. Phillips was a fine gentleman and will be missed by all of us at  
Doublegate CC.

We have lowered the flag to half mast, in his honor. We are deeply  
sorry for your loss - let us know if we can do anything for you.

Michael B

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**Michael Bunting** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mrs Phillips & Family we are so sorry for the loss of Mr Phillips. You  
all are in our prayers. GOD BLESS YOU

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**Sue Christmas** - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ John was a great inspiration for me when I came to Albany in 1953 and opened up Bob White Rents. He always had a kind word and an encouraging word and I will always appreciate his contribution at that time. Albany has lost a great Christian gentleman and will be sorely missed.  
Bob White

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**Bob White** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ To a man that I looked up to for many years, he was more than just my employer, he was my true friend that helped me resolve many problems. He will truly be missed.

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**Charles Vanzant** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ John,  
Kathy and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your father.  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this most difficult time.

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**Art and Kathy Hoffman** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I was so saddened to leark of Mr. Phillips death on my return to town today.

*Mr. John was one of the nicest people I have dealt with in the peanut business. More than that it was just really nice to hold counsel with a man that exemplified God's grace in his very actions.*

*I am better for having known him. Stronger because of the example he set. And, have an absolute assurance that I will see him again.*

*His work was done here and has now begun in his eternal home. Christ told us that he was going to prepare a place for us. It's a place where there are no tears and sorrow, no pain, and the streets are paved with gold and the mansions decorated with alabaster and jewels.*

*God Bless and Comfort You  
Don Koehler*

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**Don Koehler** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Mr. Phillips had such a beautiful sweet spirit about him. I know he will be missed. May The Lord wrap His comforting arms around the family during this time of loss.*

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**Stacy Deen Stoner** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *We deeply regret your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Bob and Kathy Russell*

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**Bob and Kathy Russell** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Bettye and I wish to let you know how blessed we were to know and love John.*

*Whenever we were with him we were always uplifted and inspired by his loving spirit and deep faith.*

*When you were with John his interest was always in, your family and how your life was progressing.*

*John's thoughts were always turned outward toward his interest and love for others.*

*We will always be grateful that John was a part of our lives and we will miss him deeply.*

*Dwight and Bettye*

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**Dwight and Bettye Sample** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *It was a wonderful experience knowing and working with John. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and worked with him. He will certainly be missed and our sympathy goes to his wife Ann.*

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**Mike Johnson** - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *I am sad to hear about Mr. Phillips. He made a great and positive impact on my professional and personal life. I will always remember him.*

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**Ella Smith** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *As Executive Director of GPPA, I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Phillips. Often he would stop by my office and visit about peanuts. He truly loved the peanut industry and was an asset to my learning and understanding the industry. I thoroughly enjoyed each visit.*

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**Ralph Yoder** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Aynn, John Temp, Gina, and Betsy:  
*How sad we are tonight to think of a world without John Phillips. As I shared with you at visitation, John Phillips was the absolute epitome of one of the greatest southern gentlemen I ever met. John sat at my Rotary table on Thursdays, and I always enjoyed his sweet stories about his family, and he never failed to ask about each family around him. When it was John Phillip's turn to say the blessing, it truly WAS a blessing. There is no doubt in my mind that he knew, intimately, to whom he spoke. He was such a Christian in action. I remember as a banker, John would could occasionally, to ask about anyone in need and ask how he could help to make their lives better. For the past 5 years, I had the privilege of giving John a ride to the Boy Scout Friends of Scouting breakfast. He LOVED the Boy Scouts and always consider attending the breakfast a privilege. He certainly motivated my life to want to be better and I know the beautiful legacy he leaves with each of those beautiful grandchildren. Know all of Albany hurts with you at his death.....our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

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**Patsy Martin** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Albany has lost one of it's finest.  
Thinking of you.  
Joe & Sister

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**Joe & Sister Martin** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Laura Cook** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you May God give you peace

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**Trudy Birchfield** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My Dad, J.B. Pike thought the world of Mr. John Temp. Mr. John Temp went to my Dad's funeral and I spoke with him afterwards. He was a very warm and sweet man.  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
My prayers are with the Phillips family.

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**Bonnie Boyle** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *"Has anyone told you today that we are blessed to have you with us." With these few words, Mr. Phillips always affirmed, lifted and showed his love for his fellow man.*

*His loving spirit and unwavering faith was an inspiration to me and the others who were fortunate to cross his path.*

*To his family, I offer my deepest condolence for your loss. He will be deeply missed. "How blessed we were to have him with us."*

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**Anna Lee O'Neil** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Please know Linda and I send our prayers to you and family at this time of our loss.*

*I have lost a close friend that I will miss but will always remember (Iem)*

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**LEM & LINDA GRIFFIN** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Pegg sends sincere sympathy to Ann and all of your family at this sad time for your family. I know you will miss him. You were blessed to have him for so very many years.*

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**Pegg Dodgen McCardel** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Betsy, Bob, Robert, John & Gina,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are praying for you and thinking of you at this time.*

*With love,  
The Adam Campbell family*

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**Jeana, Adam and Suzanna Campbell** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Anyone whose life was touched by John is certainly blessed.*

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**Sue and Jim Hamm** - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Mrs. Phillips, Gina, Betsy and John Temp - My thoughts are with you and your families. Mr Phillips was an inspiration, a supporter and special friend for me at some critical points in my life. I am blessed to have had him as a friend.*  
*Walt*

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**Walt Green** - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *John was a blessing and an inspiration to me over the last 15 years.*  
*andandaainpiration*

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**Kay Read** - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM