

Edward Phillips

December 4, 1960 – June 4, 2025



Edward (Ed) William Phillips passed away on Wednesday June 4th, 2025 in Hedgesville, WV at the age of 64.

Ed will be remembered for a legacy of service that touched so many lives. A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy class of 1983, he served honorably on active duty for 20 years and then continued his work for the Nation as a civilian for another 15 years before retiring to West Virginia.

A man of exceptionally generous spirit, strong convictions, and an immensely kind heart, Ed was known for his deep love and affection for his family and friends. He was endlessly generous with his time and abilities, never failing to provide unwavering focus and tireless energy to aid any task or concern brought his way. He had a dedication to lifelong learning that was fueled by his boundless intellectual curiosity and voracious appetite for knowledge. This was reflected in his expansive library and an encyclopedic memory for facts and figures—both of which he gladly shared.

Ed spent the last years of his life with his much-loved wife as he had dreamed: hiking, biking, spending time with family and friends, working on their land and adding, to his surprise, learning ballroom dance.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 33 years, Gypsy; his children Trevor (Rita) and Victoria (Jack); grandson William; parents William and Christa; siblings Mike (Tori) and Connie (Henry); and numerous extended family members and friends.

A celebration of Ed's life will take place in Patapsco Valley State Park (Glen Artney Picnic Shelter #66, 5120 South Street, Halethorpe, MD 21227) on Friday June 27th, 2025 at 11:30am. The family invites guests to dress comfortably, casually, and colorfully.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the C&O Canal Trust (<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/COCanalTrust/OnlineDonation.html>) or Breakthrough T1D (formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation <https://www.breakthrough1d.org/ways-to-give/>)