



# Elbert Lee Phillips

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## **Elbert Lee Phillips**

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**E**lbert Lee Phillips, 92, formally of Double Oak, TX, Passed Away Peacefully On Friday January 16th 2015. Elbert Was Born In Elk Park, North Carolina To Edward And Elizabeth Phillips On January 29th, 1922. Survivors Include His Son, Hodge and his wife Debra, Brothers, Pink, Plug, Jerry And Jackie, Sisters, Francis, Nancy And Lynda, his Grandchildren Lee and Hilary, A Great-Grandson Ryland Lee And Many Nieces And Nephews.

Growing up in the rural Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina, Elbert began working at an early age. He would travel from Cranbury, NC to Elizabethton, TN riding Tweetsie RR each day to work at the rayon plant. Later during WWII, after 3 unsuccessful attempts to join the Army due to health concerns, he worked in Detroit assembling tanks for the armed forces. Returning back to NC in the 1950s, he began working in the trucking industry hauling furniture and assisting in restaurants operated by his in-laws. Later, he and his wife Clara, would own and operate their own restaurant in Lenior (The Kentwood) for many years until retiring in Salisbury, NC to assist raising their grandchildren, Lee and Hilary Phillips.

But his true love was blue grass music. He became a local musician with several blue grass bands, playing for many years all over NC and Tennessee. Later he would become a true advocate for and promotor of blue grass and folk music. He held the first Blue Grass Festivals in the area, bringing professional musicians to the annual gatherings in Burke and Caldwell Counties for many years.

Upon moving to Texas in 1993, he continued to fulfill the role of "PopPaw" to all the friends of his grandchildren, always entertaining with his musical talents and sense of humor. Additionally he enjoyed watching his grandchildren become adults and proud that both of them had found such wonderful life partners, Hilary with Eddie Garton and Lee with Kendall Robinson.

His last great achievement was fulfilling the role of Great PopPaw for his great



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grandson, Ryland Lee Garton.

The Family Of Elbert Lee Phillips Wishes To Say Thank You For All Of Your Support During These Difficult Times. He Was A Special Part Of Our Family Who Will Live On Forever In Our Hearts. He Was Blessed With So Many Great Friends. We Want To Express Our Heart-Felt Gratitude And Say Thank You To Each One Of You For Making This Difficult Time A Little Easier. Your Support, Kindness and Condolences Mean So Much to Us. Now go listen to some Bluegrass in his Honor.



## Events

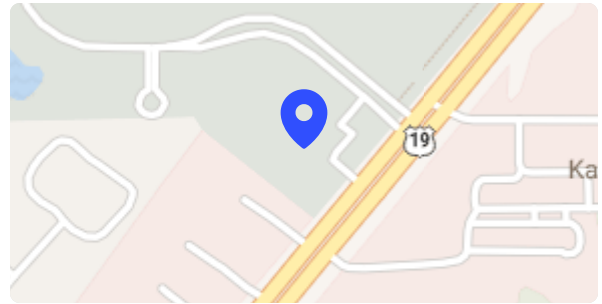
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### Private memorial service at a later date.

 **Saturday**, January 17, 2015

 **Grace Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667





# Tribute Wall

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**Everett Cole** posted:

Elbert was a mentor to me - he taught me how to play Bluegrass Music, timing, tempo, the history. A dear friend, patient and caring - you are missed my friend.Everett Cole

March 3 at 3:14 AM



**Cliff Gardner** posted:

That was the youngest 92 i have ever seen. Being Irish we celebrate life and not death. I have such fond memories of Elbert. I would be out walking our dog Sammy and as I passed Elbert's I would hear "Crash ...have time for a beer". Of course i always had time for Elbert.One time I was in his part of the house and he said "Hey Crash... how about some moonshine". I thought he was kidding. He opened up his fridge and pulled out a mason jar. Opened the lid and took a whiff and it vaporized the hair in my nose. It is the first time i passed on a drink since i was 14.He proceeded to tell me stories about NASCAR before NASCAR. He would tell me about his times with Jr. Johnson's dad and running moonshine. It was like watching the History Channel live.Elbert was a very special person. I am not a big fan of smoking since it took my mom way too early but I would always enjoy seeing Elbert out there taking a puff and enjoying life. He proved for that for some people you can smoke and drink and live to be 90.Elbert my friend - you won the game of life and part of winning is leaving these kinds of memories behind so that when people think of you a smile takes over.I hope you get the bar stool in heaven next to my mom.Crash

January 18 at 6:06 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Phillips family.



January 18 at 6:15 AM



**Laurie Dee** lit a candle in honor of Elbert.



January 17 at 8:54 PM



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**Laurie Garton** lit a candle in honor of Elbert.

January 17 at 8:46 PM



**Brenda Wiederkehr** lit a candle in honor of Elbert.

January 17 at 4:54 PM



**Wendy Coffin** lit a candle in honor of Elbert.

January 17 at 4:20 PM



**Grace Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home** shared an album called **Memories Album**.

January 17 at 12:22 PM





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**Grace Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home** shared 15 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

January 17 at 12:22 PM



**BR** **Brenda** January 18 at 5:39 AM  
Awwwww, he loved those hounds.

**PT** **Patti Haynes Tucker** January 17 at 3:47 PM  
What a happy face...glistening eyes and happy smile ! Celebrate Mr. Elbert Phillip's life, your Dad, Hodge.



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**Brenda** January 18 at 5:36 AM  
Words of wisdom!



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**Brenda** January 18 at 5:38 AM  
Priceless! Great family!



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**Brenda Wiederkehr** January 17 at 3:32 PM

Love this! He loved all women and they all loved him! Priceless!



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**BR** **Brenda** January 18 at 5:45 AM  
Beautiful family!



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**Brenda** January 18 at 5:45 AM

Awwww, PopPaw waited a long long time for baby Ryland! Hily you are gorgeous!



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**BR** **Brenda** January 18 at 5:46 AM  
Love this! PopPaw in true form!!!



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**Brenda** January 18 at 5:42 AM  
Beautiful!!!



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**Brenda** January 18 at 5:41 AM

Look at them! PopPaw with one of his favorite women!



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**Brenda** January 18 at 5:42 AM  
Priceless!!!



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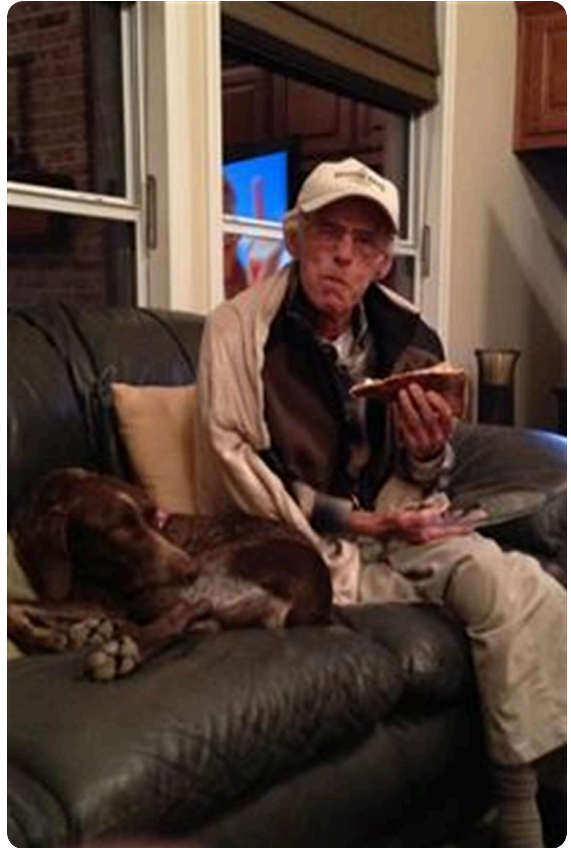


**Brenda** January 18 at 5:43 AM  
Yep, PopPaw with another favorite!



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# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Elbert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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