



Starlet Regina Phillips

March 31, 1947 - December 9, 2024

Mrs. Starlet Regina Phillips, age 77, of Tazewell, Virginia, drew her last breath here on earth at her home on Monday, December 9, 2024, while surrounded by her loving family.

Starlet was born in Hartwell, West Virginia, on March 31, 1947, the daughter of the late Thomas Hayes and Celia Vance Hayes. She graduated from Tazewell High School and, in addition to being a full-time homemaker, worked as a lab technician at Humana Hospital for several years, and later on, she worked a few jobs to fill her time. Starlet was known for “Always having her door open” to anyone who needed her. She never met a stranger and could talk to anyone about anything. She enjoyed camping with her family and could become engrossed in a crossword or word search puzzle until it was completed. She truly loved to read and would spend hours immersed in the storyline of a book. She could be stubborn sometimes, but her love encompassed everyone she loved. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two siblings, Reva Page Steele and Wayne Hayes.

Those who remain to carry on her spirit are her loving husband, Charles Phillips of Tazewell, VA

Her sons:

Charles Daniel Phillips and his wife, Shirley, of Thompson, Valley, VA

Thomas Bryant Phillips of Thompson Valley, VA

Brother-in-law, Rev. J.C. Steele

Grandchildren:

Sydney Paige Youther and her husband, Allen, of Horsepen, VA

Taylor Dawn Lockhart of Springville, VA

Cassidy Rhea Williams and her husband, Jarred, of Springville, VA

Meagan McGuire and her husband, George, of West Jefferson, NC

Great-grandchildren are Mason Youther, Mahaela Youther, McCoy Youther, Cross Lockhart, and Porter Lockhart.

Step Great-grandchildren, Braxton Reedy, Chace Reedy, Blake Reedy, Harper McGuire, Gabby McGuire.

The funeral service for Starlet Phillips will be at noon on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Tazewell, Virginia, with Pastor Barry Absher and Pastor Danny Whitt officiating. Interment will follow at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Thompson Valley, VA. Jarred Williams, Braxton Reedy, Blake Reedy, Allen Youther, Chace Reedy, and Billy Phillips will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 11:00 until the time of service.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA, is serving the family of Starlet Regina Phillips, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurst- Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
(276) 988-7579
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Funeral Service

DEC 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Andrew white , justin pruit , randall.s purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Starlet Regina Phillips.*



Andrew white , justin pruit , randall.s - December 12, 2024 at 09:10 AM

“ The saga continues...Page 2

In the late 60s Bluefield Avenue was being widened. Construction work all around us. It was hard to find parking during this time. One morning Starlett parked the Fiat on a side street away from the road work. We came out at 5:00, walked to our parking spot and no Fiat. Gone. We looked around for a minute or so and finally spotted it about a block away. I guess the workers needed it out of the way and they moved it.

The quickest way to work was not straight up 460 and through Bluefield VA, but around Hockman Pike. The 460 bypass was on some engineers drawing board back then...it did not exist. So, this one morning the fog is so thick you can barely see past the car in front of you. If we were making 30 MPH it would have been too fast. We are getting impatient. I suggest we pass the car. We know the road and there is a long straight stretch of road ahead. Starlett pulls into the passing lane to go around the car in front of us...and the car in front of it....and the car in front of it! God was with us for sure and we didn't even know who He was at the time.

Charles had a horse named Gypsy. Grandpa Phillips was always dealing in horses and at this time he actually had a nice horse we could ride. One day Charles, Starlett and I decided to ride the horses down Mundy Town Rd. Charles had Grandpas' horse with Gypsy's saddle. Starlett and I were on Gypsy, bareback, with me in front. Just before the left onto Mundy Town Rd. there was a gate going into a large pasture. We opened the gate and were enjoying the ride when over the hill came two huge draft horses. They decided the thing to do was run down the hill toward us and scare the stuffings out of us. They succeeded. We all turned our horses and start running for the gate. Charles jumps off Grandpa's horse, grabs a rock and slings it at the big horses. It worked. Starlett falls off the back and I end up falling under Gypsy, hanging on to the reigns and her neck with my hands, and her shoulders with my legs. She finally slows down enough for me to put my feet on the ground and get her stopped. I walked back up the hill to Starlett and Charles. Thank the Lord, no one was hurt. We went on down Mundy Town Rd and enjoyed ourselves.

I could go on and on about some of the things we went through during the time we were close. Coming back from Hungry Mother Park during miners' vacation around midnight and Wayne almost sliding over the edge of the mountain. Going to the dragstrip in Roanoke with Wayne going straight when he should have turned and almost slamming us into the concrete barrier because 460 had been rerouted and there was no longer a bridge there. Exploring in my VW when Starlett and Charles started dating. Johnny Ward scaring us almost to death when we were camping in Starlett's front yard, and he came home and made some gosh awful sound. Rehashing this makes me wonder how we survived. Thank the Lord for watching over two idiots who happened to be best friends. There are a lot more good times and bad times, but not for now. The Fat Lady has sung. Goodbye Starlett.

Patsy Sutherland - December 11, 2024 at 08:37 PM

“ *The Misadventures of Starlett and Pat*

Starlett and I grew up together at the foot of Stoney Ridge in Crockett's Cove. We were best friends for most of the years we lived there. The most memorable years were in high school and up until I moved to Illinois where Raymond was in the Air Force. What follows is mostly some of the adventures we had in that breadbox she owned...or was it a 1965 Fiat.

What does one do in Crockett's Cove in the mid-60s for excitement? You get in your little Fiat and drive to more exciting places...like scenic Witten's Valley. At this time, our area had been having lots of rain and creeks were overflowing. We take a side road that we think will take us over into Thompson Valley. Came to a creek...water is really rolling. What to do? I get out, stoop down while Starlett eases into the creek. Maybe 4 feet into the current, the water is to the bottom of the Fiat. Much further and it would have floated. This was one time common sense won out and we turned around to go elsewhere.

Where was elsewhere? Back up the road and the first left took us past what was then Black Watch Farms. (I just checked Google, and it is Wardell Rd.) We just kept going...Virgin territory. And then we come to a major highway. Turn left. Mistake. We had wound up on route 19 and should have made a right. A few miles down the road, we realize our mistake and also notice we are running on fumes. We turned back toward Tazewell looking for a gas station. Well, we found one, but all the money we could scrape together between us was some change I had, and a silver dollar Starlett had. But you know, gas was only twenty-five cents a gallon. Between us we almost filled that Fiat up.

We worked together at Bluefield Supply Company for a few years. We shared the driving. Starlett drove her Fiat for one week then I drove my VW the next.

Back in the 60s it didn't matter how cold it was or how much snow was on the roads, you went to work...or school if you had not graduated. And keep in mind that a Fiat and a VW are colder inside than the cold outside in the winter. So here we go, tooting up Stoney Ridge and there is at least 3" of snow on the road. And the

gas line froze! Here we sit, in the snow, in the middle of the road... what to do? As we sat there trying to figure out what to do next, the gas line thawed, probably from the heat of the engine when we stopped.

Another time during the winter, roads slick, and in that Fiat, we were going up Bluefield Ave. and were almost to the office. There was a fender-bender ahead, so we were sitting, waiting, it's getting closer to 8:00 and we're about to be late. In the 60s you didn't go into work late. So, I suggest to Starlett that we hang a right, go up a block, turn left and run parallel to the main road. Great idea until we come to a steep Bluefield WV hill that we cannot quite make it over the top...almost. I jump out of the car and start pushing that little Fiat up that hill. It worked. The car got traction, I hopped in, and we made it to work on time.

(See another tribute if you're interested in "The Rest of the Story".

Patsy Sutherland - December 11, 2024 at 08:31 PM

JT

“ Ronny and I are so sorry to hear of Starlette passing. Went to church with her for yrs. at TFWC. And Ronny and Wayne were friends for yrs. back in the day. Prayers for the family.



Janet Tester - December 11, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Starlet Regina Phillips.

December 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Starlet Regina Phillips.



December 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ She was so loved. She was Ralph's Starbaby. He named her that when he first met her. Rest in peace. You are and have always been in my heart. Euva

Euva Higgins Sutherland - December 11, 2024 at 11:49 AM



You all are in our prayers. So sorry for your lose.

Teresa Dalton - December 11, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ Gail Johnson and family. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Starlet Regina Phillips.



Gail Johnson and family. - December 11, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Starlet Phillips



TonyanEdgar Wicks - December 10, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ Prayers and sympathy to the family. Love, Jennifer, Jeff, and Calan

Jennifer Hawkins - December 10, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Starlet Regina Phillips.



December 10, 2024 at 06:44 PM