



Nelpha Rintha Phillips

August 13, 1945 - August 13, 2018

Nelpha Rintha (Warren) Phillips, age 73, of 2224 West Line Rd in Centralia passed away Monday, August 13 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO as a result of an injury incurred in an accident. Born in Freeburg, Illinois, Nelpha was the daughter of Marie (McMeen) and Cecil Warren. She grew up near the Robinett area south of Odin. She attended the Love one room school and graduated from Centralia High School in 1957. She married Jimmy L. Phillips of rural Centralia June 29, 1958, and they raised their family as part of the Selmaville community in the oilfield southwest of Salem. Nelpha worked a few years for Limerick Financial in Centralia and also worked for National Magazine Mailers in Salem. For many years she worked for Selmaville School as a bus driver and bookkeeper. Nelpha was an accomplished cook and loved to read, especially recipe books. She enjoyed tending to her plants and quilting. Her main purpose in life was to take care of others. She was a devoted member at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she shared the love of Christ with many. She will be missed by all who were blessed by her friendship. Survivors include: husband, Jimmy of Centralia; daughter Jana Williams and husband Scott of Salem; three sons: Kevin and wife Denia of Centralia, Sam and wife Becky, and Rob and wife Julie all of Salem; ten grandchildren: Eric and Amy Schmidt and fiance Jon Handegan and Jillin Williams of Salem; Kyle Wooters of Sandoval; Jay and wife, Kimmy, Phillips of Dix; Kristin and Maddie Phillips of Centralia; and Clancey, Chloee and Creedon Phillips, also of Salem; one great-grandchild, Dylan Phillips of

Centralia; and an extended family member, Karlee Marcum of Salem. Also surviving are three sisters: Neva McPherson and husband Wesley of Moultrie, GA; Tressa Branch and husband Bill of Centralia; and Linda Harvey and husband Mike of St. Peters, MO; and one sister-in-law, Edith Warren of Orlando, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers and sisters-in-law: Charles and Gloria Warren, Cecil Warren, Jr., Wilford and Peggy Warren, and Marshall Warren. Funeral Services for Nelpha R. Phillips will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in rural Centralia. Friends may call Wednesday Evening from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia and from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service on Thursday Morning. Memorials can be made to the Zion Hill Cemetery or Carpenters for Christ and will be received at the funeral home. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dearest Melsa....Missing U so ..*

July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phillips Family, Sorry to hear about Mrs. Phillips passing, you have our sincerest condolences, we did not know Nelpha very well, Judy said she had met her. We will keep you in our prayers*

Tom & Judy Beyers - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Cushman Family,

Centralia, Illinois

Cushman Family - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jana, Bless you and your family during this time. I never had the good fortune to meet your Mother, but I do see her angelic face and how it lives on in your own. God bless you and yours,*

Bill n Patty Beaty - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Nelpha was a very dear and sweet lady. All my girls really liked her at Selmaville.*

Carole Chalkus - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *For Nelpha's family I offer my sincere condolences. I enjoyed working with Nelpha at Selmaville and she will always be remembered for her help and her friendliness. I pray for peace for all of her family and friends at this sad, sad time.*

Sandy Douthart - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998 <http://www.ruthann1.com>

Marilea Hunter - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM