



Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III

January 25, 1949 - November 23, 2022

Eddie Phillips was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, on January 25, 1949, because a snowstorm prevented his parents from driving to a hospital in southern Montana where they were living. Before Middle School, Eddie and his family lived in

Montana, Iowa, and California before they finally settled down in Roswell, NM. Eddie was an avid outdoorsman with a great appreciation for hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping. He spent as much time outside as his parents would allow.

After High School, Eddie went to college to pursue a PhD in Psychology and joined the US Army National Guard. Eddie only lacked his dissertation to earn his Ph.D. before he was asked to intern as a Middle School coach and teacher. Eddie fell in love with teaching and put his Ph.D. pursuit on hold. Over the next 25 years, Eddie became a prominent Educator in the Roswell Independent School District and the State of New Mexico. Eddie spent the majority of his time in education as a head principal.

Throughout his years in education, Eddie was able to combine and share his passions for the outdoors and teaching. While maintaining his role as head principal, Eddie became a Hunter Safety Instructor, the Vice President of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, and was very involved with wildlife

conservation.

When Eddie retired from the Roswell Independent School District, he became the director of Boy Scouts for Southern New Mexico and a Psychology Professor at Eastern New Mexico University of Roswell.

Eddie was a servant leader, loving husband, amazing father, and wonderful grandfather and great-grandfather. He made a positive impact on the hearts and lives of many, and he will be greatly missed.

Eddie passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his family, on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

Those left to cherish memories of Eddie are his wife, Sonia Phillips; son, Matthew Phillips; step-daughter, Dana Fleetwood; step-sons: Brent McLemore and Tim McLemore; and was blessed with eleven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Eddie desired to be laid to rest at Memory Lawn Memorial Cemetery because it was surrounded by the land where he grew up hunting and working to conserve. Eddie did not desire a funeral service but compromised with his family to allow a Celebration of Life. The information regarding Eddie's celebration of life will be posted at a later date.

Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Eddie's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Eddie's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Mr Phillips you are my favorite counselor and coach. Over the years he became a very very close friend. I always admired and looked up to you. Even though there were being months and years in between our talks, you always treated me like a son. I love you Mr Phillips! Thank you for everything you did for me.*



Del McGhee and McGhee Family - December 27, 2023 at 06:04 PM

KH

“ *My condolences for your loss. My grandmother was an acquaintance of his. (a long time ago)*

Katie Hogan - March 13, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

CG

“ *Eddie was one of the finest men I have had the pleasure of knowing my wife worked fo him at Berrendo and we became friends. roswell will be a emptier place from now on My sincere condolences*

CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM - December 07, 2022 at 12:32 PM

MM

“ *MARY E MAES lit a candle in memory of Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III*



MARY E MAES - December 05, 2022 at 11:18 PM

MM

Mr. Phillips You were an amazing person. Had the pleasure of working many years with you at Roswell Schools. RIP Sir!

MARY E MAES - December 05, 2022 at 11:20 PM

BM

“ *Mr Phillips was principle at Sierra when I attended and I also got to know him later in life. He was such an intelligent man and a kind soul. My condolences for your loss.*
Brenda Brabham Morrow

Brenda Morrow - December 05, 2022 at 03:45 PM

JR

“ *Ed and I became friends finally got to play on the same basketball team together our freshman year, at RHS. He kicked my butt every year prior to that because he was very good, and I wasn't. I believe our 9th grade year was "nickname year", and he was affectionately dubbed "fat rat", and Benny Rogers (backcourt partner) became "weasel". So for the next two seasons I watched Fat rat and Weasel from the bench, marveling at their skills. Ed was really good, a TUF competitor and still the same great guy win or lose. RIP amigo and God Bless your wonderful family.*
Jerry Robbins aka Mungo Jerry

Jerry Robbins - December 01, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III.*



December 01, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ *I met Eddie in his position as Executive Board member of the Conquistador Council. He was on the committee hired me. It was a pleasure working with him. I always enjoyed his wit, assistance with projects and of course, the pics of his sun burnt legs and crocs that he would taunt me with as he enjoyed his trips to Hawaii. Rest easy Eddie!*

Drew Armstrong - December 01, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Eddie Phillips was one of the most loved principals at Berrendo Middle School during the late 1980's and early 1990's. The kids were crazy about him and as a parent I realized he had something really special to offer. He was innovative and a great educator. He will be missed.*
Nancy Mahony

Nancy Mahony - November 30, 2022 at 04:01 PM



Well Eddie to say you'll be missed is an understatement. You, Allensworth and Mardell teased me constantly but all in fun! I learned from you that if you can't enjoy your career then you need a new one. Thanks! I loved being an educator.

Diana Vulgamore Gonzales - December 01, 2022 at 05:20 PM

KW

“ I've known Eddie since 3rd grade. I'm 74 so you can do the math 😊 . He was my boyfriend in 6th grade for 3 days...ha ha. We have always held high regard for each other thru the years. He called me "Mo". I have felt a sense of loss altho we didn't see each other very often. Peace my friend. Karen "Moore"Wilson

Karen Moore Wilson - November 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

CS

“ I first met Eddie in 1983 while dove hunting with a mutual friend, Don Boyd. That started a friendship that lasted almost 40 years. With are assorted friends we had too many hunting and fishing adventures too count. Eddie you will be missed by many. God bless you, your beautiful wife ,Sonia and your son Matt and his family!!

Charles Shannon - November 30, 2022 at 08:42 AM

DB

“ Eddie was a truly remarkable human being. I owe him my life and my career. I am so very grateful for his presence in my life. And, oh yes, we did squabble at times...I guess it was all part of the deal! God bless you, Matt, during this trying time. You and your family are in Judy and my prayers.

Dave Bartl

David Bartl - November 30, 2022 at 08:05 AM

CT

“ A good friend and mentor. A true educator.

Charles Thompson - November 30, 2022 at 07:44 AM

JC

“ *My Dad always said Eddie and Benny Rogers kept a spot in the front lawn worn out. I have known Eddie many years and he has always been one of the good guys you will be missed. Blessings to your family.*

Jettie Christesson - November 30, 2022 at 04:50 AM

GS

“ *George Seeds lit a candle in memory of Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III*



George Seeds - November 29, 2022 at 07:55 PM

DC

“ *Eddie was a great guy. I have many fond memories of him from our mutual involvement in Boy Scouts. RIP Eddie and God bless your family. --Drew Cloutier*

Drew Cloutier - November 29, 2022 at 12:55 PM

MC

“ *MAURICE ALBERT CATANO lit a candle in memory of Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III*



MAURICE ALBERT CATANO - November 29, 2022 at 01:40 AM

IC

“ Isabel Clements lit a candle in memory of Edward "Eddie" Earl Phillips III



Isabel Clements - November 28, 2022 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ Worked for Mr. Phillips as a custodian at Berrendo Middle School in the 80s and 90s. Not only the best boss to have, he was also a friend and sometimes a father figure to me. He will be missed by me. Enjoy your new hunting grounds Eddie

John W Montgomery - November 28, 2022 at 12:29 PM

RF

“ Rest in peace, Eddie. You were one of the good guys!

Ricardo Flores - November 26, 2022 at 04:02 PM

DG

“ Great memories at Sierra Mid. Loved his laughter and humor. Always called me “coachette”. He is missed!

Diana Vulgamore Gonzales - November 26, 2022 at 10:31 AM

TR

Like most human kind, doctors have favorite people. Eddie was one of my favorite folks. It was a honor to be Eddie's doctor. Eddie was also a school master to the Ramage boys, not always an easy task. May God grant peace to the family and his boat load of friends. Tom and Judy Ramage

Tom Ramage - November 30, 2022 at 01:05 PM



Oh boy! Really sad to hear about my friend. Have known Eddie since the 60 we played b -ball at mesa jr high. I would visit eddie every time I went to roswell. Rest Eddie lov you.

jerry johnson - December 01, 2022 at 05:24 PM