



Edward Charles Phillips

December 31, 1941 - March 2, 2019

WESTBROOK—Edward Charles Phillips, 77, passed away on March 2, 2019 at the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough with his family by his side. Eddie was born on December 31, 1941, a son of Paul and Ruth (Cobb) Phillips.

Eddie grew up in Westbrook and was a graduate of Westbrook High School in the class of 1960. Following high school, he received his degree in carpentry from SMVTI (now known as SMCC). Eddie had begun a career in carpentry when he was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War and proudly served for two years. He received basic training at Ft. Dix (NJ) and completed training as a cannoneer at the Army Artillery and Missile Center at Ft. Sill (OK).

On August 27, 1966, Eddie married Thursa McCaleb and together they raised their daughter Sharon. Eddie continued with carpentry building houses when he returned from Vietnam. He became involved in the harness horse racing industry through his father-in-law Roland “Poly” McCaleb, a notable horse trainer in his time with the first horse he owned “Noble Sal”. As a family, they traveled the Maine fair circuit and would travel to New Hampshire and Massachusetts to race horses. His involvement with race horse ownership would lead him to become a trainer himself, running his stable out of the Cumberland Fairgrounds. Eddie would name two of his horses after his daughter “Sharwin Only” and Miss Shar Ann. His most notable race horse was “Escape By Day” (aka Big Red) who raced during the mid-1980’s early 1990’s at Lewiston Raceway and Scarborough Downs. Eddie for many years was a member of the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association.

He was proud to have had passed on his love for the horse racing industry to his daughter Sharon as she would spend her free time at the barn with him tending to the horses.

When she was old enough to sit behind the jog cart, he allowed her to do the daily jogging and training of his horses. He and his wife enjoyed visiting their daughter in New York when she attended the State University of New York Morrisville for the Equine Racing Management Program. Eddie also enjoyed many spring trips to Pinehurst Harness Track (NC) visiting his nephew Roland “Polie” Mallar. He also enjoyed trips to Foxwoods Resort Casino and trips to Virginia Beach.

Eddie is survived by his loving wife, Thursa Phillips of Westbrook; his daughter, Sharon

Phillips of Portland; his sister Carolyn Leavitt of Gray; his sister-in-laws Kathy Phillips of Windham, Helen Gooch of Machias, Jane (Richard) Jordan of New Britain (CT), Eleanor Grant of Hampden, Martha (Charles) Dean of Hampden and Renee (Robert) Julian of Virginia Beach (VA). As well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Paul and Ruth; brother, Paul Phillips; his brother-in-laws Keith Leavitt, Jerrold Gooch, Winfield Grant and Clifton McCaleb and nephew David Phillips.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 1pm at the Westbrook chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 35 Church St., Westbrook, ME 04092, where a period of visitation will begin at 11am until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Eddie's name may be made to: Harness Horse Youth Foundation, 16575 Carey Rd, Westfield, IN 46074 OR American Heart Association, 51 US Route 1, Suite M, Scarborough, ME 04074.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Dolby, Blais & Segee -Westbrook Chapel

35 Church Street, Westbrook, ME, US, 04092

MAR **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Dolby Funeral Chapel - March 21 at 12:47 PM



“ We are so sad to hear of Eddie's death. While we have lost touch with he and Thursa these past years, the memories we have are dear to our hearts. Without them we would not have met each other so many years ago. Our memories include Eddie playing basketball at SMVTI, helping build our house in Scarborough, playing Hearts on Friday evenings and helping put rocking horses and bicycles together on Christmas Eves. Whenever we see a horse race, we think of Eddie, and remember seeing 3 or so year-old Sharon "helping" with the horses at the Fairground. Know that our hearts are with you, Thursa, Sharon and family. Love, Pete and Lorraine Webber, Venice, Florida

Lorraine Webber - March 11 at 08:26 AM



“ I remember good times in and out of WHS with Ed and our friends. He was a great guy and I'm sure his memory will be treasured by his family.

Larry Dyhrberg, WHS '60

Lauritz Dyhrberg - March 10 at 01:39 PM



“ So much love for Uncle Eddie...I will miss that twinkle in your eye, laugh and relentless teasing. Thanks for bringing a little mischief into my life and for being my Uncle because everyone needs at least one of those!



Sue Black - March 10 at 10:24 AM