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Captain Paul M. Phillips, 58, of Fort Myers, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2015. He was born February 15, 1957 in Alexandria, VA to Douglas and Sue (Paskel) Phillips and moved to Fort Myers in 1988. He was the Captain and Training Officer of the Bonita Springs Fire Department, on the Board of Commissioners, Tice Fire Department and was an Instructor at the Fort Myers Fire Academy. He was to retire December 31, 2015 after 32 years of heroic fire service. He was loved and will be missed by family and friends throughout the world. Captain Phillips leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 38 years, Linda Lou Phillips; his children: Derek Phillips, of Fort Myers, Nathan Phillips of Tallahassee and Jaci Fitch of Fort Myers; his brother, Mike Phillips of League City, TX; his grandchildren: Cavan Phillips, Chase Phillips, Joshua Fitch, Elliot Phillips, Tucker Phillips, McKinley Phillips, Bella Phillips and Jaelyn Fitch. Also surviving is his step-mother, Dee Phillips of Alexandria, VA and his half-siblings: Michele, Sheila and Johnny. Friends may gather to visit with the family from 3 – 8 PM Monday, December 28, 2015 at Christ Community Church, 4050 Colonial Blvd. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM Tuesday with burial to follow in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be offered at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



Tribute Wall

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VT

Vincent Scott Tranchitella posted:

Paul was a great cousin. I am thankful for all the fond memories I have of the two of us and our other cousins when we were kids down at Nanni and Paps house. Plenty of fun and a little mischief, from tree climbing to swimming to football, you could always count on having a good time with Paul. Rest in peace dear cousin, heaven has another angel to watch over all of us.

December 27 at 1:42 PM

VT

Vincent "Scott" Tranchitella posted:

Though it was a long time ago when we were kids I can still remember many fun filled moments I had with my cousin Paul. Swimming, tree climbing, playing catch football or baseball, walking up to our grandfathers gas station and the 7-Eleven next door, all fond memories. Back in '76 my parents, brother and I visited Paul when he was first settling in to living in Fort Myers, he was the manager of a Western Sizzling' steak house, and he invited us to stop by for dinner so we could spend time together. It was then he had mentioned to my mom he had met Linda and he said she might be the "one". I still remember his decked out Ford van, fully carpeted, table, bed and fridge, and a bumping stereo! Thank you for all the wonderful memories and the special times together growing up, we love and will miss you Paul.

December 27 at 1:13 PM

CT

Chris Thompson posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Paul M. Phillips

December 26 at 1:40 PM

CT

Chris Thompson posted:

Paul and I were in Recruit School together in 1983 in Fairfax County, VA. I got to know him pretty well as we became lunch partners. What I remember most about Paul was how dedicated he was to his wife and family. We were just learning about firefighting but it didn't take long to see that same dedication to the fire service as well. We didn't stay in touch when he moved to Florida but we ran into each other in ATL at the airport two years ago. We got a chance to chat for about 10 minutes and I was amazed at how much he remembered about the old days! Condolences to the entire Phillips family. Paul will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace. Chris Thompson Captain (Retired) Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

December 26 at 1:37 PM



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DP

Dallas Darrell Phillips posted:

My heart is broken. Not just for me but especially for Linda and the family. Paul and Linda are the hub of the family wagon wheel. I have lost my cousin, my dearest friend, my brother. I will miss Paul for the rest of my days. Paul, I asked Dad to meet you at the Gate to show you the ropes. I miss you. I love you. Peace be with You.Darrell

December 26 at 8:09 AM

DD

Dallas Darrell posted:

From the first time I met Paul, I instantly liked him; his initial quiet demeanor was so sweet. He was in our wedding in 1983 and over the years, he and Darrell have remained close. Our entire family extends our love and deep sympathy to Linda, Derek, Nathan, Jaycee and all of the grandchildren Paul loved so much. You guys were everything to him. Paul was also passionate and dedicated to the Fire Dept. and being in nature. God will help you all get through this horrific loss but we certainly cannot begin to understand it. We will be with you on Monday to pay tribute to Paul and support you; his loving family in any way we are able. With our love,Dallas Darrell, Patti, Holly, Shannon and Dallas Phillips

December 24 at 12:27 PM

DB

Dan Bickham posted:

Paul was a wonderful family man and firefighter. He started his career with me at FS26 in Fairfax County , Va. He was a great team member and friend. It would take hours to share all the stories I have about Paul. God must have a need in Heaven for Paul because he sure did a great job while here on earth. We will miss him. I send our sympathies for Linda and the kids. As God said,Well done my good and faithful servant.

December 24 at 4:31 AM

JC

Jc Collind posted:

Linda, Jaci, Derek & Nathan.,We are terribly saddened at the sudden loss of Paul. He is truly an amazing man and friend and so much more. We sure will miss him at Cayo Costa. May god bring you peace and comfort to help you through these sad days. We are here for anything you need. JC & Sandy Collins

December 23 at 3:09 PM



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Celeste Snyder posted:

Paul always stopped by library processing to bring Linda coffee and chat. A loving husband, father and grandfatherCeleste

December 23 at 5:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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