



## Joe Phillips

December 9, 1917 - September 21, 2009

Joe Lloyd Phillips, 91 of Mableton, GA. Devoted Husband, Loving Father and Man of God. A tower of strength who deeply loved his family...Lloyd Phillips or "Joe Lloyd" as those closest to him often called him, went home to be with the Lord on September 21st. He was born on December 9, 1917(the coldest day on record....even to this date), and was an amazing man. Lloyd is the last of 8 brothers and sisters to leave this earth, and was deeply loved by his family. Lloyd's strength and perseverance was evident from a very young age- at the age of two, he survived whooping cough, diphtheria and a number of other childhood illnesses that many did not survive. This was the beginning of a powerfully strong constitution and iron will that only grew over the years. Born to a large, close knit family, his hard scrabble early life carved out a man of strong character and gentle compassion that etched his spirit on the lives of everyone he touched. Lloyd retired from the U. S. Postal Service, and was a member of the South Cobb Lions Club for many years. The love of baseball was a huge part of his life, second only to the love and devotion he had for his family. As a young man, he played sports in the dusty sandlots of Douglas County, and had a dream of one day reaching Yankee Stadium. In 1938, he was invited to try out for the St. Louis Cardinals farm team, the Albany Cardinals. The invitation went unanswered however; he passed up the opportunity in order to help care for his family and their farm after his father's untimely death. 62 years later, he took the diamond again, this time in an Atlanta Braves Uniform, at the club's "Dream Week" event in Orlando, Fl. At the age of 81, he played third base, against men half his age. What a thrill it was-to live the dream at last! At camp, he was voted "Player of the Year" and earned the "Mr. Personality" award for his attitude and work ethic. As if that was not enough, a base hit off of the Cy Young Award winning pitcher Steve Bedrosian just completed his long delayed trip to the big leagues. Lloyd's faith in God and devotion to his church and his family will be remembered most, and his kindness, grace and respect for others is an example and shining light for all who knew and loved him. If you were his friend, you KNEW how much you were valued and appreciated. They just don't make 'em like that anymore...Lloyd was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Ragsdale Phillips, and is survived by his daughter Emily Fritchey and her husband Philip of Sharpsburg, GA, and his children Dawn Vetrano of Flowery Branch, and Sean Fritchey of Lilburn and two grand

children.

# Comments

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“ Kathy Shrader Emily and Phil, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as your life moves through another stage. We truly enjoyed knowing Mr. Lloyd and having him in our lives for a few years. We will truly miss him. 09/26/2009 Melissa Johna Mr . Phillips will be truely missed, and my deepest sympathy goes out to the family and his daughter Emily. 09/24/2009 Angelia, RCC An emptiness at Georgian Place exist close to my office.His presence is truly missed by all. 09/24/2009 Audrey My name is Audrey and I work at Georgian Place. I got the chance to meet Mr. Phillips and his daughter Emily on many occausion. My sympathy goes out to the family and to his loving daughter. He was a great man and will truely be missed but never forgotten... 09/24/2009 Diane Lavender Mr. Lloyd made such a difference in all of our lives at Georgian Place. It will not be the same without him. 09/24/2009 Lisa Klein Oh shoot... Words from my friend. I will always remember this gentle man.I met Mr. Phillips at Georgian Place. I thought I could make a differance in someones life,but it turned out that Joe Lloyd Phillips made a differants in mine. I love you buddy. 09/24/2009 Joann Webb I work at Georgian Place and Mr. Lloyd has been here since the day I walked in the door. It will not be the same without him and I will miss it funny quips. Almost every day we heard " Oh Shoot" and " I didn't do it". We will talk about him for years to come. 09/24/2009 D Richmond I am sorry to hear of your loss, Please accept my deepest sympathy. When our loved ones die it is only natural that we want to be with them again. We have a hope that that will happen. The Bible teaches that many who have died will be resurrected. Jesus promised that "those in the memorial tombs will... come out." (John 5:28,29.) The resurrected ones will have the opportunity to live forever on a a paradise earth. (Luke 23:43) 09/23/2009 Jean Raines Emily, You and Phil are in my prayers. I have known from the first time I heard you speak of your dad that he adored you and you adored him. How lucky for both of you and what special memories you have made to hold you forever. Love, Jean 09/22/2009 Marilyn Cook Morris You have my deepest sympathy. I knew your Mother and Dad a long time, since we all lived in Leland. They were good friends. God Bless. 09/22/2009

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