



# Mr. James R. Phillip

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**J**ames Roy Phillip (1931-2016)

James Phillip, 84, born on November 9, 1931 near Schulenburg, TX passed away on April 8, 2016. He is preceded in death by his parents, Edmund Phillip and Lillie Spaniel and infant sister, Marjorie.

James, also known as Jim or Jimmy, grew up in the Park Place area of Houston and graduated from Milby High School in 1950. While attending the University of Houston, he enlisted in the Navy and served in the Korean War. Throughout his tour of duty, he lived in San Diego, California; Tokyo, Japan; Munsan, South Korea; and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

James embraced his Czech heritage and enjoyed eating kolaches, drinking beer and dancing the polka. James met his wife, Audrey Dupont, attending dances with the Rosarian Club in Houston in the early 1950's. They married at St. John Catholic Church in Thibodaux, LA in 1956. The first ten years of marriage brought them five children: Mark, Stephen, Monica, Paul and Thomas. For over 30 years, James worked as an operator at Rohm and Haas in Deer Park, TX where he was simply known by his nickname, "Mex". He retired from there in 1993.

In his retirement, James and his wife became active members of a community group through which they made many friends. Both avid travelers, Jim and Audrey took several trips throughout the continental US and Hawaii. They also enjoyed frequent day trips with a local travel club for retirees. Retirement afforded James more time to spend with his first grandchild, Sarah. He and Sarah cherished the hours that he babysat her after preschool, taking her "cruising" and making her waffles.

James worked with his father's construction business in Houston while growing up and became an excellent carpenter. He played a role in building several houses in the Park Place area of Houston and in Angleton, TX. He once single-handedly reroofed his entire house and even built his own garage. He passed his carpentry knowledge



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and skills down to his sons who appreciate and are proud of that knowledge. His children remember that he always kept many maps and atlases near his living room chair and that many trips were planned from that recliner. You could ask him about any location and he would get excited about showing you on a map. Whenever family or friends would come to visit Houston, James was the ultimate tour guide, taking them around and showing them the sites in and around Houston and Galveston. He also had an incredible sense of direction - knowing all the back ways around Houston as well as the maze of halls in MD Anderson in recent years. Always the jokester, James would always take his time eating dinner on Christmas Eve to work his children into a frenzy waiting to open their Christmas presents which could only happen once everyone had finished dinner. This same sense of humor also kept his nurses entertained in recent years. James was a fighter until the end. His last few years have been filled with treatments and surgeries that would break the spirit of most, but James always came through with grace, strength and determination. James was a gentle soul who was always quick with a smile and a joke and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Audrey Phillip and their five children (and spouses); Mark (Roya), Stephen, Monica (Hugo), Paul (Kerry), Thomas (Tracy) and six grandchildren; Sarah, Amanda, Nicholas, Madeline, Frank and Emily.

Visitation: Wednesday, April 13 from 5 pm - 8 pm at South Park Funeral Home with a Rosary at 7 pm. Funeral Mass: Thursday, April 14 at 10 am at St. Christopher Catholic Church 8150 Park Place Blvd.



# Events

**Mr. James R. Fillip**

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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, April 13, 2016

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

**South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



## Rosary

**Wednesday**, April 13, 2016

7:00 PM CT

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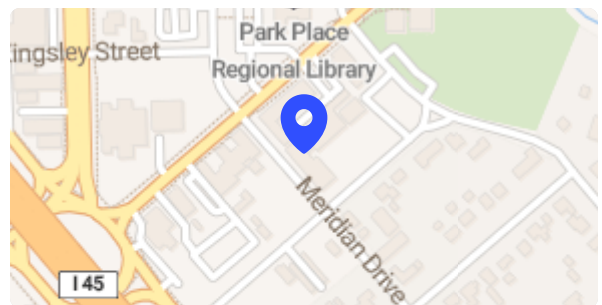


## Funeral Mass

**Thursday**, April 14, 2016

10:00 AM CT

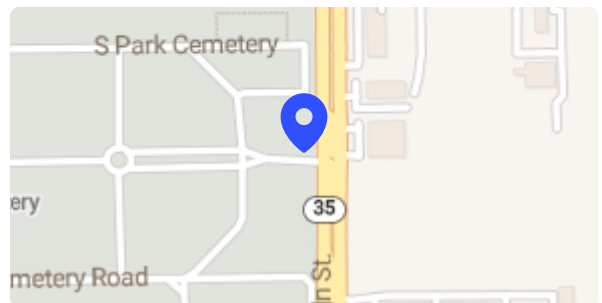
**St. Christopher Catholic Church**  
8150 Park Place Blvd., Houston TX 77017



## Cemetery Details

**South Park Cemetery**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

**(281) 509-9228**





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**Kathy Caletka** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, and celebrate him being free of pain at last. We enjoyed reading about his fulfilling, humorous life, and hope those wonderful memories will sustain you through this difficult time. Sorry we cannot make the service, but our thoughts will be with you all. In Christ,  
Bruce & Kathy Caletka

April 13 at 11:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Fillip family.



April 13 at 3:02 AM



**Gloria Leasure** lit a candle in honor of James.



April 13 at 2:23 AM

**GL Gloria Leasure** April 13 at 2:28 AM

So sorry to hear about Mr. Jim he was always a pleasure to be around him and Audrey . We had some good trips together, my husband was the bus driver. Prayers for the family and love to Ms. Audrey.. love you always Bob and Gloria Leasure



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fillip family.



April 12 at 1:05 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Tribute to the Fillip family.



April 12 at 10:33 AM



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**The Eldon And Royce Pendergast Family** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Phillip family.

April 12 at 7:21 AM



**Noori, Ramin, Ramak Sadrai And Families.** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Phillip family.

April 12 at 6:12 AM



**Mason And Claudia Winfield & Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Phillip family.

April 12 at 5:46 AM



**Mark, Roya, Amanda, Nicholas & Emily Phillip** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Phillip family.

April 11 at 5:48 PM



**Mark, Holly, And Kim Harris** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Phillip family.

April 11 at 11:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Phillip family.

April 11 at 11:16 AM





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**Bob Bennett** posted:

May the soul of the dearly departed rest in peace, may our prayers help guide him on his journey to our Creator. Bob and Melissa Bennett

April 11 at 8:56 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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