

Celebration of *Life*



**Edward James
Phillips**

January 30th, 1946 to
September 19th, 2023



Order of Events



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| 2:00pm | Military Honors
<i>War Veterans Memorial Association</i> |
| 2:20pm | Opening remarks, prayer, scripture reading
<i>Reverend Mark Howard</i> |
| 2:40pm | Eulogy
<i>Michael Pacino</i> |
| 3:00pm | Sharing of memories
<i>Steve Erdelyi Jr, et al.</i> |
| 3:20pm | Closing remarks
<i>Steve Erdelyi Jr</i> |
| 3:22pm | Irish blessing
<i>Reverend Mark Howard</i> |



Obituary

Edward James Phillips, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on September 19th, 2023, at the age of 77.

Ed was born in Los Angeles, California, on January 30th, 1946, to Clarence and Catherine Phillips. He was one of six siblings: Kay Floto, Coleen Pacino, Geraldine McInerney, Kathy Winters, and Mary Jo Raj. Ed graduated from St. John Bosco Technical School in 1964 before proudly serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Enterprise from 1964 to 1969. In July 1967, Ed married the love of his life, Martina (Penny) Pontillo, and their enduring love story spanned 56 remarkable years. He fondly referred to her as his "child bride."

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Ed dedicated his life to the real estate industry. He obtained his first real estate license in May 1974 and established himself as a respected professional in the field.

Ed's contributions extended beyond his professional life. He served as the Honorary Mayor of Valley Center and was named Valley Center Citizen of the Year. Ed was an active member of various community organizations, including but not limited to: Kiwanis and the Knights of Columbus. He also held the position of President of the Association of San Diego Realtors for multiple terms. Upon relocating to Reno, Nevada, Ed continued his community involvement as a proud member of the Fernley Chamber of Commerce and served on several Northern Nevada real estate boards.

In his free time, Ed wholeheartedly enjoyed anything to do with classic cars. Since 1986, Ed has participated in Hot August Nights every year, and was a passionate member of numerous classic car clubs. His prized '65 Chevy Impala was a testament to his love for all things automotive. Ed also cherished family moments while trout fishing in Mammoth and passionately supported sports teams, particularly the Chargers, Dodgers, and Padres.

Ed will be remembered for his selflessness, willingness to lend a helping hand, and a sense of humor that could light up any room. His kindness, compassion, and generosity touched the lives of countless family members and friends.

A Letter From Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me
and I'm not there to see

If the sun should rise and find your eyes
filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
the way you did today

While thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me

AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU

And each time that you think of me
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me
don't think we're far apart

For every time you think of me
I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOUR HEART

