



Raymond W. Phipps Jr.

November 11, 1932 - March 15, 2021

Raymond W. Phipps Jr., age 88 of Springfield, IL passed away at 7:11 PM, Monday, March 15, 2021 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

A graveside service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Monday, March 22, 2021 at Shiloh Cemetery, 12988 East Lincoln Highway Road, Lerna, IL 62440. Reverend Ron Dickinson will officiate. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Raymond was born November 11, 1932 in Virden, IL to the late Raymond W. Sr. and Mildred (Sims) Phipps. He married Pharra L. Newsom on May 21, 1958-1965 in Jackson, TN; he later married Paula (Phipps) of Springfield, IL from 1970-1985. He is survived by four children, Raymond W. Phipps III and wife Debbie of Missouri, Kathleen N. Flickinger and husband Richard of Longwood, FL, William T. Phipps and wife Katie of West Grove, PA, Lillian P. Johnston and husband Benjamin of Skokie, IL; seven grandchildren; and longtime companion, Sue Ellen Weitekamp of Springfield, IL. He is preceded in death by one daughter, Anna L. Phipps, and three sisters.

Raymond was the former owner and operator of WDXI Radio Station in Jackson, TN, and longtime broadcaster for Dixie Broadcasting Company in Jackson, TN, Midwest Family Broadcasting Company in Riverton, IL, and Illinois News Network in Springfield, IL. In addition, he was the former manager of the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, IL.

He was actively involved in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL where he served as a deacon. Always social and one to capture the attention

of others, Raymond enjoyed many affiliations throughout the years. He was a proud member of the Rotary Club in Jacksonville, IL and Rotary International for many decades and a Paul Harris Fellow; a longtime member of the Sangamo Club of Springfield, IL; Sigma Delta Chi- Society of Professional Journalism; and board member of Shiloh Cemetery of Coles County, IL. As a true historian of all things Abraham Lincoln and an avid Civil War buff, Raymond took immense pride of being the founder and owner of the Abraham Lincoln Land and Cattle Company, Inc.

Raymond will be remembered for his eloquent, charismatic, and debonair ways. His legacy will live on through his loved ones.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

Lerna, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Shiloh Cemetery
Lerna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences from a cousin who thought the world of Ray. We kept in touch for many years. I am very sorry that I did not learn of his passing until after the funeral. Karen Walker, Champaign IL*



Karen Walker - September 27, 2024 at 02:13 AM



“ *Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond W. Phipps Jr..*



March 21, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond W. Phipps Jr..*



March 20, 2021 at 05:10 PM

MR

“ *Melissa Perez Rivera lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*



Melissa Perez Rivera - March 20, 2021 at 04:50 PM

KF

Thank you Melissa ❤️

KATHLEEN FLICKINGER - March 20, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond W. Phipps Jr..*



March 20, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond W. Phipps Jr..*



March 20, 2021 at 11:47 AM

BA

“ *Beca Alt lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*



Beca Alt - March 19, 2021 at 10:25 PM

KF

Thank you Beca ❤️

Kathleen Flickinger - March 20, 2021 at 04:19 AM

DM

“ *Daidri Marx lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*



Daidri Marx - March 19, 2021 at 07:55 PM

RF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rick Flickinger - March 19, 2021 at 05:41 PM

RF

“ Anyone that knew Kitty’s Father Raymond knew what a history buff he was. When I had the pleasure to meet Ray I had a fast friend because I loved to hear his stories of Springfield, Abraham Lincoln, the Lincoln family and the Civil War. He could talk about these topics all day long and it was fascinating to me. I have always been interested in all of these topics and he was equally interested in hearing about my family which is from the Gettysburg, PA area. We definitely had some common interests. Kitty and I spent a week in Springfield and he was the absolute best host. He sure did love his city and I sure did love his expertise. I soaked it in as he talked away! He took us everywhere and he had the inside information on all the famous haunts! I will always remember this time with him fondly! I only wish that we could have had many more trips there to enjoy the area but mostly to enjoy his knowledge and his love of telling historical stories. Upon our return to FL he surprised me with a beautiful framed print of Abraham Lincoln. I was blown away! I immediately hung this treasure in my office. I just love this special gift so much. He quite obviously recognized my intense interest in the things that he loved too. As long as I am alive I will treasure this beautiful, fantastic gift and remember the special person that gave it to me, Kitty’s Father Ray. You will be missed Raymond! I can’t wait to meet with you again. I know that you are happy and educating all that are around you in heaven. Until we meet again! 🕯️



Rick Flickinger - March 19, 2021 at 05:24 PM

LI

Beautiful ❤️❤️❤️

Lillian - March 19, 2021 at 10:10 PM

LI

Rick, My condolences to you as you have suffered both the loss of your father-in-law and your mother in the same week. You and Kitty are in our prayers.

Lillian - March 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM

RI

Thanks so much for your thoughts and your prayers. It has definitely been a very sad time for us!

Rick - March 21, 2021 at 12:06 PM

RH

“ *Robert Hermes lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*



Robert Hermes - March 19, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LJ

“ *Lillian Johnston lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*



Lillian Johnston - March 19, 2021 at 08:03 AM

CP

Lillian I am so sorry to hear about your Dad! I love you and My prayers are with you ❤️

Carolyn Puebla - March 19, 2021 at 09:03 AM

LJ

Thank you, Carolyn ❤️

Lillian Johnston - March 19, 2021 at 10:54 PM

KF

“ Kathleen Flickinger lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.



Kathleen Flickinger - March 18, 2021 at 11:46 PM

KF

I LOVE YOU DAD ❤️

KATHLEEN FLICKINGER - March 19, 2021 at 06:28 PM

KF



KATHLEEN FLICKINGER - March 19, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond W. Phipps Jr..



March 18, 2021 at 11:37 PM

TF

“ The Morris Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Raymond W. Phipps Jr..



The Morris Family - March 18, 2021 at 04:06 PM

SM

“ *Suzzanna Morris lit a candle in memory of Raymond W. Phipps Jr.*



Suzzanna Morris - March 18, 2021 at 03:56 PM

KF

Thank you, I love you Suzzanna ❤️

Kathleen Flickinger - March 20, 2021 at 04:21 AM

KF

Thank you 🙏❤️

Kathleen Flickinger - March 20, 2021 at 04:22 AM

LI

Thank you so much for sending flowers. That is so kind of you.

Lillian - March 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM