



## Gregory "Pica" Phillips

August 7, 1962 - November 4, 2021

Gregory "Pica" Phillips, 59, a life-long resident of Manville, passed away on November 4, 2021. He was preceded in death by his father, Adolph "Ish", and his sister Dawn.

Greg was the definition of a people person, always being able to speak and make friends with anyone he met. His caring and loving spirit made everyone naturally gravitate to him. His sense of humor was unsurpassed, and he was referred to as the "Mayor of Manville". He always went out of his way to help others. Above all, he was a man who loved his family and friends unconditionally.

Greg served in the U.S. Navy during the Desert Storm War. While stationed aboard the USS Independence, he received numerous commendations as they travelled the Pacific Ocean. When the ship docked at various ports of call, Greg always purchased items and trinkets to send to his family – especially his nieces and nephews. After his honorable discharge, Greg became a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Greg's favorite pastime was fishing – either on the banks of the river or on a charter boat out in the ocean. He was also an avid Redskins fan and watched every game. He truly lived his life to the fullest.

Greg will be truly missed by his loving family: Mother, Rose Mary Silva; sisters Amy Alford and Claire Phillips; Phillips brothers Jim, Andy, David and Bob. He was a much-loved uncle and will be missed by his nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his “brothers from other mothers” – Carl Leone and Tim Hardgrove, as well as many other loving family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 3 to 7 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks., Blvd, Manville, NJ .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

VD

“ Sweet Greg. You, your kind and loving heart, sense of humor and life long loyalty to family and friends are treasured. You will be deeply missed. Love you.



Vanessa Dazio - March 16, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory "Pica" Phillips.



March 15, 2022 at 10:02 PM

Tim Hardgrove

“ Miss Ya Love Ya Will always remember Pica with a smile on my face from swimming in the canal and losing your glasses Riding are 20 inch bikes all the way home crying Momma going to kill me 1ST of many rope swing swims and Big Ben S, chasing thru Weston school playground Yelling to him Catch me if you can . Hanging out by Steve's Tire .Greg sing Jimmy Hendrix Steve let me stand by your Tire. Watching the Honeymooners ,Hanging out with Jamie Cap So many Goodtimes with Greg Rest In Peace my Friend as you always said Love Ya like a Brother My Condolences to my Phillips Family Love You All Prayers Amen



Tim Hardgrove - March 15, 2022 at 09:24 PM

EL

“ Greg at our wedding



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**edward leib** - March 15, 2022 at 07:01 PM

LH

“ I will so miss our annual trips to see the balloons go up at Readington Solberg. Tim and Pica would pick us at 6 ish bright and early and he would always welcome us with his huge bear hug. Two minutes into the car ride we would be laughing our ass off about some story he was telling. Those trips will never be the same. Our deepest condolences from the entire Hardgrove Family to the entire Phillips Family. Pica “our brother from another mother, we will miss you everyday. Rest In Peace.

*Lauri Hardgrove-Chalmers & Family*

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**Lauri Hardgrove-Chalmers** - November 20, 2021 at 04:40 PM

CP

Thank you Lauri. We miss Greg more and more with each passing day. Thanks for sharing. 💕💕

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**Claire Phillips** - November 21, 2021 at 06:26 PM

JP

“ Brother Cos,

*We shared a lot of good times together. Going to Chicago for your birthday to watch the Yankees and White Sox. Going to Minnesota to see the Yankees and Twins. A few hockey games. The airboat ride with Bushman and Dave in Florida. The NASCAR races. And of course all of the fishing we did together was really special whether we caught fish or not.*

*But what I cherish most is the size of your heart and your zest for life. You gave to others before yourself. I saw you help many people and I saw you make people feel happy and want to be around you. You did lots of little things for many and you are loved for it. I felt your love every time I thought about you.*

*As the Beatles said on the Abbey Road album, "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." Rest comfortably wrapped in the love you made. I know your creel is full. I love you.*

*Brother Jim*



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**Jim Phillips** - November 19, 2021 at 12:32 AM

NL

“ Nick L. lit a candle in memory of Gregory  
"Pica" Phillips



Nick L. - November 16, 2021 at 02:51 PM

CP

Thank you Nick.

Claire Phillips - November 19, 2021 at 07:12 AM

MA

“ I’m so sad. 😞😞😞 Greg “pica” was an amazing man. I actually just found out tonight that he passed. Note to Greg...”thank you for being such a great friend for the past ten years. Thank you for singing your favorite songs and making me laugh. Thank you for always checking in on my family to make sure they were safe. Thank you for always caring! I will miss you my friend.” May you Rest In Peace and I pray God gives comfort to your family. ❤️❤️❤️  
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maureen - November 14, 2021 at 07:46 PM

MA

My heart is hurting so bad. 😞😞😞😞

maureen - November 14, 2021 at 08:40 PM

MA

My heart is hurting so bad. 😞😞😞

maureen - November 14, 2021 at 08:47 PM

BM

“ Greg,

*So many memories that I will cherish forever. You were a great person and proud to be a part of your life. Every time we all got together it was the best of fun. I will never forget the 1986 World Series game 7 when the Mets won. God bless your soul.*

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**Bernie Mitukiewicz** - November 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM

CP

*Thank you Bernie. Greg will be so very missed.*

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**Claire Phillips** - November 19, 2021 at 07:10 AM

CO

“ *Chet Olshefski lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Pica" Phillips*



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**Chet Olshefski** - November 14, 2021 at 07:02 AM

CO

*Gonna Miss Ya My Brother. I Will Never Forget You. We Had The Best Times In Our Lifetime Together. Until We Meet Again "PEACE"...*

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**Chet Olshefski** - November 14, 2021 at 07:07 AM

CP

*Thank you Chet. So glad Greg had the joy of being your friend. ❤️*

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**Claire Phillips** - November 14, 2021 at 02:32 PM

RM

“ Greg "Pica",

*Every time I saw you it was usually with your good friend and my brother Bernie. You were always full of life and laughter and energy. I always enjoyed your great stories about the people and the town you loved in Manville. I know you're smiling down on your loving family and friends and the pictures of your life. You will always be remembered. Rest in Peace.*

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**RICK MITUKIEWICZ** - November 13, 2021 at 06:27 PM

CP

*Thanks for the beautiful words Rick. The memories of Greg will forever live on in all of us. ❤️*

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**Claire Phillips** - November 14, 2021 at 02:33 PM

MR

“ Aunt Rose and family, sending our deepest sympathy on the passing of Greg. So many wonderful memories from family picnics and gatherings. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Eric and Marianne

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**Marianne Radell** - November 11, 2021 at 06:14 PM

CP

*Thank you Marianne. Greg left many memories and lots of love behind when he passed. Thanks for lighting a candle. Love, Claire*

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**Claire Phillips** - November 12, 2021 at 01:56 PM

RS

*Thank you Marianne it is amazing all the wonderful things that have been shared on facebook about Greg. May he rest in peace knowing how much he was loved. God bless*

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**Rose Mary Silva** - November 15, 2021 at 03:54 PM

DP

“ Just thought I would share so photos of Greg for those of you who didn't know him in his younger days! He was always a great brother with a very big heart!

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**David Phillips** - November 11, 2021 at 05:42 PM

CP

*Wonderful pictures David!!*

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**Claire Phillips** - November 12, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DP

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**David Phillips** - November 11, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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David Phillips - November 11, 2021 at 05:26 PM

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David Phillips - November 11, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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David Phillips - November 11, 2021 at 05:19 PM

SS

“ Sandy Stefanick lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Pica" Phillips



Sandy Stefanick - November 11, 2021 at 05:14 PM

CP

Thank you Sandy. ❤️

Claire Phillips - November 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM

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David Phillips - November 11, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ DrMargaret Adams lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Pica" Phillips



DrMargaret Adams - November 11, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CP

Thank you Margaret. ❤️

Claire Phillips - November 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JV

“ I haven't seen Pica in a very long time but I can still remember his laugh and sense of humor. My sincerest sympathies to the family and all the lives of those he touched. Rest In Peace Pica 🙏🙏

Jim Vivalo - November 11, 2021 at 03:13 PM

PV

“ Pica was the definition of a people person with a personality I'll never forget. My prayers for the Phillips family.

Patrick Vivalo - November 11, 2021 at 02:13 PM

JA

“ Absolutely agreeing with all the comments about Gregory posted here. Going to get gas will never ever be the same, surely will miss him. Brother David's tribute is beautiful. My sympathy to the Phillips Family along with prayers for peace and comfort. Love, Jayne K.

Jayne - November 11, 2021 at 02:00 PM

CP

Thank you Jayne.

Claire Phillips - November 11, 2021 at 08:40 PM

FP

“ Pica was one of the friendliest and nicest guys I've ever met. Every time we ran into each other he had a childhood memory to talk about like our days playing Little League baseball. RIP Greg. My deepest condolences to “Chooch” and the entire Phillips family. Fred Puzio



Fred Puzio - November 11, 2021 at 09:59 AM

CP

*Thank you Fred.*

**Claire Phillips** - November 11, 2021 at 08:41 PM

KB

“ *pica you were like a brother gonna miss your sunny side my condolance to the family*

*Kurt BAUER and family*

**kurt bauer** - November 11, 2021 at 08:39 AM

BL

“ *Greg was a kind and gentle soul, a reflection of his beautiful family. Always a smile and pleasant conversations. He will truly be missed.*

**Bernice Leotti-Powers** - November 10, 2021 at 09:40 PM

BA

“ *Barry lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Pica" Phillips*



**Barry** - November 10, 2021 at 09:08 PM

BA

*Goodbye Pica 😊 Manville won't be the same ❤️*

**Barry** - November 10, 2021 at 09:13 PM

LB

“ Linda Bryan lit a candle in memory of Gregory  
"Pica" Phillips



Linda Bryan - November 10, 2021 at 07:48 PM

DP

“ Wow Bro I can't believe your gone! We were joined at the hips as kids and the bond we had was amazing. You were always there for me when I needed you bro. I'm just so happy we were able to spend most of our lives together. We were always there for each other when we needed comfort and support. We were always there when we needed a good laugh by sharing those great memories! I will miss you dearly and I still can't believe your gone. I am just so glad you were able to touch so many people with your great personality. Always caring for others before yourself. You are a special brother and the world just won't be the same without you! I know you will Rest in Peace with Dad and Sister Dawn! I love you bro and you will be in my heart forever!



David Phillips - November 10, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CP



Claire Phillips - November 11, 2021 at 08:42 PM

MF

“ *My condolences to the family. We lost a great guy. Always cheered me up when I saw him. RIP*

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**Mark Franzoso** - November 10, 2021 at 06:33 PM

JW

“ *Pica was a great guy, who was always cracking jokes at the gas station.*

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**Jill Weikel** - November 10, 2021 at 06:32 PM

AO

“ *Alan & Denise Olshefski lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Pica" Phillips*



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**Alan & Denise Olshefski** - November 10, 2021 at 06:29 PM

RO

“ *No matter what mood you were in when you ran into Pica he would always make you laugh and smile. A really great guy. I will miss you Pica. R.I.P.*

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**Robert W Ostrowski** - November 10, 2021 at 04:50 PM

JJ

“ Wow. In life you come across people with all kinds of personalities.

*Pica had the best*

*Always the life of a gathering  
party, sporting event,  
Or just pumping gas.*

*Another High School classmate  
Game got cut off short like a rain out  
At a ball game.*

*You enjoyed the game but feel cheated to not get to the finish.*

*Tell Johnny A and Benny I said hi*

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**Johnny Stefsnchik Jr** - November 10, 2021 at 04:37 PM

CP

*Imagine their reunion! Thanks for sharing Johnny.*

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**Claire Phillips** - November 10, 2021 at 06:04 PM

DP

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**David Chooch Phillips** - November 10, 2021 at 07:16 PM

CO

“ So gonna miss our talks at the gas station 🍷 Pica 🕊️🙏

Cookie - November 10, 2021 at 04:27 PM

TC

“ Never met someone so sweet and caring. Always had a smile and always put you in a happy mood. God Bless his family and friends. I'll always cherish the great memories from our High School days. RIP Pica 🙏❤️



Tina Cicero - November 10, 2021 at 03:32 PM

CP

Thank you Tina.

Claire Phillips - November 15, 2021 at 10:04 PM

MR

“ Marianne Radell lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Pica" Phillips



Marianne Radell - November 10, 2021 at 03:19 PM