

JAMES (JIM) WESTERMAN PHILLIPS



James (Jim) Westerman Phillips, age 74, of Slippery Rock, peacefully passed away Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Butler Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born May 14, 1949, in Beaver County to John Richard Phillips and Rebecca Mae Harris-Phillips-Tannehill and was raised there during his grade school years. Later his family moved to Harmony where he attended Seneca Valley High

School; he graduated in 1968. Jim was a lifelong truck driver, he worked for Dale McClymonds Trucking. His CB handle was "Grouch". He had a very good work ethic and always provided his family with everything they needed. Jim enjoyed going to car cruises and was a member of the Rod Father's Car Club. He spent a lot of time rebuilding his old pick-up trucks. If you were ever looking for him, he could be found in his garage working on his vehicle, a friend's vehicle, or a family member's vehicle. He would work late into the night just to get it done. He enjoyed watching his Old Westerns, Judge Judy, or anything that had to do with history. During family discussions, he was always offering up some fun-filled facts that he had learned about. Jim had a love for trains that he shared with his children and grandchildren. He loved his dog Pokey and looked forward to playing with him and giving him pets. Jim loved getting together with his children and grandchildren for their annual family mini-bike race.

Jim's goal in life was for his three kids to learn everything from him and their mother. Through that learning his children would become better than their parents and have a happy life. He said he succeeded. This was his proudest achievement. Jim is survived by his companion, Mary Lou Walker; his sister, Muriel Rae Phillips-Havel (Dan) of Ohio; his daughters, Jan (Russell) Phillips-Genaway of West Sunbury, and Jodi (Greg) Phillips-Seddon of Cochranton; his son, James Richard (Pina) Phillips. His grandchildren, are Anthony, Travis, Rebekah, Kelsey, Kyndra, and Winter. His companion's children, daughter, Tammy (Chris); and son, Gary (Tina); and grandchildren, Josh, Nick, Logan, and Emily; and three great-grandchildren; his first wife and mother of his children, Joan (Frank Wiencek) Podvasnik-Phillips-Wiencek; and numerous nieces and nephews. James Westerman Phillips was a good man and a loving father with a big heart. He was greatly loved, and he will be deeply missed! Jim was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a memorial celebration of life service to honor Jim's life to be held at the **SMITH FUNERAL HOME**, 421 New Castle St., Slippery Rock, PA on Wednesday, February 7th at 11:00 AM. Friends may call on the family at the Smith Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 6th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM and then on Wednesday, February 7th from 10:00 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM. Interment will eventually follow in Sylvania Hills in Beaver, PA.

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