

Mr. Melvin Delano Phillips

Melvin Delano Phillips, 73, of Point of Rocks, son of the late Mary Kathryn Stewart and C. Lee Phillips, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Melvin married Shirley Demory on June 22, 1958. Melvin is survived by his children, Steven Brian Phillips and wife, Suzanne Elaine, Point of Rocks, Lori Phillips Buckland, Littlestown, Pa., and Judith Phillips Culler and husband Frank L., Waynesboro, Pa. Melvin was the proud grandfather of Kathryn Elaine and Karley Demory Phillips and Lynsee Rebecca Culler. He is also survived by one sister, Barbara Phillips Hipkins of Urbana; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by an infant son, Melvin Delano Jr.; a son-in-law, Arnold Buckland Jr.; a brother, David Lee Phillips; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Pearrell.



Melvin was an employee at Fort Detrick for 14 years and the Frederick County Health Department for more than 27 years. Melvin, along with his family, also worked at Camp Kanawha for 25 years. He then became an honorary member of Camp Kanawha.

Melvin was an active volunteer with the Carroll Manor Fire Department in Adamstown. He was instrumental in starting the Point of Rocks substation and for a time housed Special Unit 28 at his home in Point of Rocks, before there was a firehouse in Point of Rocks. Melvin received numerous awards for his dedication and loyalty to the fire department and greatly enjoyed his time spent at the firehouse with his many dear friends.

Melvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, bus trips and gatherings with family and friends and especially his grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4, at Keeney and Basford, P.A., Funeral Home, 106 E. Church St., Frederick. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 5, in the Etchison Memorial Chapel of the funeral home, with Pastor Michael Bynum officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Steven Phillips, Frank Culler, Frank Hipkins Jr., Chuck Fry, Bucky Young Jr. and Eddy Arnold. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Point of Rocks. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.keeneybasford.com.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Melvin's memory may be made to the Carroll Manor Fire Co., P.O. Box 7, Adamstown, MD., 21710.