



Mrs. Rhonda K. Phillips

November 14, 1968 - January 26, 2021

Rhonda K. Phillips, 52, of Elgin, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Born November 14, 1968 in Madrid, Spain, she was a daughter of the late Carl J. and Patricia Ann Morgan Phillips. Rhonda graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1986 and then attended Midlands Technical College. She would later earn her bachelor's degree in accounting from Columbia College. Rhonda retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina following 17 years of dedicated employment. She was a member of Tree of Life Congregation and was involved in synagogue activities.

Rhonda got her love of sports early in life. She always considered herself a Tomboy and even broke her arm when she was a child while playing football with her father and brothers. Her favorite teams were the Washington Nationals, Chicago Cubs, and the Clemson Tigers. Rhonda loved to read and adored butterflies. She also was an avid art enthusiast.

Survivors include her life partner, Samantha "Sam" G. Jennings; sister, Carla Leyland (Larry) of Elgin; stepdaughter, Kristin Babinger (Justin) of Gaston; grandchildren, Brystin and Annastin Babinger; nephews, Daryl and Kevin; nieces, Ann, Cheryl and Crystal; as well her great nieces and nephews. Since she never had children herself, Rhonda loved her nieces, nephews, and their families as her own. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Alan and Kevin Phillips; niece, Sarah Phillips, and her dear friend, Ann Caraway.

A private service will be held at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, SC, with Rabbi Sabine Meyer officiating.

A livestream of Rhonda's service will be available at 1 o'clock Sunday, January 31st by visiting her tribute page at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

In lieu of Flowers, please contact Samantha "Sam" G. Jennings, (803) 319-8929, for information concerning memorial donations. For those able to donate to Rhonda's final

expenses it would be truly appreciated; the family has setup a cashapp under the cashtag of \$ButterlyAngelRhonda. We thank you all for your words of wisdom and encouragement and your prayers and support. All donations will strictly be used for Rhonda's final expenses.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - January 29 at 08:05 PM



“ Rhonda was born in Madrid Spain.

To Carl and Patricia Phillips. Two of the most loving and devoted parents.

She had 3 siblings Alan, Kevin, and Carla.

Rhonda was the Baby.

The family enjoyed weekend camping, and game night every weekend. Rhonda's favorite was Aggravation and Hearts. She liked to play football with her Dad, Alan, Kevin and the other kid on the block.

She graduated high school, went on to Midlands Technical College. Then Graduated Columbia College.

Her and her dear friend Ann meet in 1991 Rhonda's "Sweetheart"

They enjoyed spending as much time as they could with the family.

Ann worked hard to put Rhonda through school.

There were always big family parties to celebrate Rhonda's accomplishments.

Her and Ann were together 22 years before Ann's passing. They built a home and a family together.

Her nieces and nephews and grandchildren loved being with her. Going to her house was like going to the park, always swing set, balls, toys and of course Aunt Rhonda.

Carla - February 01 at 06:13 AM



“ Rhonda sorry it has taken me so long to write on here it's hard to believe you're gone .I met you when you were 12 or 13 years old you were a wonderful sister in law .you have 4 girls and 2 boys that called you Aunt and they loved you so much you were a wonderful Aunt to all of them .You will be missed so much I know that you know how much you are loved . FLY high sweet lady
Love Leanna

Leanna Phillips Horton - February 06 at 07:51 PM



“ My Aunt Rhonda was an amazing woman and she will be missed soooo much she is always an amazing memory from my childhood she was always around when me and my cousins were little and even as we grew up and became parents she was always there when we needed her. She was also there the day I gave birth to my sweet girl and has always loved us like her own. Until I see you again you will be missed so much!



Cheryl Turner - February 01 at 07:19 AM



“ Rhonda is my soul mate and I dearly and deeply miss her sweet face, her calming and loving spirit and her awesome sense of humor! Rhonda and I have been earth soul mates for 7 beautiful, magical, and unconditionally loving years. 7 years with Rhonda was way too few but they were the Very Best 7 years of my Life! I have never felt unconditional love like Rhonda had for me, despite my pesky flaws! There was never a day that went by that we didn't say " I love you" 5 or more times! I feel her deep love today and will always know she will be with me and all the wonderful loving people that knew her!
She is my Beautiful Butterfly Angel Rhonda!

I miss her sweet face and her loving touch so much!

(Sam)antha G Jennings - January 29 at 12:38 PM



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Carla Leyland - January 29 at 08:58 AM



“ Rhonda was taken from us way to soon. The last few years were very hard for her she, suffered with great loss early in life. As a family we celebrated her many accomplishments. She was the best aunt, to her nieces and nephews. She is missed but will always be remembered for who she truly was.



Carla Leyland - January 29 at 08:53 AM



“ Rhonda you touched our lives and became a part of our family that will forever be fractured without you here with us. You'll always be my only sister kisser. We will love and miss you always

Tk Greene - January 28 at 07:05 AM



“ Such a good lady. She will be missed. She was my wife's sister in law from her 1st marriage. Will be praying for all the ones that are left that GOD will wrap his loving arms around the family that is left. I know she had out lived Alot of her family. But she has one sister and two sister in laws and 3 nieces and 2 nephews. Great nieces and great nephews a stepdaughter and grand or grands that need your prayers. Please help me in praying for them. Thanks.



Michael Horton - January 27 at 05:04 AM



“ Thank you, that is so sweet. She is with Mom, Dad, Alan, Kevin, Sarah and Ann now. She is at peace. A peace she hasn't had in a while.

Carla - January 27 at 05:59 AM



“ Rhonda you will be truly missed by all of us, you were taken from this earth too soon, but you will live on forever in our hearts, we all love you very much. Until we see you again fly high and say hello to everyone we know and love.



Kristin Babinger - January 26 at 07:07 PM