



Mary Elizabeth Phillips

June 8, 1941 - June 27, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Phillips, age 84, of Dacula, GA passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025. Born June 8, 1941 in Washington, GA, she grew up in the small town of Sharon, GA. Her parents were Bernard Darden and Mary Poole Darden who raised four children; Bernard (deceased), George, Patricia (deceased), and Mary Elizabeth who was the youngest.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Louis Edwin Phillips; son Stephen of Buford, GA; son Keith of Atlanta; and daughter Mary Beth of London, UK. She experienced a full and happy life as a basketball player at ASI in Crawfordville, as a state champion debater, and received degrees with honors from the Georgia State College for Women (now Georgia College), Furman University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia. She subsequently became a faculty member in the UGA College of Education. As she and her husband moved around she taught kindergarten, her favorite students, for many years. Many of those students have since become teachers.

An avid Georgia Bulldog fan, she and her family often traveled to games with her husband, Louis, who worked with Larry Munson as a spotter for the Georgia Radio broadcast booth for thirty years. She and Louis traveled extensively in the U. S., Canada, Central America, and Europe.

Her interest included music, gardening, and writing. She was a member of the a cappella choir at GSCW, and also sang at weddings and church events. A prolific writer of poems and short stories about childhood and growing up, she

loved to capture her personal experiences such as “sand between her toes.”
A private family service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at
the Chapel at Flanigan Funeral Home with Chaplain Jimmy Orr officiating.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eagle Ranch, P O Box 7200,
Chestnut Mountain, GA 30542 in memory of Mary Elizabeth Phillips.

Previous Events

Private Memorial Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ I have wonderful memories of visiting Aunt Mary & Uncle Louis in Georgia with my mom, Marie Phillips Thomas, and brother Jason. I always loved hearing stories about Uncle Louis, Uncle Bobby, and my mom growing up together in Western NC. My mom always thought so highly of Mary. Just last year, I had the privilege of seeing Aunt Mary & Uncle Louis at Uncle Bobby's funeral. She was as sweet and beautiful as I'd always remembered her. Please feel our love as you navigate the loss and remember the good times.
Love, Laura

Laura Blanchard - June 29, 2025 at 10:42 PM

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“ Looking back, some of the earliest memories I have of my mom were when she was directing school and church skits when I was five years old, and then later directing the children's choirs that Stephen and I were in growing up. After that, there were years of her driving me across Greenville to hourly piano lessons weekly. These early influences guided and affected me, as I later became a pianist, music composer, and piano teacher. She was always there to support all three of us kids.

Keith Phillips - June 28, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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I'm so sorry for you loss I love miss mery im hir too my heart ❤️

Maria Lujan - June 29, 2025 at 02:53 PM