



Russell E. Phillips

December 16, 1932 - April 15, 2026

Russell E. Phillips, 93, of New Castle, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Henry Community Health.

He was born on December 16, 1932, in Albany, Kentucky, a son of the late Estell and Cora (Key) Phillips. Russell was a graduate of Clinton County High School and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War.

On October 22, 1959, Russell married the love of his life, Ina Guffey, and together they shared 66 wonderful years of marriage. He worked for Modernfold in New Castle before spending the majority of his career at Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, where he retired in 1993. Even in retirement, Russell remained active, greatly enjoying the time he spent helping his son at Capital Machinery Systems.

Russell was a member of American Legion Post #137 and the United Steel Workers. He had a love for life that showed in the things he enjoyed—whether it was water skiing and boating on Dale Hollow Lake or watching NASCAR and attending races at Mt. Lawn Speedway. He treasured time spent with his family and was always bragging about Ina's cooking. Russell never missed a single one of his grandchildren's sporting events, no matter how far away the games were held; he could be counted on to be present.

He will be remembered as an outgoing, kind, and thoughtful man who truly cared for others. Russell had a servant's heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He always had a cup of coffee in hand, a smile on his face, and a joke ready to share. His steady presence, warm spirit, and genuine love for people made a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Those left to cherish Russell's memory include his devoted wife, Ina Phillips; his son, Russ (Kirstin) Phillips of Pendleton; his daughter, Carolyn (Stan) Brown of Anderson; nine grandchildren, Nick Phillips, Dalton Phillips, Gabi (Ethan) Wiedenhoeft, Nathan Phillips, Vincent Phillips, Adrienne (Matthew) Jones, Sylvia, Tessa, and Ava Kate Phillips; a great-grandson, Archie Wiedenhoeft; four sisters, Jenita Farr, Judy Thrasher, Jane McWhorter, and Joyce (Maldon) Shelley; a brother, Tommy Phillips; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Russell was preceded in death by two sisters, Ella Mae Phillips and Jean Cooksey.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Douglas officiating. Burial will follow at Green Hills Memory Gardens with military funeral honors conducted by contingents with the US Army, the American Legion, and the VFW.

Friends may call from 4:00–8:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Russell E.

Phillips.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-2400
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Funeral

APR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Tribute Wall

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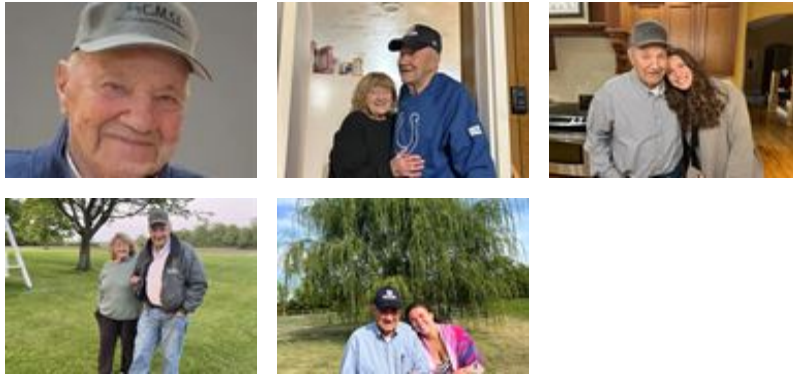
“ Jerry and Becky Rector purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



Jerry and Becky Rector - April 20 at 06:41 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 20 at 12:31 PM

JR

“ Jeff, Melita & Danielle Rector purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



Jeff, Melita & Danielle Rector - April 20 at 08:25 AM

WH

“ With love, Matt & Toni Hampshire purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



With love, Matt & Toni Hampshire - April 19 at 07:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



April 19 at 12:59 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



April 18 at 06:42 PM

DC

“ I had the honor and blessing of being a friend and coworker of Russell while at Allegheny Ludlum. The memories I will always retain are that Russell was a kind, caring ,compassionate and helpful person whom I never heard speak a negative word about anyone. His smile and greeting would always light up any room and could bring a smile to anyone’s face. Our Lord blessed you with long life brother. May His peace and rest accompany you now. Sincere condolences to family and friends
Dan Coleman

Daniel Coleman - April 17 at 09:21 PM

LJ

I had the privilege of meeting Russell and Ina within the past few months. He was always happy and had a warm smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers will be with his family and close friends as he is laid to rest today...🙏❤️🙏

Sincerely,
Lora Jester-Rains

Lora Jester-Rains - April 21 at 07:45 AM

HS

“ Hanna and Tyler Santuro purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



Hanna and Tyler Santuro - April 17 at 11:46 AM

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear this...my heart breaks for you all. Russell was such a sweet man, I always enjoyed seeing him at the Post Office while we were each getting our businesses mail. He was such a pleasant person, always asking about my son. Russ was very special. Love and prayers, Peggy Findlay

Peggy Findlay - April 17 at 10:32 AM

TF

“ The Downey Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



The Downey Family - April 17 at 09:59 AM

AC

“ Allen Campbell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



Allen Campbell - April 17 at 08:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell E. Phillips.



April 16 at 03:31 PM