



Carl Oren Phipps

July 14, 1941 - December 10, 2021

ADRIAN – Carl Oren Phipps age 80, of Adrian, died on Friday, December 10, 2021, at home under the care of Elara Hospice.

Carl was born on July 14, 1941, to Carl and Nettie (Stevenson) Phipps. Born and raised in Adrian, Carl graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1959.

Carl & Judy Minster met as teenagers and were married on October 7, 1961. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They raised two children, Christine (Greg) Waters of Yakima Washington, and Michael (Judie) Phipps of Portage, Michigan, and were also blessed with five grandchildren, who were the light of Carl's life, Justine (Ben) Long, Carly Waters, Alison Waters, Emily (Reece) Hunter, and Nicholas Phipps, and one great-grandchild who is on the way.

Carl was employed by Citizens Gas Fuel Company for two decades, followed by several years as a customer service specialist, in the heating & cooling and automotive fields. After retirement, Carl continued to work part time, taking on roles that supported his love of golf and socializing, including serving as the Pro Shop Manager of the Wolf Creek Golf Club.

Carl was a friend to everyone he met. He had a helpful heart, lending his hand

to support those he knew and even those he didn't. He also had quite a sly sense of humor and could be counted on to lighten the mood in any situation.

Carl was an activist for the Adrian community, serving as a Junior Achievement Advisor, past president of the Adrian Jaycees, former state vice president for the Michigan Jaycees and past president of the Adrian Evening Lions Club. He also served as the secretary of his bowling league for over 30 years. His time with the Jaycees led to many lifelong friendships, including Pat & Norm Myers, with whom he and Judy shared countless adventures.

In addition to his love of golf, Carl also loved fishing. In warm months, he was often found on his boat at Round Lake or socializing with friends at their summer place in Minster RV Park. Carl was a warm and loving grandfather, always on the sidelines of any of his grandkids' events or milestones, visibly proud and cheering them on. He had a way with his grandkids, unconditionally loving them all, yet sharing a unique bond with each of them.

Carl is survived by his wife Judy, their children and grandchildren, his brother, Gary (Sue) Phipps and brother-in-law, Jack Minster (Laurie Frase). Carl was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sandra Betzoldt.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2021, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home. The family has requested masks be worn by all who attend. A live streaming of the service will be accessible from Carl's tribute wall for 90 days.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Adrian or Elara Caring Hospice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
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Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Carl Oren Phipps*



Wagley Funeral Home - December 10, 2021 at 04:17 PM

SS

Just watched the service for Carl. Thankful for technology to be able to do so. Wish I could have been there. So grateful for my parents friendship with Carl and Judy for more than 50 years. It's the fruit of their friendship that produced the friendship I share with my best friend for more than 50 years too. Carl was a blessing to many. I am so thankful I was able to sit with him and say good bye back in October.

*Love to all
Suzanne (Myers) Schreiner*

Suzanne Schreiner - December 20, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Carl Oren Phipps*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

KM

“ *Judy and Family,*

Sorry for your loss he will be missed.

Great memories of Carl growing up as a kid spending time with the Phippis's up north at the lake and of course when they came to Frankenmuth. He always had a smile on his face that I will always remember.

Keith and Linda Myers

Keith Myers - December 19, 2021 at 11:23 AM

LB

“ *I don't remember a time when talking with "Mr. Phipps" that he didn't have a twinkle in his eye! We really want to say thank you for the friend he has been to my dad over the years - it has been a true pleasure hearing my dad (Norm Myers) reminisce and tell some of their stories! They represent a true example of lifetime friendship that isn't seen too much anymore, and should a role model to us all - they stuck with each other through quite a bit over the years :) Blessings to the family as we truly wish we could be there to pay our respects and to say hello to everyone. Love,*

Louise and Greg Beller

louise Beller - December 19, 2021 at 09:34 AM

DH

“ *Judy and Family,*

Shelley and I were proud to call Carl a friend; we will all miss him. This picture and the write up for his obituary really capture Carl the way he was and the way we all want to remember him. Kudos to the author.

I have many fond memories of Carl back to high school days, but I can't mention many of them here.

So sorry that we won't make it to the funeral home; after losing a brother to Covid we have been very careful to avoid large gatherings.

Gary, I would loved to be able to see and talk to you also.

Dave Hickman

Dave Hickman - December 17, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Oren Phipps.*



December 17, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Oren Phipps.*



December 15, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *The Leather jacket boys! Also our cousin Dennis Jordan, who we also lost this year.*



Joan Elliott - December 14, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *A favorite memory that we still laugh about.....On our vacation to Branson Carl and Mike left me and Judy shopping and went exploring. Soon after we see them walking toward us in matching "leather" (?) jackets they bought from a guy on the street! "Real cheap" they said. They wore them on our entire vacation!! 😂❤️*



Joan Elliott - December 13, 2021 at 07:44 PM

MS

“ So sorry to read of Carl’s passing. Only one memory of him when I was in 2nd or 3rd grade at Lincoln I had the biggest crush on him I chased him around the playground trying to get a kiss. Boy could he run!! Sounds like he became a wonderful man.

Msrielyn Plank Swanston - December 12, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ Judy and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Carl was a wonderful man - always cheerful and dedicated to his family. Chris and Nancy Pellowe

Nancy Pellowe - December 12, 2021 at 06:14 PM

WS

I’m so sorry for your loss. I remember Carl was a very nice man . He shared many memories with my parents , Tom and Candy . I will be thinking of your family at this difficult time .

Wendy Paulson Suarez - December 13, 2021 at 01:20 AM

BP

Judy and family so sorry to hear about Carl. He was a great guy and cousin. My wife and I moved to Grand Rapids 30 some years ago. Whenever we would visit Adrian we would run into him once in awhile and he would always be friendly and talk to us. He was always friendly and cheerful to anyone he meant. He will be missed. He was a wonderful man. Sorry for your loss. Ben and Margie Phipps

Ben Phipps - December 13, 2021 at 07:49 PM

TS

Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. Carl was such a sweet and kind man. He will be missed. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Tina and Isabelle (your old neighbors)

Tina Szczepanski - December 15, 2021 at 12:40 PM



Judy I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Judy(Densel) Jordan

Judy Jordan - December 17, 2021 at 12:09 AM