

Robert Henley Phillips
Feb. 10, 1937 - Jan. 26, 2020

Robert Henley Phillips, 82, formerly of Montezuma, passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, at University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.



Robert was born Feb. 10, 1937 in Davenport where his father Dr. W. B. Phillips practiced medicine and delivered Robert at the family home.

Robert was a 1956 graduate of Montezuma High School. Robert married Wilma Shearer of Montezuma on July 22, 1957, after which he joined the United States Navy for four years. Upon returning home, he attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. From there, he accepted a position with Mutual of New York with territories in Mahaska, Jasper, Poweshiek, Marion, and Iowa counties, selling insurance and real estate while living on his father's farm raising cattle.

Eventually, he and his family moved to Oskaloosa and established his own business, "The Dutch Town Vacuum" in Pella for 40 years.

As a small boy, Robert was one of the first Oskaloosa carriers in Montezuma and later became a

carrier organized in the area.

Robert liked to travel and he and his family took many interesting trips of historic value. As a scout master, he liked camping. His hobbies were fishing, movies, reading history, and eating - especially pizza!

He was a fervent Christian and Bible reader who practiced what he preached, feeding the poor and leading others to Christ.

He is survived by his children Susan Rick, and Robby; his sister, Marylee Sindt, and many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, Wilma, in 2012; his lovely daughter, Tammy Louise Miller, in 2019; and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Phillips.

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