



Phillip Neal Mayberry

October 4, 1945 - February 14, 2024

Phillip Neal Mayberry, of Visalia, CA, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 14, 2024 at the age of 78. Born at the end of WWII on Oct. 4, 1945 he lived a rich and fulfilling life primarily in Tulare (Tulare Union High 1964 graduate), the SF Bay Area and Visalia, never leaving his beloved California.

Phillip had an early religious calling to become a Catholic Brother and had a short journey in religious life before deciding that secular life was preferred. Pac Tel. (Bay Area) become his first and only professional work home for 24 years. He retired in management as an Executive Secretary. During his years at Pac Tel he formed a lifelong, deep friendship with Wes, (a fellow Pac. Tel employee) who became a beacon of friendship and mutual admiration in his retirement years. They visited often.

Phillip Mayberry's life in retirement can basically be summed up in three parts. He was devoted to our parents, Richard and Maurine Mayberry. After the passing of Richard (Dick, to his friends) Phillip became the constant companion to our Mom until her passing. Mom and Phil shared a lifetime love of the sewing arts and playing the organ.

Phillip also took on part-time work, for many years, at Peacock's Sewing Machines in Visalia. He loved working there and enjoyed the customers, many of whom became lifelong friends. The locale and broader realms of sewing

enthusiastic people became a source of leisure interest and also opened up opportunities for charitable work.

The third component of Phillip's life was his long service to St Aloysius Catholic Church in Tulare. Phillip was the organist at services, especially Sunday Mass, for multiple years. Even as it became difficult to climb the stairs to the choir loft to play, he never flagged in his commitment to praising God with well played religious organ music.

Phillip is survived by his younger brother Michael (in FL), his many 1st cousins (in CA & TX) and a number of longtime friendships that include Wes and Barbra. Phillip will be remembered at a eulogy and memorial Mass at St Aloysius Catholic Church at 10:30 AM on Wed. Feb. 28, 2024

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **28**. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
125 E. Pleasant Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ I just saw this very sad news, when I went to send Phil his birthday card for tomorrow, I went to write him & realized I had not heard from him in a while so I checked his Facebook & was devastated. I loved Phil like a brother, so did my husband. We bowled with Phil many years ago and instantly fell in loved with him. He was so warm, loving, considerate and so funny! He was also a fantastic team mate & we really enjoyed spending time with him every week. He made a personalized baby quilt for my grand daughter when she was born, that was so beautiful & precious to us. She is in college now! We had to move away but still kept in touch. We became lifelong friends, we could say anything to each other & he always kept his positive attitude & sense of humor, no matter what he was going through. I would always apologize for “writing a book”, but I wanted him to know everything that was happening in our lives as well as what was happening in his life. I was going to tell him that I would be visiting him soon when I finally get to go back to Visalia this Fall & I’m so heart broken to know that he won’t be there now. The world has lost a very special person, Phil was such a good man & we will never forget him. 💔😭



Rhonda Hargis - October 03, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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“ Enjoyed many years with Phil in the church choir. Such a dedicated, caring man. He will be greatly missed.

Jeanne - February 23, 2024 at 11:24 PM