

James Edward Phillips

January 9, 1946–June 13, 2018



We are sorry to report the passing of James Edward Phillips. James was a longtime contributor to NESACS and husband of ACS Board of Directors Member, Dorothy Phillips. James was a long-time member of the Board of Publications (BOP) including several terms as chair. He had a passion for photography and contributed many photos to the Nucleus and the NESACS website. He served NESACS as a Director-at-Large and he ran for Chair of NESACS in 2013.

The members of the BOP received an ominous email on June 12 that Jim had a heart attack. He passed the next day and the membership was notified broadly on June 15. His wake was held the following Tuesday in Wayland at the John C. Bryant Funeral Home. His service was held the next morning at the Fisk United Methodist Church in Natick and interment followed immediately after at the Dell Park Cemetery in Natick. Family kindly suggests that memorial gifts in James' memory be sent to Fisk United Methodist Church, 106 Walnut St, Natick, MA 01760 or The Multiple Myeloma Research Fund, 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851. For condolences please visit: www.johncbryantfuneralhome.com

I don't remember when I first met Jim, but I recall him first as a photographer for the Nucleus when I became editor in 2005. He was always a most congenial person and I

always enjoyed seeing him whether it was at a National Meeting of the American Chemical Society or one of our local section meetings. He graciously hosted several Board of Publications meetings at his house in Natick and we always enjoyed his hospitality.

Jim was proud of his children and grandchildren and often talked of his visits to Georgia to visit his son, Anthony, and daughter, Vickie, and their families. I remember teasing him as to whether there was any family conflict when the Patriots played the Falcons in Super Bowl LI. Another daughter, Crystal, lives locally with her children.

James Phillips was born on January 9, 1946 in Nashville, TN to the late Margaret E. (Phillips) Walker and Douglas Harris. He received his B.S. degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville and his M.S. in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati.

Jim was a Research Chemist at Sheppard Chemical Company, Norwood, Ohio; a Technical Service Engineer at the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; Chemical Supervisor at Corning Medical, Medfield, Massachusetts; Laboratory Supervisor at Muro Pharmaceutical Company, Tewksbury, Massachusetts and a Technical Service Engineer at Waters Corporation, Milford, Massachusetts until his retirement.

James is survived by his devoted wife, Dr. Dorothy Wingfield Phillips of Natick. He was a loving dad to Vickie A. Thomas and her husband Albert of Ellenwood, GA; Pastor Anthony J. Phillips of Atlanta, GA and Crystal J. Mayo of Natick. He was the grandfather of Braelen Phillips; Andrew Phillips; Anthony Phillips, Jr; Elizabeth Mayo; Logan Mayo; Brian Walker and Eric Lockett and Great-grandfather of Brian Walker, Jr.

He was the brother of Herbert Phillips and his wife Cassaundra; Douglas Harris, Jr.; Riley Harris; Deborah Harris and Mitzi Harris, all of Nashville, Tennessee. He was brother-in-law of Dr. Robert Wingfield; Oddie Wingfield and Dr. Shirley Wingfield; Dwight Wingfield; Addie Jenkins; Patricia McCarroll; Elsie Hurt, all of Nashville, TN and Rev. Margaret Smith of Belleville, IL. James was preceded in death by his sister Paulette Gray and his nurturing uncle and aunt George and Ethel Hart.

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