



Kim R. Phillips

July 29, 1938 - October 20, 2025

Kim R. Phillips, 87, of Pleasanton, passed away Monday, October 20, 2025, at his home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2025, at the Pleasanton United Methodist Church with Pastors Lana Day and Kayla Mangrich officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at the Pleasanton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 23rd at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Pleasanton United Methodist Church. Please visit www.hlmkf.neral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Kim Robert Phillips was born at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney on July 29, 1938, son of William and Isabel Eaton Phillips. His family owned and operated the Phillips Grocery Store where Kim first experienced the type of career he followed his entire adult life.

His carefree youth involved playmate, Bob Karsten. The boys, along with his brother Errol, spent their days swimming and playing in the South Loup River. Skating and fishing on and in the several local lakes also occupied their time. Kim attended Pleasanton Public Schools where he remembered walking between the parked train cars on his way home for lunch.

Kim graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1956 where he was a member of the basketball team, band and sang in the choir.

The Phillips home was next door to the Methodist Church where he became a member in 1951. Kim was also a member of the church's large high school

choir and youth group led by Mrs. Murdoch and Mrs. Lange. After high school, he spent two years in the business college in Omaha.

Kim always said he was “too cold blooded” to live in Nebraska which required a move to California after college where he worked for F. S. Rasco and T. G. & Y Variety stores for the next ten years from Brawley, California, which is 40 miles from Mexico, to Port Angeles, Washington and about 30 stores in between. During this time, the home of George and Roberta Eaton Bell and his young cousins, George and Kirk was his “home away from home”.

After two years in the service spent mostly in Verdun, France, Kim returned to Pleasanton in about 1964 where he met his future wife, Dorothy Bauer. They were married May 28, 1967 and made their home in Oxnard, California for many years. In 1971, they purchased the old family grocery store and added a service station to the property and have since lived in Pleasanton where their sons, Cameron (1973) and Ashley (1978) joined the family.

The Philips family continued in this business until 2005 when Ted and Lisa Nichols purchased the business. Now Kim and Dorothy were free to travel and enjoyed many visits with their son Cameron and family. But Kim “being Kim” had to fill his days with customers which he did at Menards in Kearney for several years.

Kim was also a member of the Pleasanton Lions Club, the American Legion, a former village board member and a former fire department member.

Kim was always proud of his heritage in the Pleasanton area. His Great-grandfather John Phillips homesteaded here in 1878; Grandfather Robert Eaton had the first station and garage in 1917; Grandfather Dolly Phillips operated a grain elevator and lumberyard, and his dad started the grocery and general store in 1921.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Dorothy; sons; Cameron and wife Tamara, Fort Collins, Colorado and Ashley, of Pleasanton; grandchildren, Cormac and Gardener, Fort Collins, Colorado; brother, Errol (Corene) Phillips, Pleasanton and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Isabel Eaton Phillips;

special aunts, Mary Wallace and Roberta Bell.

Cemetery Details

Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE 68866

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Pleasanton United Methodist Church
702 N. Sycamore St.
Pleasanton, NE 68866

Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy, I am so sorry our buddy Kim is no longer with us. I want you to know that you and your family is in our thoughts and prayers . Ardith and Lloyd Ray

Ardith Ray - October 24, 2025 at 08:11 PM

KR

“ Dorothy: My sympathy on your loss. What a colorful and meaningful life you shared. Take care.

Kathy Campbell RN - October 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

YC

“ Yakaboski family (Yak and Carolyne) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kim R. Phillips.



Yakaboski family (Yak and Carolyne) - October 23, 2025 at 09:51 AM

MK

“ Work for him when owned the gas station. Always had a lot of humor. Miss the great times we shared. RIP Kim Kat prayers 🙏🙏 to family.



Marc krueger - October 22, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Dorothy and family. Sending our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Neil and Denise Miller

Denise Miller - October 21, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kim R. Phillips.



October 20, 2025 at 05:52 PM