



Mr. William Hilry (Bill) Phillips Jr.

October 20, 1936 - December 14, 2020

William Hilry (Bill) Phillips, Jr., an architect, was a native of Mobile, Alabama. He died peacefully on December 14th at his home on Dauphin Island, Alabama. A graduate of Murphy High School (1955), he attended Auburn University and received his Bachelor of Architecture in June of 1961. Bill was preceded in death by his son, William Hilry Phillips, III; his father, William Hilry Phillips; his mother, Vivian Thomley Phillips and his brother, Gerald Leonard (Jerry) Phillips.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Anita Burt Phillips of Dauphin Island; his daughter, Suzanne Phillips (Gavin Porter) of Fairhope, Alabama; his granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Brewington of Norfolk, Virginia; his grandson, William Moore Brewington of Missoula, Montana and many other family members & special friends.

William H. Phillips, Jr., AIA, Architect maintained a highly-respected, full-services architectural practice with it's emphasis devoted to the highest quality of custom design and craftsmanship. Bill continued to practice until he became ill on May 21, 2020.

Bill spent the latter part of his architectural internship and the early years of his professional career with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Williamsburg, Virginia. In the early 1970s, Bill redesigned many of the rooms in the West Wing of the White House including The Cabinet Room.

Mr. Phillips work has appeared many times in the pages of Southern Living Magazine and many of his famous residential designs are featured in The

Southern Living House Plans Collection. including "The Gulf Coast Cottage", "The Lakeside Cottage" (1992 Southern Living Idea House) and his wildly popular "Cottage Collection" and the two "Cabin Collections".

Many examples of Bill's designs are present on Dauphin Island including the "iconic" six, colorful "Fish Camps" and the recent addition to the island, "The Herron's Nest" on the west end of Bienville Blvd, otherwise fondly known by friends as "The Big Blue Hotel".

In 2012, Bill produced, pro bono, a conceptual, Master Plan of the Aloe Bay area to assist The Town of Dauphin Island in their efforts to secure Restore Act Funds.

A "Celebration of Bill's Life" will be held at a later date. Friends will be notified when this time is decided.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill and I went from the first grade through Murphy High School and Auburn together. A great friend that will be missed. Wish I had spent more time with him and Anita in recent years. RIP Bill. Stay strong and God bless you, Anita.*

Ronnie Barnett - December 19, 2020 at 09:15 PM

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“ *Cherry Pocket will never be the same and the houses on Bannon Island, Florida will be part of the legacy of both Bill and Anita....Love from all the O'Learys*

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