



Elaine Phillips

May 13, 1951 - December 15, 2025

PRINCETON - Karen Elaine Phillips, 74, of Princeton, died Monday, December 15, 2025 at Mercer Healthcare in Bluefield. She was born in Ronceverte on May 13, 1951, being the daughter of Walter Hale Phillips and Ruby Greco Phillips.

She is survived by her brother, Alvin Phillips and his wife Jeanie of Charlotte, NC; two nephews, Aaron Phillips of Memphis, TN and Adam Phillips and his wife Kim of Charlotte, NC; great-nephews and great-niece, Ezra Phillips and Archer Phillips of Charlotte, NC and Baxter Phillips and Caroline Phillips of Novato, CA.

Elaine graduated from Union High School and graduated from Concord College with a degree in business education. She went to work immediately after graduating for Harry Finkelman, CPA—and didn't leave that job until she retired. After a few years of retirement, she returned to work in the same office helping to assemble and file tax returns.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Princeton, where she was able to serve the church in their financial management and women's circles. She was a past president of the former Quota Club of Princeton, a member of Matthew French chapter of DAR, and was active with the Pine Trees chapter of the Concord University Alumni Association.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Concord University Foundation, P.O. Box 1405, Athens, WV 24712 (www.concord.edu/concordfund), or to Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley, P.O. Box 462, Parkersburg, WV 26102 (www.habitatmov.com/donate).

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 2025, at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Andrew Maynor officiating. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Green Hill Cemetery in Union.

The family will receive friends Thursday, December 18, 2025 from noon until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

422 Green Hill Road
Union , WV 24983

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elaine Phillips



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - December 22, 2025 at 10:03 AM

KM

“ Elaine was my RA at Women's Upperclass at Concord my second semester freshman year. Debbie Jones, Karen Lewsader, and I shared a triple at the end of the hall on the second floor. Elaine did the bed checks. She was good at herding us and not alienating us at the same time.



I worked with her at Harry Finkelman's office for a year and a half. Part-time while in college and then full time for a year post graduation. She and Thelma were such fun to work with. Kind and sweet and efficient. We had this computer that punched holes in tapes that ran through it. I remember Elaine fiddling with the machine and winding the tapes, securing them with a rubber band, and throwing them in a box.

My sympathies to all who love her.

Karen (Southern) Martin - December 22, 2025 at 06:21 PM

LM

“ Alvin and family, I am sad to hear of Elaine’s passing. As you know, we met at UHS as classmates. We continued as classmates at Concord (College) University. We were both Business Education majors. We also often ate together at the college cafeteria. I valued her friendship through the years. She and my college roommate came to visit Laura and I when we moved to Florida to teach. She was responsible for the guest book at my wedding. She stayed with my husband and me when Laura and Larry were married. I miss her already.

Linda Wiseman Mims - December 18, 2025 at 03:52 PM

RS

“ I remember Elaine fondly from her time as Dad's student and, later, his employee. She was always so kind to me when I was a child and teenager, and never, ever did I hear an unkind word pass her lips. I could count on her smile and quiet sense of humor whenever we met, and I know Dad valued her work ethic, accounting skills, and overall good character in equal measure. Her death will certainly leave a hole in the lives of many, and I wish all of you who grieve her passing my warmest condolences.

*Rose Finkelman Solomon
Columbus, Ohio*

Rose Solomon - December 17, 2025 at 04:16 PM

CG

“ My sincere condolences to Alvin and family.



Carolyb Garrity - December 17, 2025 at 10:43 AM

FN

“ *Fort Maiden Spring Chapter NSDAR lit a candle in memory of Elaine Phillips*



Fort Maiden Spring Chapter NSDAR - December 17, 2025 at 05:58 AM

BM

“ *I remember Elaine from my years at UHS and Concord (College) University. She was a sweet person. I am sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Beverly (Schumaker) Martin - December 17, 2025 at 12:26 AM

RV

“ *Rachel V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Phillips.*

Rachel V. - December 16, 2025 at 06:55 PM

PC

“ *Paul Marshall Canterbury lit a candle in memory of Elaine Phillips*



Paul Marshall Canterbury - December 16, 2025 at 05:53 PM

LB

“ *Lena Brunk lit a candle in memory of Elaine Phillips*



Lena Brunk - December 16, 2025 at 04:26 PM