



Dean Steven Ross Phillips

June 10, 1952 - April 28, 2021

Phillips, Dean Steven Ross Our beloved youngest brother, Dean Steven Ross Phillips, died by suicide on or about April 20, 2021 after a long struggle with depression, using a firearm he had recently acquired. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Dean's gentle spirit and ready smile are fond memories from our childhood. Early on he demonstrated that he was a gifted sculptor and artisan whose creations we will always treasure. For most of his adult life, he worked for Caterpillar in the Twin Cities where he honed his skills as a metal worker and professional welder. In his spare time, he restored vintage automobiles and motorcycles that exemplified the artistic perfectionism that inspired him. Dean was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on June 10, 1952. He was predeceased by his parents, Norma Annetta Phillips and Clair Carlton Phillips. He is survived by a sister, Leona Claire (Phillips) Fitzmaurice of Birmingham, Alabama, two brothers, Carl August Phillips of Andover, Minnesota and James Oscar Phillips of Flagstaff, Arizona, two nieces, Rebecca (Phillips) Peterson and Candice (Phillips) Pemberton, as well as grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins. We deeply grieve Dean's death, and we believe that such a suicide could have been prevented. Our society still stigmatizes mental illness. While Dean might still have accomplished his goal of ending his life prematurely, it is possible that he would be alive today had his illness been identified and treated. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. To honor Dean's life, please make contributions to the National Wildlife Federation or to a charitable organization

of your choice.