



Ty Phillips

October 15, 1976 - August 23, 2021

Ty Phillips, 44, of Mentor, passed away August 23, 2021 at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby. He was born October 15, 1976 in Mayfield Hts. Ohio.

The most special thing about Ty was that he had such a wide array of interests. No matter what he was interested in, he pursued it with a passion. He had an obvious athletic side. In his early years Ty took an interest in the Martial Arts and yoga. Then he moved on to competing in Strongman competitions and the Scottish Highland Games. Eventually he transitioned into the sport of powerlifting. Not only did he lift and compete, but he opened his own gym, The Gorilla Pit, where he was able to provide a motivational environment for anyone interested in lifting and developing the warrior mentality. He created an atmosphere of determination, hard work, and true Viking power. He took such pride in helping athletes and friends train and reach their true potential.

Ty was also an intellectual through and through. He referred to himself as a bibliophile because of his intense passion for books and vast wealth of interests and knowledge. He loved to read about the sciences as well as science fiction. He collected many books and read up on psychology, religion, Buddhist ideas and practices, the animal kingdom (primates in particular), and much, much more. Along with reading, Ty loved to write. He wrote the most beautiful pieces on life, love, and anything that touched his heart. He did so

with great mental clarity just to share his unique perspective with others. Additionally, he created his own websites and blogs in an effort to share his thinking on many topics.

Ty had an amazing natural talent for photography. He would take pictures anywhere and everywhere. Some of the subjects he was most proud of were his urban landscapes and the people within them, along with all things nature. He leaves behind a beautiful collection of photographs of plants and animals, including insects and the occasional reptile, from his many trips to the Metroparks. His talent in the area of photography was remarkable.

Ty was known for his love of DC comics. Batman was his favorite superhero. It was virtually impossible to be in Ty's presence and not find something representative of Batman.

This past year found him fulfilling his lifelong dream of owning a Softail Heritage Harley Davidson. He was so very proud to tell everyone close to him that he finally did it! He rode it any chance he had.

Throughout his life a few things remained constant. Ty had the kindest soul around. There wasn't anyone he wouldn't help in any way that he could. His kindness extended to animals. He fostered or adopted a variety of dogs over the years, as well as rescued stray kittens from random places. He considered these furry friends to be part of the family. That was part of his loyal and protective nature.

Ty loved nothing more than his family. His three daughters were everything to him. He could not have been more proud of each of them for their own special talents and achievements. Nothing brought him more happiness and joy than his girls. Ty attacked life with a passion that can't be matched. That's why so many were drawn to him and will never forget him. His big hearty laugh will remain in our memories forever.

Never forget our love... Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Ty... you fulfilled the hopes and dreams of so many and you will live forever in our hearts.

Survivors include his daughters, Mia Phillips and Summer Rath (their mother, Sherry Rath) and Brynn Phillips (her mother, Beth Sustin); mother, Debbie (Wade) Reese; sister, Breiana (Jonah) Ullman; grandmother, Dottie Wigand; loving companion, Jacqui Bruno and her children, Jenna, Jimmy, and JiJi Rhodes-Bruno; nephew, Ian Ullman; niece, Aria Ullman; uncle, John Wigand; cousins, Nada Wigand (daughters, Laila and Lulu); all of his furry companions and many other loving family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Ronald Wigand.

Private family services were held. Contributions in memory of Ty may be made in care of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Thinking of you and the candles you should be blowing out here today xoxo

Jacqui - October 15, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - September 17, 2024 at 04:40 PM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - October 10, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - August 23, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - August 02, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - April 04, 2023 at 01:40 PM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - February 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - February 07, 2023 at 09:03 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - January 02, 2023 at 02:44 PM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - November 29, 2022 at 11:25 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - November 04, 2022 at 10:31 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - September 13, 2022 at 09:37 AM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - August 08, 2022 at 01:38 PM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - July 18, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - July 06, 2022 at 03:09 PM

JA

“ Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui - June 20, 2022 at 09:47 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - June 13, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - May 16, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui - April 18, 2022 at 01:17 PM

JA

“ *Missing you*



Jacqui - April 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM

JA

“ *Jacqui lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips* ”



Jacqui - March 29, 2022 at 09:29 AM

JB

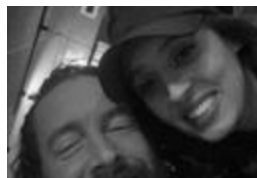
“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips* ”



Jacqui Bruno - March 07, 2022 at 09:45 AM

BH

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Brunner Funeral Home - January 31, 2022 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips* ”



Jacqui Bruno - January 31, 2022 at 09:52 AM

BR

“ *Brynn lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Brynn - January 18, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ *Jacqueline Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqueline Bruno - January 13, 2022 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui Bruno - January 07, 2022 at 10:18 AM

BP

“ *Brynn Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Brynn Phillips - January 02, 2022 at 10:31 PM

BP

“ We miss and love you more than you can imagine. We all wish you were still here here giving us big warm hugs.”

Brynn Phillips - December 31, 2021 at 10:49 PM

BP

“ Brynn Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Brynn Phillips - December 31, 2021 at 10:40 PM

JB

“ Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui Bruno - December 30, 2021 at 03:07 PM

JB

“ Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Jacqui Bruno - December 21, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui Bruno - November 15, 2021 at 09:52 AM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui Bruno - November 05, 2021 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui Bruno - November 01, 2021 at 10:00 AM

JB

“ *Happy Birthday Sweetheart*

Jacqui Bruno - October 15, 2021 at 04:59 AM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui Bruno - October 15, 2021 at 04:58 AM

JG

“ *Well it's almost your birthday. Still doesn't seem real that I can't just send you a message and talk to you. I miss you lots my friend! Everyone misses you so much. Happy early birthday ❤️*

Jenn Ghelarducci-Bowman - October 14, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips*



Jacqui Bruno - October 04, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DA

“ *Just found out about you passing, and I am stunned. We were partners together in The Tattooed Buddha and you were there for me during some tough times. I can't believe you are gone. My heart goes out to your family and beautiful girls. Rest easy, Ty.*

Dana - October 01, 2021 at 06:47 AM

BS

“ *It's so hard to believe you're gone. We love you and miss you more than you know.* ”

beth sustin - September 27, 2021 at 08:05 PM

JB

“ *Jacqui Bruno lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips* ”



Jacqui Bruno - September 22, 2021 at 01:08 PM

BT

“ *Peace, Ty. Reat easy.* ”

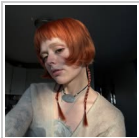
Bradford Thompson - September 17, 2021 at 08:51 AM

 Joe Phillips

“ *My little brother will never be forgotten.* ”



Joe Phillips - September 01, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Roxy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips* ”



Roxy Phillips - September 01, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ You will forever be in our hearts Ty, Rest In Peace. May God hold you in his loving arms.

June Bruno - September 01, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KS

“ Terry and I are so saddened to hear of Ty's passing. There are no words to express the grief so many are feeling. Praying that our Loving Savior will give your family the strength it needs to get through this most difficult time.

karen smith - September 01, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DH

“ Drew Hixon lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Drew Hixon - September 01, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JH

“ Judy Hixon lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



Judy Hixon - September 01, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ John Wigand lit a candle in memory of Ty Phillips



John Wigand - August 31, 2021 at 09:47 PM



The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes had no tears. Namaste Ty
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John Wigand - August 31, 2021 at 09:49 PM