



Richard "Rick" Phillips

February 15, 1953 - May 19, 2025

Richard Eugene Phillips was born on February 15, 1953, to Harvey Elmer Phillips and Ona Marie (Williams) Phillips, in Kankakee, Illinois. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Ona Phillips, his twin daughters, Sonya and Tonya Phillips, his sister, Judy Densmore, and his brother, Donnie Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Phillips, his two children, Melissa Mullett and husband Jim Mullett, Shawn Phillips and wife Kelly Phillips, his grandchildren, Johnathan Mullett, Anthony Mullett and wife Heather Mullett, Alex Phillips, Natili Phillips, Kylie Vanhorn, his great-grandson, Lucas Mullett, and his siblings, Norman Phillips, Janice Moore, Patti Tyler and husband Terry Tyler, and David Phillips and wife Marsha Phillips.

Biography for Rev. Rick Phillips

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A Life Poured Out in Service to the Kingdom

Rev. Rick Phillips, age 72, a devoted husband, loving father, gifted musician, and faithful servant of the Lord, passed from this life into eternal rest on May 19, 2025. His life was marked by unwavering dedication to God, heartfelt worship, and a deep love for people.

Born on February 15, 1953, Rick married the love of his life, Pam Phillips, on December 17, 1971. Their love was a true partnership in life and ministry, one that endured every season with grace, faith, and joy. Together, they raised their children in the presence of God and carried the gospel across the country with music and preaching that touched countless lives.

Rick and Pam were blessed with four children:

- Melissa Dawn (born July 19, 1973),
- Sonya and Tonya (twins, born September 18, 1975; Sonya passed on the day of birth and Tonya passed on October 2, 1975), and
- Shawn Richard (born July 31, 1978).

Though they faced heartbreaking loss, Rick and Pam never lost faith. Instead, their trials deepened their commitment to serve God with all they had.

In 1976, Rick turned away from a life in the entertainment industry and gave his heart completely to the Lord. That same year, he was baptized in Jesus' Name and filled with the Holy Ghost, changing the course of his life forever. From the nightclub stage to the church altar, Rick's music took on new purpose. He began writing gospel songs—his first two were “It's Time for Sunday School” and “He Was More Than a Baby”, a Christmas song that has blessed churches for years.

Rick began his ministry in Bus and Children's Ministry, often preaching and singing alongside his family. In 1979, he began using ventriloquism as a creative way to minister to children, introducing beloved characters like BJ, Eddie, and Uncle Walter. His unique approach to sharing the gospel—through gospel magic, music, puppets, and heartfelt preaching—reached hearts of all ages.

His ministry expanded quickly. In 1983, he preached his first revival in Lebanon, Missouri. In 1984, he pastored his first church in Camdenton, Missouri. In 1988, he followed the leading of the Lord and planted a Home Missions church in Newport, Oregon, which remains active to this day. He served in various roles throughout Oregon and California, including Sunday School evangelist at youth camps and camp meetings, where his heart for children and families continued to shine.

In 1997, the Phillips family moved to southern Oklahoma to pastor. They returned to evangelizing in 2006 before settling in Chouteau, Oklahoma, in 2011, where Rick pastored faithfully until his passing.

Rick began playing music at the age of 12, buying his first guitar with \$2 and a BB gun. He taught himself to play entirely by ear, never learning to read music—but that never stopped him. His God-given talent was powerful and anointed, and his songs left a lasting imprint on every church and gathering he was a part of.

More than a minister, Rick Phillips was a joyful laborer in God's harvest. A man who never hesitated to go the extra mile if it meant one more soul could be reached. A devoted husband who adored Pam, and a father who led his family with prayer and purpose. His voice, laughter, and presence will be deeply missed—but his legacy will continue to echo through the lives he touched.

We give thanks to God for all He accomplished through the life and ministry of Pastor Rick Phillips. Though our hearts mourn, we celebrate a life well-lived and a race well-run. Heaven has welcomed home a good and faithful servant.

Cemetery Details

Hennepin Cemetery

Hennepin, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

The Sanctuary
905 N. Rockford Rd.
Ardmore, OK 73401

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Brother Phillips was a great friend. Enjoyed fishing with him , and talking about the goodness of god. Looking back through my texts back and forth he would send me pictures of his latest guitar find. I love brother and sister Phillips very much. Prayer for this great family!



John Wall - May 23, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Phillips.



May 21, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Rick" Phillips.

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“ Oklahoma District, Section Five purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick" Phillips.



Oklahoma District, Section Five - May 21, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ Oklahoma District, Section Five planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Phillips.

Oklahoma District, Section Five - May 21, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Phillips.*



May 21, 2025 at 05:03 PM

BJ

“ *Bro. & Sis. Daniel Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick" Phillips.*



Bro. & Sis. Daniel Johnson - May 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Bro. & Sis. Daniel Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Phillips.*

Bro. & Sis. Daniel Johnson - May 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Daniels & Humphrey Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard "Rick" Phillips.*



Daniels & Humphrey Family - May 21, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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“ *Daniels & Humphrey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Phillips.*

Daniels & Humphrey Family - May 21, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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“ *The United Pentecostals of Broken Arrow purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick" Phillips.*



The United Pentecostals of Broken Arrow - May 21, 2025 at 01:30 PM