

RAYFORD JEROME PHILLIPS

1934-2012

BOWIE: Rayford Jerome Phillips, 77, died on Friday, August 24, 2012, in Bowie.

Rayford was born on December 22, 1934, in Soperton, Georgia, to Collie W. and Ollie Mae (Alexander) Phillips. He was united in marriage to Rossilyn Bellah on September 8, 1959, in Hazelhurst, Georgia.

Rayford received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Georgia. He served in the United States Marines during the Korean Conflict. Upon his return from Korea, Rayford worked for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. He moved to Saint Jo and worked for Forestburg ISD as a custodian and bus driver and retired in 1985, after 15 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Rossilyn Phillips, of Bowie; daughter, Leanna Ivey and husband, Tom, of Bowie; two sons, Robert Phillips and wife, Ruth, of Wichita Falls and Roger Phillips and wife, Kathy, of Bowie; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; other family members and a host of friends.

Rayford is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Annie Sue Profitt.

Memorial service is 2 p.m. Saturday, September 1, 2012, at the Bowie Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness Church with Brother Donald Bishop officiating.

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