



Zeppelin Curtis Phillips

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Zeppelin Curtis Phillips, 16, of Hermitage, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2024. He was preceded in death by his aunt, Jenee Phillips; cousins Troy Thornton, Jennifer Freund and Jude Newbold; and several great-aunts, great-uncles, and great-grandparents. Zeppelin is survived by his parents, Andrew Phillips; Kendelle Phillips and his stepfather, Michael Denton; his two brothers, Luca and Florin Denton; and his grandparents, Louise Annette and Ronald Phillips, and Daniel and Kathleen Newbold. He also leaves behind his great-grandfather, Lee Hall, along with numerous extended relatives and friends.

A junior at Templeton Academy, Zeppelin flourished both academically and creatively. He was actively involved in the yearbook committee and relished his film studies class, movies being more than just a passion of his, but a sacred thing. They fascinated him. He has a special affinity for anything spooky or thrilling, Hitchcock, crime noirs, but would also sit still through a slow classic drama with a great story and good cinematography.

Zeppelin also worked at Wendy's, where his dedication and strong work ethic were evident in his commitment to learning every aspect of the job, showing up for a shift even after a long day at school.

Zeppelin's love for music was a defining aspect of his life, and started early. As an infant he would fall asleep to nothing other than classic rock. He got his first guitar at age 6, and by age 8 he was covering songs like "Cupid" by Sam Cooke, to the thrill of his parents. By 13 he'd discovered Grunge and 90s rap, then it was math rock, shoegaze, and slowgaze... In the last few years he'd developed a real love for writing lyrics and producing underground rap songs with his friends. He was thrilled to have gained recognition from some notable names in that circle.

He spent a good amount of time skateboarding and bowling and gaming and just hanging out with his friends. Many evenings talking to girls. Evenings being sad about them, and then happy



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again.

But maybe above all, was Zeppelin's passion for fishing. He loved fishing with his friends and going out on his kayak. But he wasn't the type that needed other's to enjoy it. Having a small pond within walking distance from his home, he would be there casting out during golden hour most evenings.

He also had a unique and profound connection with animals. As a young boy he loved places like tide pools and the zoo where he could touch and feel and be close to critters. He was fearless and drawn to them, finding them without fail, and they seemed strangely drawn to him, there being something about his nature they trusted. His vicious pet tarantula would rest peacefully on his hand. And the cat and two family dogs each adored him, doting on him like he was one of their young.

Zeppelin's ability to connect with people was remarkable. He was a friend to many, offering thoughtful advice, and trying to make others feel valued and heard. His kind and gentle spirit were renowned throughout his family. He was particularly affectionate and devoted to the ones he loved. His new friends, his old friends, some he'd kept in contact since he was in Kindergarten in Oregon, they were all part of his family. They all know that feeling he gave you when he hugged you a little harder than maybe you'd expected, and you knew that he meant it.

Please join us in honoring Zeppelin and remembering the light he brought to this world. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 12:00 PM at the chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN 37216. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of service, with Dr. Hubert Cunningham officiating.

Click the link below to view the webcasted service:

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/104566/hash:A3354403881E6079>



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Visitation

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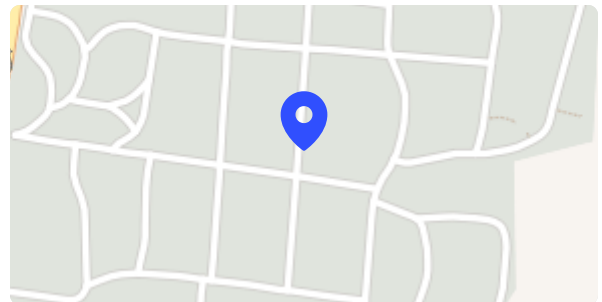


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September 13 at 6:24 AM

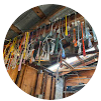


Tracey lit a candle in honor of Zeppelin.

I am one of the many that have seen Zeppelin's story on Facebook and I just want to send so many hugs and prayers. I too am a mother of adults and a teen that I worry continuously about in this world so this baby boy has hit me hard. Prayers to Zeppelin's family and friends.



February 27 at 12:52 PM



Corbin Plato posted:

Man I miss you so much buddy more than you could ever known, I'm sorry I never took you out to any of the fun shit I like to do. It's the biggest regret I have. You were always eager to learn anything about everything. I loved it! If someone was passionate about something, you would take the time out of your day to learn more about it, I have so much respect for you and how you went about certain things. You had this way of reflection that was healthy that I agreed with, and that I can never take for granted. I will do anything to hear you say "what's good" or "what's up" one more time, I just want to see what you're up to. Love you buddy. Stay strong up there!

September 2 at 2:06 PM



Jenny, Calvin And Ethan sent a Small Garden Dish to the Phillips family.



September 12 at 11:23 AM



Claire B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zeppelin.



September 12 at 5:12 AM



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AM

Aubrey Morris And Darlene Morris sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Phillips family.

September 11 at 9:15 AM



JW

John And Ramona Wright sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Phillips family.

September 10 at 6:55 AM



JD

Jeanne D. sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Phillips family.

September 10 at 6:55 AM



JD

Jeanne D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zeppelin.

September 10 at 6:55 AM



SC

Sandy & Ravi In Canada sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Phillips family.

September 9 at 7:34 PM



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Jersey O. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zeppelin.

September 9 at 11:56 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Phillips family.

September 9 at 11:36 AM



Julie Lifshutz planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Zeppelin.

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