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Our beloved husband and father, Stuart John Phillips (Stu Phillips) of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at the age of 92 while surrounded and comforted by his wife and family. Also known as “The Travelling Balladeer,” Stu looked “just beyond the next green hill” to find a brand-new day in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 25, 2025 at 4:21 p.m.

Stu's funeral ceremony will take place at Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203, on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 12:45PM. The officiant for the funeral ceremony will be The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee. Preferred parking for attending guests is in the Holiday Inn Express parking lot located at 920 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203, next door to the Cathedral. For the elderly and those with limited mobility, there will be limited parking spaces available in the Cathedral parking lot located to the left of the Cathedral. Please use the left side entrance off the Cathedral's parking lot. This entrance is also handicap accessible.

We hope to see you there, but if you are unable to attend, the funeral service will be streamed live and can be watched using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISGuWL2Bew>

Stu's burial service will take place following the funeral ceremony at Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN 37216 on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 2:45PM. The Officiant for the burial will be The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee.

A Celebration of Life and Visitation will take place immediately after the burial service in the Chapel at located at Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville, TN 37216 on Friday, January 9, 2026 from 3:15PM to 4:30PM. This will be an informal celebration of life and visitation for a fellowship



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gathering to remember the life and achievements of Stuart John Phillips.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on January 19, 1933, Stu was known as a Canadian-American country singer, songwriter, broadcaster, television host, ordained Episcopal priest, and entrepreneur. Drawn to music at an early age, Stu acquired his first guitar as a young boy and learned to play and sing all of Gene Autry's popular songs of the day on that guitar. Stu declared Gene Autry was his hero. In his early teens, Stu performed on radio shows in Montreal, and by age sixteen, he was singing at fairs and rodeos across western Canada.

Stu's first major career breakthrough was in Canadian broadcasting during the 1950's as the host of popular radio shows including Stu for Breakfast, Town and Country, and Cowtown Jamboree. These radio shows led to television show opportunities in the 1960's on CBC Television where Stu starred in The Outrider and later hosted the Red River Jamboree from 1960 to 1964. He became known as "The Travelling Balladeer" during this time in his career.

Stu's early career in Canada as a recording artist began with Canadian folklore music released on Rodeo Records in 1957. Early recordings included Echoes of the Canadian Foothills (Rodeo RLP 17), Visit Old Québec (Rodeo RLP 20), and A Visit to British Columbia (Rodeo RLP 29). In 1965, Stu moved to Nashville, Tennessee and signed with RCA Victor, and his producer was Chet Atkins. Hit single recordings during his time at RCA Victor included "Bracero," "The Great El Tigre," "Juanita Jones," and "Vin Rose." Stu's albums, Singin' Stu Phillips (1966), Grassroots Country (1967), and Our Last Rendezvous (1968) were well-received and established Stu as an American country music artist.

As a young boy listening to distant broadcasts of the Grand Ole Opry on a crystal radio in Canada, Stu's dream was to one day move to Nashville, Tennessee and perform at the Grand Ole Opry. This dream was realized when Stu was inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry on June 1, 1967. Stu became a frequent performer there, and he loved being a member of the Grand Ole Opry. At the time of his passing, he was the oldest living member.

Stu toured extensively throughout his music career, and his widespread acclaim led to global performances including England, Germany, and South Africa. In the 1970's,



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Stu hosted over 50 episodes of the Stu Phillips Show, a nationally syndicated TV show taped at the WAVE-TV studio in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1998, Stu and his wife, Aldona, became U.S. citizens through naturalization.

Beyond his musical career, Stu pursued a long-time spiritual calling in the 1980's when he earned a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Stu was ordained as an Episcopal priest, and he was able to

balance both ministry and music, sometimes combining the two, until he retired.

In 1993, Stu was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame, and today, he is known for his early Canadian country music roots, his American country music contributions, his storytelling style of songwriting, his beautiful and very smooth baritone voice, and his devout commitment to God, family, music, and fans.

As if broadcasting, songwriter, recording artist, and ordained priest were not enough for this country gentleman's achievements, Stu founded Long Hollow Winery, Inc located in Goodlettsville, Tennessee which he later sold in 2013 to his son and daughter-in-law, Joel and Benita Phillips. In 2019, Stu then founded Stage d'or LLC which he operated as an entertainment venue and coffee shop.

Stu is preceded in death by his father, Arthur John Richardson Phillips, his mother, Beryl Emma Arundel Phillips (Lenthall), his brother, Greg Phillips, and his sister, Diana Rosemay McCallum (Phillips). He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Aldona Phillips (Lazarenko), his daughter, Leigh Sachs (Edward Sachs), his son, Joel Phillips (Benita Phillips), and his youngest son, Jasson Phillips. He is also survived by four grandchildren, David Sachs, Lauren Hogan (Phillips), Daniel Sachs, and Ryan Phillips,

and two great-grandchildren, Roman Sachs and Adrian Sachs.

As Stu passed beyond the heavenly gates, we feel he looked back at us one more time to say, "Good night, and remember, just beyond the next green hill there's a brand-new day awaiting you!" Our love goes with him!

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the following charities:

Christ Church Cathedral (Select link below and choose "Tribute Fund" and enter Fr. Stu Phillips in memo box): <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=108170> or mail check to: mail



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check on behalf of Stu to Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203

Opry Trust Fund - <https://www.opry.com/about/opry-trust-fund>

Wounded Warriors Project:

<https://communityfundraising.woundedwarriorproject.org/campaigns/Stuart-Phillips>

or <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

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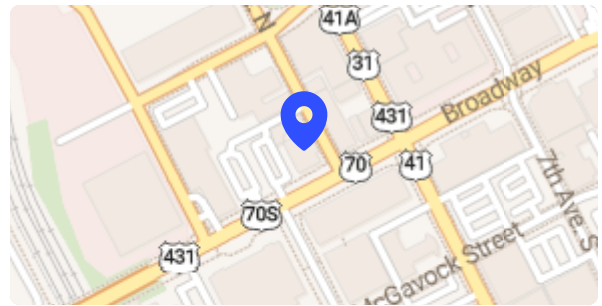


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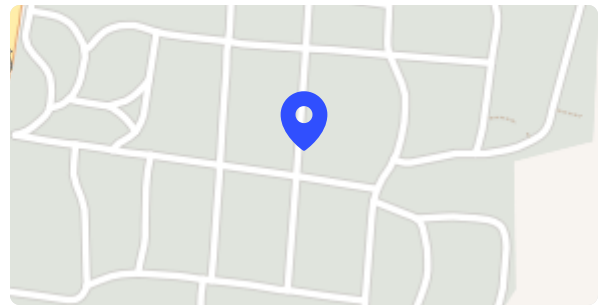
Funeral Ceremony

- Friday**, January 9, 2026
- 12:45 PM CT
- Christ Church Cathedral**
900 Broadway, Nashville TN 37203



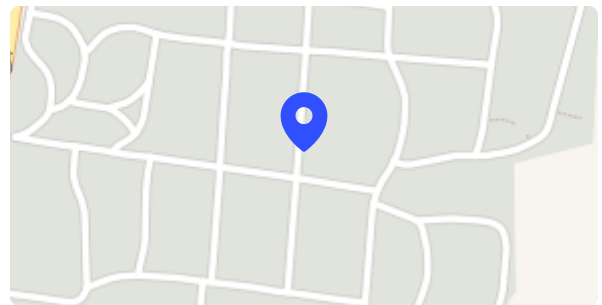
Burial

- Friday**, January 9, 2026
- 2:45 PM CT
- Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



Celebration of Life

- Friday**, January 9, 2026
- 3:30 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
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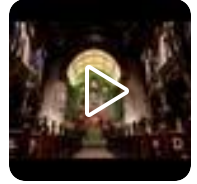


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January 7 at 4:16 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stuart by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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