



## Nina Phillips

November 11, 1935 - August 14, 2018

Nina Florence Phillips passed away August 14, 2018 at Citizens Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was born November 11, 1935 to George Russell Ewing and Henrietta (Reed) Ewing in Huntsville, Arkansas. Nina was named after her grandmother, Nina Florence Reed. The family later moved to Stockton, Missouri in 1947. She graduated from Stockton High School and Draughns Business College.

In 1955, she met Jerry Phillips and they were married January 18, 1956 sharing 62 years together. They moved to Pueblo, Colorado where Jerry was working, but moved back to Bolivar the same year when her Mother became ill.

They were blessed with two daughters, Jan Elizabeth and Kelly Lee. Nina was a stay at home Mom for a few years, then started working at Foremost Foods as the bookkeeper, while Jerry was a route driver and supervisor. She worked there for 18 years until they closed and then began working at Southwest Electric Co-op, retiring after 27 years. Nina made many friends at Southwest Electric and everywhere she went. She was fondly known as “ Ms. Nina” by many of her friends.

Nina was a hard worker and she never sat down. She worked with Jerry delivering the Springfield Newspaper daily, loved working in the garden,

baking and sewing. She was always baking bread, cinnamon rolls and pies for her family and friends, along with fish, venison, quail and any other wildlife Dad would bring in.

She enjoyed spending time with the family at the cabin on Lake of the Ozarks, water skiing, family fishing trips, spending time with her brothers and their families in Stockton, working outside and always keeping busy. She loved her family and always put them first before herself every time. She loved her grandchildren and great- grandchildren, always looking forward to their visits.

Nina was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bolivar and she was baptized in the fall of 1955.

Nina was preceded in death by her parents, brother Eli Ewing, her in-laws Roy and Helen Phillips, brother and sister- in- laws, James Phillips, Betty Zumwalt and Maxine Brockert and son-in-law, Bob Barnhouse.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry L. Phillips, her daughters, Jan Russell, Hallsville, MO, Kelly Barnhouse of Bolivar, Son-in-law, David Russell, Brother, Tom Ewing and wife, Ellen; Sister-in-law Phyllis Ewing, Grandchildren, Jennifer & Mark Wood, Bekki & Rodney Howard, Josh & Jessica Carter, Clay Barnhouse and Jason & Lindsay Barnhouse. Great-Grandchildren, Titus Howard, Brenden & Adriana Howard, Abby Howard, Roston Howard, Logan Wood, Caden Wood, Olivia Wood, Myles Nguyen, Chaytin Carter, Blair Barnhouse and Cash Barnhouse, many nieces and nephews and a host of many friends. She will be greatly missed.

Services for Nina will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Butler Funeral Home, with Visitation preceding at 10:00. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Nina's name to The Shriner's

Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Nina Phillips*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Nina Phillips*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I've known Nina for several years - first at the Foremost Plant and then later I was privileged to work with her at Southwest Electric. She was a hard worker and I truly enjoyed getting to work with her. It's been a while, but the last time I saw her we had such a wonderful visit catching up on old times. You could always pick up right where you left off with Nina. Prayers of comfort for those she leaves here.*

*Denelle (Spear) Snodgrass*

**Denelle Snodgrass** - August 20, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *Lovely Lovely picture of your Mom, Kelly. Hold all those memories close to your heart. Hugs to all, Anne Howe*

**Anne Howe** - August 18, 2018 at 08:14 PM

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“ *Nina was a beautiful person whom I have thought a lot of and will always remember her sweet smile and soft spoken manner (at times : ) I would not be working at Southwest Electric Cooperative if it wasn't for Ms Nina I will miss her and always remember her God Bless the family at this time Sincerely Pat Fisher*

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**Pat Fisher** - August 16, 2018 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Anna L Hopkins purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Nina Phillips.*



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**Anna L Hopkins** - August 14, 2018 at 05:28 PM