

ALL ABOUT MY GRANDPA

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One of my favorite people, my grandpa Randall (Randy) Phillips was born on September 5, 1950 in Pioche, NV. He was born to Donald and Dorothy Phillips. He had 6 siblings, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. He was the 3rd of 5 boys. He was very close to his older brothers Mike and Gary growing up.

He remembers playing basketball, baseball, games in the park, hide and seek and kick the can while growing up.

His family spent a lot of time camping when he was young going to Pinevalley, Utah every summer, a tradition that our family still does every summer.

He went to Lincoln County High School. His favorite subject was Science. He played basketball, baseball, and football. He graduated from high school in 1968.

After high school he went to Dixie College for one year. He then, along with his older brother Gary, joined the Navy. He served his country from 1969-1973 during the Vietnam War. While in the Navy he was in California, Florida and Vietnam. He was on the USS Ranger. He was a photographer in the Navy. He took pictures of different weapons and when on the ship developed ariel film from bombings in Vietnam.

After the Navy he went to SUSC (now SUU) in Cedar City. He got his bachelor's degree in Business with a minor in Accounting and Science.

On July 15, 1972 he married my grandma LeAnn Bradfield in Caliente, NV.

They started their family in 1974, when my aunt Jennifer was born. They had 3 kids, Jennifer 1974, Melissa (my mom) 1976 and Justin 1981.

In 1973 he started his banking career. He graduated from college in 1976 and worked for First Security Bank for 25 years and Wells Fargo for 7 years. He retired from Wells Fargo in 2007.

After retiring from Wells Fargo he was a substitute teacher for Iron County School District for a few years. The kids loved him as a sub and were always excited to have Mr. Phillips as their sub.

One of the hardest things he has ever had to go through was when his brother Gary passed away in 2002.

In 2005 my grandpa had throat cancer. It was a very difficult time but he was a fighter and overcame cancer.

Nowadays he loves to golf. He golfs almost everyday . He also loves fishing and attending all his grandchildren's sports, and activities. He tries to go to every game, program and anything his grandkids are a part of. He is their biggest fan!

He is most proud of his family and they are the most important thing to him and his greatest accomplishment. He has 10 grandkids and 5 great grand kids.

His greatest advice to anyone is to always be kind to one another, something he learned from his dad. His dad was his biggest hero and greatest example to him.

Me and my grandpa have had great times over the years together. One of my favorites was hiking to the CV together when I was in kindergarten.