



Kace Benjamin Phillips

May 19, 1986 - January 1, 2024

Kace Benjamin Phillips - devoted husband, loving father and cherished son, brother and friend. Kace, born on May 19, 1986, passed away peacefully with family by his side on January 1, 2024, after a 16-month battle against glioblastoma brain cancer.

He packed much into his 37 years, and leaves behind a legacy of warmth and kindness, unwavering love for his family, and unrelenting drive to live life to the fullest.

Kace attended St. Mark's School of Texas and then went on to graduate from Arizona State University. He was co-founder and partner at RBA, an award-winning branding and advertising company with a wide array of clients.

Family was everything to Kace. He would do anything for his wife, Claire Amberson Phillips, and their two children, George and Caroline. He found joy in the simple moments spent together, whether teaching George about football or kitchen dance parties with Caroline.

Kace had a massive stable of friends spanning from preschool through post college. They never left his side through his illness. If he wasn't spending time with his family, he was with his friends, playing golf or seeing live music. He and his friends were always doing "bits", jokes with no substance that brought

joy to all who partook.

A man of diverse passions, Kace's love for music and sports was unparalleled. His enthusiasm for the Dallas Cowboys was unmatched and he loved live music, from jam bands and red dirt country to more soulful sounds. Even while fighting cancer, he organized epic golf trips, playing 90 holes in three days, saw amazing shows, traveled around the country, and lived life like there was no tomorrow.

Kace is survived by his wife, Claire, son and daughter George and Caroline, mother and stepfather OriAnn Phillips and Scott McCartney, sister and brother-in-law Micall and Darryn Sandler, brother and sister-in-law Brandon and Aly Phillips, mother- and father-in-law Laura and Joe Amberson, brother- and sister-in-law Harris and Caroline Amberson, and nieces and nephews Ella, Lilly, Sophia, Miller and Juliette.

Kace is preceded in death by his father, Judson Phillips, and grandparents, Tehila and Lippman Miller, and George Phillips and Marjorie Phillips Cowin.

Our sincerest gratitude to: doctors, nurses and staff at UTSW, especially Dr. Maher and Dr. Patel; Duke Brain Cancer Institute; Zale Lipshy Rehab; Remington Transitional Care; Faith Presbyterian T Boone Pickens Hospice, and all those who fought for and alongside Kace.

Services will be held at Temple Emanu - El, Stern Chapel, at 11:30am on Friday, January 5th, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to: Phillips Education Fund, UT Southwestern or Dallas Hearing Foundation. Details for each can be found at: Phillipseducationfund.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Temple Emanu-El
8500 Hillcrest Ave.
Dallas, TX 75225

Stern Chapel

Tribute Wall

RR

“ I coached Kace in football when he was in the 7th grade at St. Mark's. Also his brother Brandon. I send my condolences to Kace's family, Brandon, and his mother OriAnn, whom I remember fondly as an avid fan from Odessa. -- Bob Rozelle

Robert Rozelle - January 05, 2024 at 12:44 PM

MG

“ I remember Kace well as a two and a half year old at the fledgling daVinci School. He was as a sweet boy. I was grateful to have in my class.

My condolences on your loss to your entire family.
Mary Ann Greene

Mary Ann Greene - January 04, 2024 at 09:22 PM

EW

“ I am so sorry to learn about Kace's passing. We rekindled our friendship through the St. Mark's Alumni Association and extend my heartfelt condolences to the family. May Kace's memory be a blessing to all who knew him. BDE.

Ephraim (Fry) Wernick - January 03, 2024 at 05:43 PM

BJ

“ Where do I start? Kace was part of the first group of students I ever taught. We had a great relationship (in my opinion). In 5th grade, he always displayed his killer smile and tendency to laugh, even when he was being a little mischievous. His joy of learning, his loud booming "Yo, Mr. Walker" and his ability to keep me on my toes as a first year teacher are all treasured memories.

Bobby Walker, Jr. - January 03, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LB

“ Claire I'm so very sorry to hear of the death of your husband.
Please know that your children and all of Kace's extended family is
in my prayers

Lisa Bhattacharya - January 02, 2024 at 08:30 PM