

# OBITUARY

Kirk John Walston Phillips, son of the late Spencer B. Phillips and Irma C. Phillips was born on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1960 in Trinidad and Tobago where he also spent a major part of his life. He was the only child. As a infant Kirk migrated to the United States with his parents and attended P.S. 147 in Queens New York. The family returned to Trinidad in his early years when his father took up a prestigious position with Texaco; then the biggest oil company operating in Trinidad. Kirk attended high school there and he and his family lived a good life. Kirk often talked fondly of those days growing up on the Texaco camp and the many lasting friendships he made with people around the world. He was so thankful for that experience.

Kirk would eventually return to the U.S to attend Queens College and then go onto work for the New York Board of Education as a School Health Aid in Manhattan.

In later years Kirk moved to Atlanta, Georgia and started a 30-year career in mental health. In the 1980's he worked at Parkwood Hospital, Parkway Hospital, and Inner Harbor in Douglasville, Georgia as an Addiction Counselor. In Georgia he also met his second wife, Dawn Washington originally from New York City and they married in 1997.(next page)

## THANKS

*From our family to yours, a big thank-you to all who have showed support, love, and care during this difficult time.*

*In Loving Memory*

## KIRK PHILLIPS

1960 - 2020



*Forever in our hearts*

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From this union 2 children were born, Kayla and Kalisha Phillips.

In 2000, Kirk was asked to help open and manage a new recovery residence at Ridgeview Institute in Smyrna, Georgia. He was very influential in making it the esteemed and successful program it is today. He later went on to own and operate his own recovery residence, IN-U Counseling Services. Working with young people was Kirk's passion and he did it well. His commitment to helping people is what sparked and drove his career in mental health and he transformed the lives of thousands in this important field. In 2010, he retired and enjoyed making memories with his family and friends in Carrollton Georgia.

"Bamboo" , "Iron Man, or "Turkey" as he was sometimes called, had a charismatic personality. Kirk was full of life and loved to be around friends. Of course he also loved to party. He never missed out on the opportunity to enjoy his Trinidad & Tobago culture, like the music and the food from "Sweet T&T" . Some of his pleasures were fishing, playing the drums, watching his daughter play basketball, and gathering with friends and family. Kirk was actually in two bands, Phillips Brothers and then StarCanon to showcase his drumming talent. Kirk is preceded in death by his father Spencer B. Phillips. He leaves to cherish his memory a lovely mother Irma C. Phillips; two devoted daughters, Kayla Phillips and Kalisha Phillips; several loving aunts and uncles; several cousins; a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and sorrowing friends.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

