



AUSTIN PLINY PHILLIPS

08-28-1905 -- 03-18-1981

OAK CITY CEMETERY, BLOCK 170, LOT 5

WEBSTER ST. ENTRANCE TO END, TURN RIGHT, THEN RIGHT  
ON NEXT DRIVE, LOT IS ON LEFT

BAINBRIDGE, GA

NAME: AUSTIN PLINY PHILLIPS

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

OCCUPATION(S): TAX COMMISSIONER - DECATUR COUNTY 1945-1973

OTHER INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**MASONIC INFORMATION**

LODGE(S): DOTHAN #466 (AL) 12-22-1927 ; ORION #8 1937

STATE OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER(S): BLAKELY #44 12-8-1930 ; BAINBRIDGE #94 1938

STATE OFFICES HELD: GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1957

COUNCIL(S): BLAKELY #39 12-9-1930 ; GEORGE H. FIELDS #38 1938

STATE OFFICES HELD: ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER 1968

COMMANDERY(IES): CRUSADER #17 12-8-1943

STATE OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS: OHP 4-19-1944 PRESIDENT 1953  
KYCH #58

OTHER MASONIC STATE OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL MASONIC OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

MASONIC AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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OTHER INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

# Former tax commissioner Phillips dies



AUSTIN P. PHILLIPS  
... died Wednesday

Decatur County Tax Commissioner for 28 years, Austin P. Phillips, died at his residence Wednesday, March 18, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 19 at 3 p.m. from Morningside Baptist Church with Rev. Austin L. Phillips, Rev. Tommy Long and Rev. Robert M. Stephenson officiating. Interment followed in Oak City Cemetery.

Mr. Phillips, 75, was a native of Decatur County and lived almost all of his life in the community. For the past seven years he has been public affairs officer of the First Port City Bank.

Prior to that, Mr. Phillips was the tax commissioner of Decatur County for 28 years. He was a member and deacon of Morningside Baptist Church and a former teacher of the Senior Adult Sunday School class of the church.

Active in the community, Mr. Phillips was a member of Orion Lodge No. 8, F&AM, Hasan Temple of Shrine, and the Bainbridge Shrine Club. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in 1957-58 and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1968-69.

He served for many years as trustee of the

Georgia Masonic Home in Macon. He was Past Worshipful Master of Orion Lodge.

Other community activities for Mr. Phillips included membership in the Bainbridge Lions Club, of which he was past president, and membership in the Bainbridge Sportsmans Club, of which he was also past president.

Additionally, Mr. Phillips was a member of the Morningside Kindergarten Board. He was past High Priest of Bainbridge Chapter No. 94, Royal Arch Masons, and past Commander of Crusade Commander No. 17, Knights Templar.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie Ellen Lide Phillips, Bainbridge; two daughters, Mrs. Sara Ellen Donalson, Athens, and Mrs. June Ringwalt, Elijay; and one son, Rev. Austin L. Phillips, Winter Haven, Fla.

He is also survived by ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Clara Aultman, Bainbridge; and two brothers, Robert T. Phillips, Bainbridge; and Lamar Phillips, Albany.

Pallbearers were Robert Ringwalt, Joe Ringwalt, Max Ringwalt, Norward Donalson Jr., David Donalson, Austin L. Phillips Jr., and Stephen Phillips.

Honorary escort consisted of all male members of Morningside Baptist Church.

Cox Funeral Home of Bainbridge was in charge of arrangements.

BAINBRIDGE POST SEARCHLIGHT