



THOMAS "TOPPER" PHELPS

Thomas O. "Topper" Phelps, of Richmond, Virginia, passed away peacefully in his home on April 10, 2022.

Topper was an Information Technology professional. The majority of his career was spent at Infilco Degremont and GSC. Although he spent his workdays in a suit and tie, his true passion was working with his hands. He was extremely talented and passed many of his gifts to his children and grandchildren. He didn't care if it was working in the garden with his wife Camilla, building racecars with his sons, Travis and Chris, woodworking with his grandchildren, he was always ready to work.

When his kids were young, he began coaching baseball for the Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association Babe Ruth League. He served in various capacities for the league, including League President. His kids went on to coach his grandchildren and volunteer their time for the Glen Allen Babe Ruth League. Topper's affiliation with youth sports and Babe Ruth League spanned over 45 years. At the time of his death, he was serving as Assistant District 3 Commissioner for the Virginia Babe Ruth Leagues.

Stockcar racing was also a huge part of Topper's life. He worked on his dear friend, Joe Young's race car in the 1980s. In the 1990s, his son Chris started racing. It was a family affair. Topper served as President of the West End Manor Civic Association for almost a year before having to step aside when his health began to decline. Even though he was unable to actively participate in the association, he was very interested in the continued upgrades being made at the West End Manor Community Center.

Topper is survived by his wife of 54 years, Camilla; sons, Chris Phelps (Linda) and Travis Phelps; daughter, Katie Moss (Darrell); grandchildren, Austin Phelps, Preston Phelps, Lindsay Moss, Lily Moss; and his four-legged children, Magic, Hairy and Stella.

