

## Oliver C. Phillips, II

Services for Oliver Phillips, 80, Lawrence will be Saturday, February 20, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Lawrence with Fr. Matt Zimmerman officiating. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Mr. Phillips died February 16, 2010 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He was born October 23, 1929, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Oliver C. Phillips, Sr., and Blanche Phillips.

Oliver C. Phillips, Jr. was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on 23 October 1929. He received a B.S. in Education from the University of Kansas, an M.A. from the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. in Classics from the University of Chicago in 1962, with a dissertation on the influence of Ovid on Lucan. He maintained his ties with the University of Chicago by contributing reviews to *Classical Philology* through the late 1960s and early 1970s. He began his career as a teacher in the public schools of Kansas and Missouri. He joined the faculty at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri in 1955. After a leave of absence in 1958 to complete his resident work at the University of Chicago, he returned to William Jewell College in 1960 to serve as Professor of Classical Languages and Department Head. In 1964 he was appointed to the faculty at the University of Kansas where he remained until his retirement in 1994. He received a Mortar Board Award for teaching in 1978, was a Visiting Professor at Cologne in 1983, and was given a CAMWS *ovatio* in 1993. He continued teaching after his retirement and was a contributor to the online Suda project. He married Shirley Liese on June 6, 1954, with whom he had two sons and five grandchildren. He died at the age of 80 on 16 February 2010 in Lawrence, Kansas.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5700 W. 6th St. Lawrence, KS 66049 or the Lawrence Humane Society, PO Box 651, Lawrence KS 66044.