

Memories of Bob Phillips

Bob Phillips, as we remember, was a long-time member of the Indianapolis Corvette Club and was one of the original members of Corvette Indy. He and his wife were quite active in spite of Charlene's health challenges.

When Spina Bifida became the main charity of Corvette Indy our small club was quite involved. Bob in the early 1990's would arrive as Santa in his Corvette sleigh. One year was the Kimberlin family and he asked which child had spina bifida. The girl had a hole in her spine which was very low to the lumbosacral area. Therefore, she could crawl and walk some. As years went on we all learned a lot about spina bifida. Another year he was Santa to what we termed The Christmas Doll in an article that was written. She had a 24-hour nurse for care and was on oxygen because her deformity was very high in her spine. She did eventually die. Bob even played Santa at the Spina Bifida Christmas party for a couple of years. It was a joy to watch him with the children.

Unfortunately, we cannot locate the pictures that were sent in for these articles and the newsletters are no longer available to John and I in our home. If some of the original members would have these articles available they might be shared at a later date. They were "front page" articles in those years.

One special item that we do have is a drawing of a 1982 Collector Edition Corvette that his son-in-law Mark had drawn. When we bought our Collector Edition in 1997 Bob made a gift of the drawing to us. We are still delighted to have it in our possession though we no longer have the Corvette itself.

We will miss Bob greatly. He was a dear and loving gentleman.

John and Diana Albright

