From the Thursday, January 1, 2004 edition of the Danville Commercial-News:

Robert L. "Bobby" Phillips, 65, of Danville, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Monday (Dec. 29, 2003) at Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana from surgical complications. Bobby was born June 8, 1939, in Danville, Vermilion County, Ill., to John L. and Nancy (Curwack) Phillips. He attended Danville schools. He worked for Esco Corp. until it closed and then worked as a bartender. He was married to Kathleen E. Elliott on Oct. 28, 1960. They had two children, David "Scott" Phillips of Naples, Fla., and Pamela K. (Bradley Sr.) Sprouls of Westville, Ill. He also has three grandchildren, Misty Lynne Marrow, Kacey Jo Sprouls and Bradley Joseph Sprouls Jr., all of Westville. Bobby is also survived by his brothers, John L. (Sherry) Phillips of Oakwood and Roger (Betty) Garland of Danville; sisters, Beulah "Boots" (Darrell) Day of Danville, Eva (Jim) Lundy in Florida, Ina Hooks of Fort Wayne, Ind., Sue Strain of Danville, Bonnie Cisek in Florida and Chris (Morgan) Herzog of Nokomis, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Tommy Phillips; a sister, Laveda Stucky and a special brother-in-law, George "Nubby" Elliott. Bobby loved his families at home, at Churchill and especially the Big 4. He enjoyed bowling and fishing until he was no longer able to participate. He lived for baseball, NASCAR auto racing and the Indy 500. A celebration of life service will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at Pape Memorial Home and Gardens, 10 E. Williams St.