

Anne Leigh Phillips was born on December 6, 1942 in Santa Ana, California. Leigh grew up in Virginia.

She was a talented dancer and majorette. At age 16, Leigh contracted all four strains of polio after having taken the polio vaccine. She had recently auditioned to be a dancer in a Broadway musical.

Leigh earned her B.A. in English from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia. Her M.A. in English was from the University of Connecticut. From 1981-1988, Leigh was employed by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. In 1988, she was hired by the Maine Department of Education as an Education Specialist II for Exceptional Children in the Program Review office.

Leigh's life was dedicated to serving people with disabilities. Her influence and advocacy on the part of persons with disabilities was felt across the State of Maine. She enjoyed and loved her home on Islesboro.

Leigh succumbed to cancer on October 10, 1998.