



Philip George Cocquyt

June 20, 2020

Philip George "Mr. America" Cocquyt, a loving father, grandfather, and life of the party, died Saturday, June 20, 2020 in Charlotte. Phil, 85, of Charlotte, formerly of Detroit, was born January 11, 1935 in Detroit, the son of Philip George and Mildred Lillian (Bassenberry) Cocquyt. He graduated from Denby High School in Detroit before proudly serving in the U.S. Navy in Hawaii at the close of the Korean Conflict. Upon his return, he went to work as a die-setter for Farrell's Tool and Die in Detroit. Phil was a long-time member of the Eagle Club and loved LOUD music, especially Frank Sinatra. He was an avid sun-worshiper, enjoying time in the outdoors and traveling with his wife. Phil could often be found relaxing in his garage with a rum and coke, always looking for an opportunity to enjoy the spirits of those around him. Many of his nieces and nephews lovingly called him Uncle Elvis, for his burst of loud singing - "in concert" as he called it. He was a body-builder, hence "Mr. America," and he was proud to be an organ donor. Above all, Phil will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit and his deep love of his family.

He is survived by his three daughters, Kim (Rick) Rupinski of Clinton Twp., Laura (Richard) Morrison of St. Clair Shores, and Connie (Steve) Cousineau of Charlotte; 5 grandchildren, Richard Rupinski, Roberta Rupinski, Richard Morrison, Holly Palmer, and Ashley Morrison; 2 great-grandchildren, Sylvester and Jax; brother, Robert (Alice) Cocquyt; sister, Joan (Joe) Glaza; and several nieces and nephews; and life-long friend, Peter J. Kopyy of Charlotte. He was

predeceased by his loving wife, Roberta Cocquyt.

A family gathering and memorial will take place at a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Pawsibilities Rescue in Olivet. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Phil on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

RI

“ *Phil and Roberta Cocquyt's laying to rest together will be held on Wednesday: August 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Resurrection Cemetery located at 18201 Clinton River Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48038.*

They will be laid to rest at Section 38 Lot 377 Space 4.

Ricky - August 19, 2020 at 10:51 PM

DJ

“ *Uncle Phil, Rest In Peace. We love you and you will be missed. Doug and Amanda*



Doug Jankowski - July 19, 2020 at 06:24 PM

CO

Thanks Doug!!! We miss him too!

connie - July 22, 2020 at 05:56 AM

CH

“ *When I think of Uncle Philip, I remember him with a big smile! He was always one to ask how we were doing and wish us well. Uncle Philip and Aunt Bobby were a perfect match and it was always fun to be in their presence. At such a difficult time, we hope you are comforted in many wonderful memories and the knowledge that so many people are thinking of you and remembering your Dad with love.*

Carole & Sam Hepper

(A Memorial Donation has been sent to Pawsability Rescue in Uncle Philip's honor from Bob's family.)



Carole Hepper - June 30, 2020 at 10:19 AM

CO

Thank you so much Carol and Sam!!! Dad loved the whole family and always looked forward to seeing your dad!!! Your donation is so greatly appreciated and I thank you!! He loved animals and they always chose him! He loved walking our dogs!

connie - July 01, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *He was a good neighbor for 8 years. He was a sun lover, Firest one in shorts early spring/*

Gary and Sharon Z/

Gary Zimmerman - June 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM

CO

Thank you Gary! I miss my father so much! He was a sun worshiper to the very end!

connie - June 27, 2020 at 07:05 AM

AW

“ Ashley W lit a candle in memory of Philip George Cocquyt



Ashley W - June 24, 2020 at 01:00 PM

AL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Phil's family and friends. I did not know him for long, but I know he was a bright light. May we always remember him with a smile, just as he so often gave!

Angela L. - June 23, 2020 at 09:24 PM

CO

Thank you Angela!!!! The River Oak clinic staff....we all got a kick out of him!!!

conniechris03 - June 24, 2020 at 07:33 AM

SK

“ I did not know Phil for long but he was such a sweetheart and so funny. I wish I could have known him longer. I can see that he was loved very deeply by his friends and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find peace during this difficult time.



Stephanie K - June 23, 2020 at 05:26 PM

CO

I think by the grace of God we were so lucky to have you with my father caring for him!!! And I feel like I made a friend!!!!

conniechris03 - June 24, 2020 at 07:35 AM

RC

“*Philip was an easy target for being ribbed, kidded, and cajoled, especially on those occasions when his brother Bob and I (his nephew Ron) got together and started making fun of each other. The comments flew fast and furious, the hysterics reached the point where the three of us could barely catch our breaths, we were laughing so hard. Nothing was off limits, nothing was sacred, and it was like jousting. I'll always remember those times. Somehow, we always started making fun of Philip because of his love for the sun and the fact that he'd be the only guy in his neighborhood sitting on a lawn chair in his driveway, wearing a bathing suit and smearing Coppertone on himself, while his neighbors were still shoveling snow off their driveways. I also enjoyed a couple of serious moments with Phil when he and Bobbie developed an invention for hotel room security. I did my best to help them get the product ready for a market introduction, but during the test phases it never quite caught the attention of the traveling public.*

Ron Cocquyt - June 23, 2020 at 10:18 AM

CO

Ron, thank you for being so thoughtful with dad. He was the life of the party out here in Charlotte and all my co workers loved when I would call him. They would ask me To put him on speaker. I am so proud to be his daughter and I know he and Bobbie are with family and heaven is celebrating the likes of which we have no idea!!! God Bless You!!!

conniechris03 - June 23, 2020 at 10:34 AM

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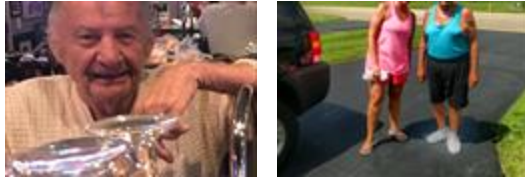
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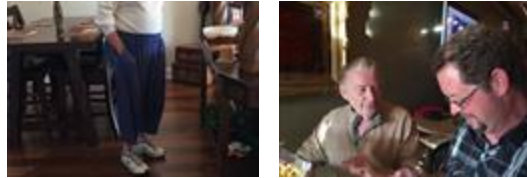
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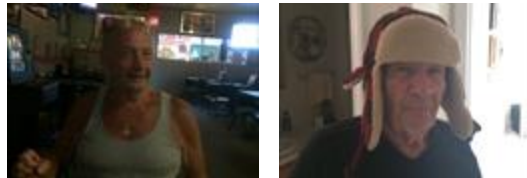
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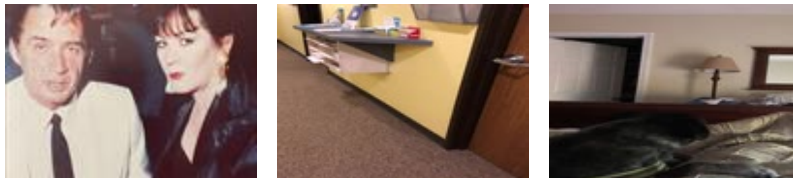
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conniechris03 - June 23, 2020 at 07:56 AM

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conniechris03 - June 23, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ Conniechris03 sent a virtual gift in memory of Philip George Cocquyt



conniechris03 - June 23, 2020 at 07:45 AM

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“ *Connie sent a virtual gift in memory of Philip George Cocquyt*



connie - June 23, 2020 at 07:40 AM

PK

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PETER J KOPPY - June 23, 2020 at 07:01 AM

RO

“ *There are too many fond memories of Uncle Phil, hard to pick just one. However just hanging out with him was always great times. You will be missed.*

Roy - June 23, 2020 at 02:24 AM

CO

Uncle Elvis was the best!

connie - June 23, 2020 at 07:20 AM

ST

“ Here is to an amazing man who could light the room with his smile.. How I'm going to miss the phone calls from work you truly made our day.. You touched so many .. I said one day we should start a Phil Channel on YouTube you would have broke the record with the laughs we all would have shared.. RIH ❤️

Sue T. - June 22, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JC

“ Jacinta Cousineau lit a candle in memory of Philip George Cocquyt



Jacinta Cousineau - June 22, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CO

“ Go Dad!!!! You are with mom in heaven!!! That's what you were waiting for!!! You were a little bugger and a charming supportive father! We miss you so much!!!

Love Connie. It's Happy Hour forever now!

connie - June 22, 2020 at 08:05 PM

RM

“ Uncle Elvis indeed!! So sorry for your loss....what I'll remember most is how my dad (his brother) could make him laugh so hard they would both be crying! God bless you Uncle Philip and Rest In Peace...❤️

Renee Manzella - June 22, 2020 at 05:47 PM

CO

Dad loved all of his family! He was awesome!

Connie - June 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM

JC

So sorry Connie. He was a special soul and will be missed. We are gonna have to have a drink for Phil.

Jacinta Cousineau - June 22, 2020 at 08:13 PM