



Phillip Fred Boyd

September 17, 1948 - February 21, 2013

Phillip Fred Boyd, 64, passed away February 21, 2013 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing following a short illness. He was born in Lansing on September 17, 1948, the only child of Forrest A. and Florence (Phillips) Boyd. Phillip was a very giving person. He was active in Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church as a trustee and in a variety of other capacities. Phil was the former owner of Country Woodmill in Grand Ledge, and retired as a Design Consultant at Mapes Furniture, in Sunfield. In his leisure time he enjoyed gardening, antiques and entertaining. Phillip is survived by his close cousins Laurel Drake and Andy Drake, dear friends Carol and Michael Ranville, a host of many wonderful friends and numerous relatives. Funeral Services will be Monday, February 25, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church with Reverend Terry Fisher officiating. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery at a future date. Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Pray Funeral home. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home. Family and friends may share their condolences and memories of Phil in his Book of Memories at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ I met Phil when I was 5 years old. He was so kind and loving. we shared lots of memory's sitting on the couch at Mapes. I'm sad that I didn't get to say good by. one day we will see each other again. I will always remember you Phil you made me smile and made our living room beautiful with the furniture.

Tammi - March 08, 2013 at 07:52 PM

JB

“ I met Phil many years ago through our mutual friend, Susan Callender. What a sweet and fun man he was, always charming and a true gentleman. One summer the three of us went to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and had a wonderful couple of days sitting on the front porch and dancing in the ballroom after dinner. He was a great guy. My condolences to his family.

Jeanne Boucher - February 26, 2013 at 08:40 AM

VJ

“ Phil's perennial greeting, "How are you doing? Are you doing all right?" comes back to us afresh. Even when Phil was going through some tough times, his cheerfulness gave us a lift. Phil gave a lot of himself to his friends and his church. On our occasional return to church there we always looked for Phil. He will be missed.

Vern and Liz Jones - February 25, 2013 at 12:23 PM

MT

“ My sons and I were greatly saddened to hear of Phil's passing. As other friends have written, Phil was a fine and caring gentleman of faith who was devoted to his family & friends, church, and community. I believe that Phil's life embodied St. Paul's suggestions to believers in I Thessalonians:5 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up...encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient..." My family thanks God for the blessings of Phil's life- his love for others, his enduring faith, and his hope in our Heavenly Father. Rest in peace Phil.

Mary Monroe Turfe - February 25, 2013 at 11:49 AM

LR

“ My sweetheart for 36 years! Uncle Phil to my girls. God Bless You! We know you are in a much better place but we all miss you dearly.

Linnea Rochester - February 24, 2013 at 10:11 PM

JC

“ I will forever hear Phil saying "How ya doing kid, Ya doing ok?", his most favorite greeting, delivered with a great big smile. I loved working with you and talking "shop" or just talking. "One of a kind" describes you well. I will miss you.

Jackie Carr - February 24, 2013 at 10:01 PM

CW

“ I think I first met Phil in Kindergarten at Galewood! I can't remember a friends. How could you resist? Truly one of the sweetest, most sincere, people I've ever known. Here's my favorite poem at a time like this. Love

*At this time of my parting, wish me good luck, my friends. When I go forth
parting word; That what I have seen is unsurpassable. I have tasted the
the flowers that bloom in the forest of Light, and thus, I am blessed. Let
word. In this playhouse of infinite forms, I have had my play, and here,
that which is formless, that which is endless. Now, when playtime is over
sight that has come upon me? The World, with eyes bent, stands in awe
stars. And on the day when death came to my door, what did I offer to
my guest the full vessel of my life; I did not let him go with empty hand:
of all my autumn days and summer nights, all the earnings and gleanings
place before him at the close of my days, when Death came to my door
parting, wish me good luck my friends. The sky is flushed with the dawn
beautiful. Kabir*

Candice Wilmore - February 24, 2013 at 07:23 PM

DH

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PE

“ Phil was a kind, caring, loving soul. He would always greet you with a big smile and wanted to make sure you were okay - it didn't matter what he had going on in his life. He lovingly referred to himself as "Uncle Phil" to my daughters and "Grandpa Phil" to my grandson. Phil was a great friend and will be missed dearly.

Penny - February 24, 2013 at 04:35 PM

KH

“ Remembering all the meals together, Christmas Eves, recipes exchanged with Phil. He was a very generous man and we will miss him greatly. He is finally enjoying Flossie's company again, he missed her so much, bless you always friend.

Ken and Sharon Hice - February 24, 2013 at 03:51 PM

LC

“ Truly a gentleman. My sons called him Uncle Phil...I call him friend. Until we meet again my friend when I have my people call your people :)

Laura Cooper - February 24, 2013 at 02:39 PM

KM

“ Phil was a generous friend and great listener who was always truly interested in what we were saying. We will miss his great laugh and warm sense of humor at our "soirees".

Kristy and Jim Manning - February 24, 2013 at 12:35 PM

KB

“ My sisters and I referred to Phil as our "Pooh Bear". As a child, I remember visiting and loving all the treasured teddy bears he displayed in his home. Recently I talked to him about my work at school, and he mentioned he would like to mentor read with the children as soon as his health would allow. Not to worry, Pooh - I have donated Winnie the Pooh books to our school library in your name!

Kathlene Deer Burt - February 24, 2013 at 11:52 AM

DS

“ When I think of Phil only one word comes to mind...gentlemen. He greeted you with a warm smile and a big hug if needed. He became a wonderful volunteer for Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center a few months ago with his dear friend Norma. Watching them together was always a treat. Enjoy the new journey Phil as only you can.

Diane Sowle - February 24, 2013 at 09:19 AM

SH

“ Phil was such a wonderful gentleman. He will be greatly missed. It was a real privilege to know him.

Shirley Hodges - February 23, 2013 at 10:28 PM

JC

“ Oh Phil, I will forever hear you saying "How ya doing, kid? I loved working with you and talking shop and just "talking". There will never be another you. You were so devoted to your family, your friends, and your kitties. I'm so glad we were friends.

Jackie Carr - February 23, 2013 at 10:22 PM

JG

“ Phil, you were a kind, caring, thoughtful, beautiful soul! You will be so dearly missed by all of us who loved you and knew you. May you rest in peace my friend. Sincere Condolences to the entire family. God Bless you all.

Jon & Elizabeth Griffin - February 23, 2013 at 07:49 PM

LB

“ Phil was one of those special people you will always remember...he always greeted you with a genuine smile and always wanted to know how you were doing. He had such a kind and gentle soul and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Lori Fremody Brown - February 23, 2013 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ Phil was a gentle soul who shared his gifts and talents so willingly with others. We loved getting his decorating tips and hearing his stories! He will be missed...

Justin and Bridget Booth - February 23, 2013 at 11:20 AM

RD

“ O Phil so many wonderful times over the years but some of the best was the water fights at the greenhouse and you had a bucket of water and threw it in dads face thinking it was me . Wow the look on you face and dads face, priceless. Phil you will be missed Your big Brother

Robert. E Doty - February 23, 2013 at 10:25 AM

GF

“ Dear Family and friends of Phil: I am so sad to read of Phil's passing. Sharon and I loved Phil. Many strong and warm memories of Phil! My prayers to family and friends. George Frimodig.

george frimodig - February 23, 2013 at 09:34 AM

KT

“ I have known this wonderful man for many years and I will miss him dearly. My parents, Bill and Lucille Freed, used to make items for Phil's store in Grand Ledge. He would be so excited when he would see what they made. Many years later, I opened a yarn shop in Charlotte and made friends with Barb, Phil's neighbor and close fiend. That's when I was reacquainted with Phil. I will miss him, but I'm sure he is having great conversations with my Mom in heaven.

KimberLee Freed Torkko - February 23, 2013 at 08:25 AM

TR

“ I just cut his hair a week ago. So thankful I got to spend time with him before his passing. What an Awesome man!

Tracy - February 23, 2013 at 06:48 AM

SC

“ Phil was a great animal lover. He had cats, but because of his heavy work schedule he would not keep a dog. He often came to my house to get his "dog fix". Phil had been with me when I purchased my first Scottish Terrier, and enjoyed them, especially since he was proud of his Scottish heritage. I had a young male in the kennel that I had given little time with as I had a new litter to care for. When I finally worked with him, grooming and teaching him to walk on the show lead, I began to realize he was a very handsome young dog. I enlisted Phil to come over and walk and talk to him so he would know the feel and sound of a man's voice. Phil and Dominator became the very best of friends. Finally, Dom was entered in his first dog show and Phil joined us in the short trip to Marshall with a picnic lunch in hand. All the Scotty people knew Phil and loved him. As we made our way to the show I told Phil my concern that Dominator would not hold his tail up around the house or kennel and this is a must in the show ring . We decided to hope for the best and found a nice area to set up with a large tree for shade, next to some people with Irish terriers. While their dogs were out in an exercise pen we fussed around the car and finally Phil set up a pen for Dominator, perhaps ten feet from the Irish crowd and placed Dom in the pen. We both held our breath and waited. "Bang", up went that tail Phil looked at me and said ,so quietly, "I don't think we have anything to worry about". Mr. Boyd was correct. During the 2004-05 year we showed Ch. Larkspur's Dominator to the a number 3 standing in the country. Dominator settled in Charlotte, N.C., with a couple who also knew Phil and he passed away about 5 years ago. I know "Dommie" is at the Rainbow Bridge along with all my other dogs and all the Michigan Scotties waiting for Phil to go for a long walk through the heather . God bless. Susan Callender

Susan Callender - February 22, 2013 at 09:52 PM

BG

“ I met Phil many years ago through his good friend Susan Callender. We all traveled to some dog shows together and had a wonderful time. Phil was a very nice man and truly a joy to spend time with him. He will be missed by so many. May God Bless him.

Beth Cloven Griffin - February 22, 2013 at 09:40 PM

RD

“ Phil We have had over 30 years of friendship good time and bad we were always there for ea other, you are one of the family and the brother I never had, I'm going to miss you'd friend but you are in a better place with your family and you and Joanne can raise helll O the water fights what good time

Robert E Doty - February 22, 2013 at 08:53 PM

RD

“ I will miss Phil , he was a true friend for many years . We all shared so many moments together, some silly with laughter and some sad with tears. I will miss him calling me Frank . God speed Phil

Rozanne Doty - February 22, 2013 at 08:40 PM

KS

“ Phil if I look up the word Friend your picture is right there.. You were a great friend and all the good times we had at the Warton Center. I will miss you so much..You always made my day when I got to Chat with you and the stories we shared..You were always so kind and Friendly too. You will be missed more than you know..RIP Dear Friend..

Kerri Stiver - February 22, 2013 at 06:14 PM

BO

“ My parents and Phil's parents were very good friends, so I spent a lot of time with Phil. What a joyful and kind person he was. He always had a smile on his face for everyone he came in contact with. He will make a welcome addition to heaven.

Beth Ronning O'Reilly - February 22, 2013 at 05:46 PM

SD

“ Phil You have been part of my life as long as I can remember. You were a every major event in my life, and I will miss you. Im honored you were my sons godfather. We will make sure he remembers you. Rest in peace Uncle Phil. Im deeply sorry to your family for their loss. You will be extremely missed.

Sherry Doty-Renton - February 22, 2013 at 04:36 PM

VA

“ Phil: I love You and I will miss You.

Valli - February 22, 2013 at 01:42 PM

RL

“ On behalf of the Locker Family we would like to express our deepest condolences. Phil was kind and considerate and always thought of others first. He will be missed.

Rob and Cheri Locker - February 22, 2013 at 01:21 PM