



Philip R. Johnson

March 28, 1939 - February 20, 2025

Philip (Phil) Robert Johnson, a cherished husband, father and grandfather, fell asleep in the Lord unexpectedly. Phil was the oldest child of Leonard and Zella Johnson. He was preceded in death by first wife, Geraldine (Jeri) Anne and his parents Leonard and Zella. He is survived by his beloved wife of 36 years, Kathleen (Kathy), son Philip Hoss (Jill), daughter, Mary Hanna, (Scott), sisters Linda and Josephine (Josie) his pride and joy - grandchildren Julianne and Hunter and several dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

After studying mechanical engineering for a year at the University of Wisconsin, Phil transferred to The Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. Well into his career, he enrolled at Columbus State Community College and completed the Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) course with Honors. Phil was a member of the American Institute of Architects, the International Facility Management Association, the American Hospital Association and the National Fire Protection Association. He served on the Franklinton Board of Trade and the Franklinton Area Development Corporation. He received a Mayoral appointment to the Franklinton Area Commission where he served on their Zoning Committee and as Treasurer and was appointed to the Franklinton Floodwall Task Force by State Representative Mike Stinziano (senior).

Throughout his career, Phil practiced architecture at several design firms including Urban & Calabretta, Lajos Szabo, Ireland & Associates and was the Director of Architecture at the Columbus office of the prominent, multi-national firm, NBBJ. He served as the Vice President of Facilities and Planning for Mount Carmel Health System where he was responsible for facility planning and the development of three major hospitals, numerous medical office buildings and outpatient facilities. In 1992, he opened his own practice where he provided architectural services and served local communities and municipalities as the Chief Building Official and Certified Plans Examiner for over 30 years.

Phil's creativity and breadth of knowledge were apparent in the diversity of his projects - 55 on the Boulevard restaurant, Trouville condominium complex, The Hughes Center for Family Life at the Buckeye Boys Ranch, the renovation of America's oldest Harley-Davidson dealership to include an ice cream parlor, the A.D. Farrow Company Museum and a new Harley Davidson East Store. His professionalism and attention to detail were acknowledged with numerous regional and local design awards. He designed the existing deck and outside staircase for St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church and was currently working with the Church's Building Committee to explore options for the expansion of the Church.

Phil was an Eagle Scout and lived by its motto of always being prepared. He enjoyed alpine skiing with his family, fishing, music, history and the lake life. He loved to sail and often raced his sailboat (Interlake). He was a gifted designer and craftsman and enjoyed building things in his workshop. His breadth of knowledge and architectural background enabled him to address daily household issues. He was always willing to offer help and provide

practical and cost-effective suggestions to family and friends.

Phil was a caring and kind man, with a great sense of humor and a love for his family. He was quite the storyteller and was renowned for his vivid imagination. He accomplished his life dream of designing and building a lake house. There are many fond memories of taking his family boating and teaching his grandchildren to water ski. Pancake breakfasts were one of his favorite events and he enjoyed teaching his grandchildren, nieces and nephews how to make pancakes. His ability to nurture and interact with children was exemplified by involving his niece and nephew in the process. They would each contribute one egg for the batter.

On Saturday, March 1, 2025 visitors will be received at the Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home at 515 High Street Worthington, Ohio 43085 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM, followed by a service at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 14932 Columbus, Ohio 43214-0932 or at <https://stgregoryofnyssa.churchtrac.com/sign-in>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

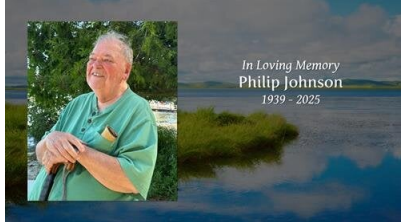
MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip R. Johnson*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

DB

“ *Elizabeth Joy*

"Good night sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Dr. Elizabeth Joy Blackett - March 01, 2025 at 02:51 PM

BB

“ *Phil was a great friend. I will miss him when visiting St Greg's. Always loved to talk with him. I know he is so healthy now in heaven. I can't wait to talk with him again we are time has come to spend in eternity. Bill Brown*

Bill Brown - February 28, 2025 at 10:54 PM

ZC

“ Zach and Barbara Cain purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Philip R. Johnson.



Zach and Barbara Cain - February 28, 2025 at 10:15 PM

BP

“ Ben and Karen Posey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Philip R. Johnson.



Ben and Karen Posey - February 28, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Philip R. Johnson.



February 27, 2025 at 11:18 AM

JB

“ John Bruhn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Philip R. Johnson.



John Bruhn - February 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM

KS

“ *Phil and Kathy have been our neighbors for 27+ years. We remember Phil as having a quick wit, enjoyed a good joke or story and always had a smile. He loved animals including their cat Snowflake and petting our dogs over the years. Phil was such a good family man and will be truly missed by all. Rest in peace Phil!* ”

Keith, Gina, Amanda and Brittany Smith - February 26, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip R. Johnson.* ”



February 25, 2025 at 07:05 PM

AB

“ *Phil was always very kind to our family. He seemed to lighten up when he would see our boys playing in the street. We enjoyed having him as our neighbor for the past 8 years. We will certainly miss him. Rest in peace my friend.* ”

Aaron Bally - February 24, 2025 at 09:08 AM