



Phillip Richard Popp

July 4, 1945 - April 3, 2021

Phillip Richard “Phil” Popp, 75, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis. Phil was born in Covington, KY on July 4, 1945 to Henry Popp and Frances (Wiwi) Popp. Phil was a 1963 graduate of Newport Catholic High School, where he was one of Northern Kentucky’s all-time best high school basketball players. He received an athletic scholarship to play basketball at Bellarmine College in Louisville, KY. Phil was inducted into the Newport Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Bellarmine College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Phil briefly worked at Kroger and then was drafted into the United States Army. He was an Army Air Traffic Controller in the Vietnam War. After his military service, Phil was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He provided on-the-job training for many newly hired air traffic controllers and loved “working” airplanes for 36 ½ years. He retired from the FAA in 2006 and continued his passion for aviation as a contractor at the Indianapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Phil’s true passion was his love of music, extensive collection of vinyl records and sports cards, and any opportunity to get down on the dance floor. He enjoyed relaxing by his pool, playing cards, and trips to the casino. He cherished tailgating and Purdue football games. Phil loved spending time surrounded by his family and friends who loved him very much. His gift of gab, strong will, and kind heart made him memorable to anyone who crossed his

path.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Vincent Popp; and sisters, Dolores (Bob) Wesselman and Kathleen Niece.

Phil is survived by his wife, Jo Ann (Delaney) Popp; son, Michael (Jennifer) Popp; daughter, Jennifer Popp; grandchildren, Austin and Rachel Popp; granddogs, Smokey and Izzy Popp; sister, Jeannine Holtz; brother, Frederick (Becky) Popp; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, April 9, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229. Visitation will also be held Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. at Saint Therese Church, 11 Temple Place, Southgate, KY 41071 with Father Paul Berscheid officiating. Burial will take place in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, 5336 Old Taylor Mill Road, Covington, KY.

Due to COVID requirements, attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing.

Cemetery Details

Floral Hills Memorial Gardens

5336 Old Taylor Mill Road
Covington, KY 41015

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Visitation

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church
11 Temple Place
Southgate, KY 41071

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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11 Temple Place
Southgate, KY 41071

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.*



April 09, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.*



April 08, 2021 at 10:13 PM



“ *Phil was a great guy. So glad he was my brother in law. He helped make two wonderful children--Michael and Jennifer. I always enjoyed going to Indy and listening to his stories about his record collection. He loved older pop music. We will miss him.*

Carol Rich - April 08, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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“ Even though Phil and I are first cousins our families rarely got together growing up so I did not get to know him well. It is just in the last six or so years that we got to know each other a little better. I would call him to go to lunch on my trips to the IU Cancer Center. I greatly enjoyed our visits talking of old family memories and other topics. Found that we both enjoyed talking, food and looking for bargains at garage & estate sales & flea markets. My sincere sympathies to Jo Ann, Mike & Jennifer and all your families. My prayers go out for you. Bless you all. Steve Wiwi Fort Wayne Indiana

Steve Wiwi - April 08, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.



April 08, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.



April 08, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.*



April 07, 2021 at 12:14 AM



“ *Phil was a really nice man, I worked with his wife Joann, he was really attentive to her, bringing her lunch, and driving her to work when weather was bad! I would ask Joann if she would remember how to drive when it was her turn to drive!*

I am so sorry for the family!

RIP Phil

Brenda Dale



brenda dale - April 06, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.*



April 05, 2021 at 11:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phillip Richard Popp.*



April 05, 2021 at 10:56 PM