



Philip M. Roy

November 2, 1945 - August 4, 2023

Philip Michael Roy of Southfield passed away on Friday August 4, 2023 at the age of 77. Phil was born on November 2, 1945 in Shenandoah, PA. He was the son of Joseph Philip (J.P.) and Rosalie (Rose) Ann Roy. Phil was raised in Royal Oak, MI and graduated from Shrine High School in 1963. Phil went on to attend the University of Detroit and Lawrence Tech. He married Barbara Ann Bambrough at La Salette church in Berkley, MI on June 27, 1970, and they shared 53 wonderful years together raising four beautiful children.

Phil's entrepreneurial career started at the age of 22 as he bought and expanded Edwards Moving Co. He went on to join his dad at J.P. Roy and Associates where he built a successful independent insurance agency. His lifelong passion was baseball and softball, and in 1982 he opened Grand Slam Baseball Training Center in Royal Oak, MI. Phil loved coaching and mentoring numerous players and teams throughout the years, including 25 years as the pitching coach at Birmingham Groves High School.

Phil's true passion in life was spending time with his wife and family. In 1997, Phil and Barb made an investment in their family's future by purchasing a vacation home in Bellaire, MI. Throughout the years, they expanded the property to accommodate their growing family - including his 12 grandchildren - where they created cherished memories for years to come. Phil's dream of being a farmer came true in 2015 when he built "Phil's Farm" which has more

toys than crops.

Phil loved golfing, boating, traveling and tinkering. He was able to touch countless lives through his many friendships and connections. "Mr. Wonderful" never forgot a name and was always quick to tell a good story.

Phil's memory will be ever-cherished by his loving wife, Barb; best buddy Murphy; children Amy (Gabe) Brown, Joe (Lori) Roy, Natalie (Mike) Sherman, Kristen (Jesse) Blake; grandchildren, Nathan, Jackson, Alex, Sydney, William, Hayden, Payton, Hudson, Jacey, Lyla, Kinley and Brycen; sister, Laurie Anne (Marty) Hess. Additionally, he leaves behind a legacy of love through his nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He now reunites with his parents, J.P. and Rose, his mother and father-in-law, Ginny and Bob, and his nephews Jeremy Page and Steve Wedlake.

Visitation will take place on Friday, August 11th from 12-5 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI. At 5 pm a memorial service will be held immediately after. The family will host a celebration of life following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army, Royal Oak Citadel.

Donations in Honor of Phil Roy: <https://give.salvationarmyusa.org/give/164006/#!/donation/checkout>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 11. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Philip M. Roy*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - August 07, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MA

“ *Just found out of Phils passing but I will always cherish my time working for him at Grand Slam. He was such a positive and fun person to be around. I will miss chatting with him and hearing his jokes. He was such a caring and genuine person and he will be missed greatly.*

Michael Ashbaugh - July 29, 2024 at 02:38 PM

DH

“ *Coach Roy, the world lost a great man. I just found out this evening, but all the memories of my Groves career come rushing back. His ability to make light of tense situations, and motivate in dark times was unmatched. I'll never forget our 2000 run to the Regional finals. Whether it was willing our Sophomore reliever through facing Mr. Baseball from Redford Union, or picking up the catcher flashing his signals to him in the first base coaches box, Coach was always one step ahead to make sure we had the best chance to succeed. 22 years later I can still see his face as he yelled "hey 7" to let me know a curve was coming. I knew it, he knew it, and celebrating that home run will always be a memory I cherish. Rest well Coach.*

Dave Hoffman - October 06, 2023 at 10:43 PM

MO

“ Barb and family. I just learned of Phil's passing yesterday. He was such a character. He will be missed within the "Village".

Mary Oliver - August 14, 2023 at 09:37 AM

NS

“ We were shocked to hear of Phil's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family. He will be missed. Hope to see you upnorth.
Doug and Nancy Schultz

Nancy Schultz - August 13, 2023 at 04:16 PM

BS

“ To Barb an the entire Roy family, thank you for sharing Phil with all of us. Phil was an absolute gem! He did so much for R.O.B.F. and R.O.S.L. I can't begin to tell you what he meant to all of us!
Thank you!
Bob Sullivan

Bob Sullivan - August 12, 2023 at 12:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip M. Roy.

August 10, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.



August 10, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip M. Roy.

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“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.



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“ Dianna Ciurleo and Steve & Patty Wright purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Philip M. Roy.



Dianna Ciurleo and Steve & Patty Wright - August 09, 2023 at 05:13 PM

SP

“ *Sungwoo Hitech, Jinseok Billy Park purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



Sungwoo Hitech, Jinseok Billy Park - August 09, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



August 08, 2023 at 07:21 PM

 Mary
Turner
Miller

“ *All of my condolences on the loss of one of the best people I knew. I worked with Phil for around 30 years & he was just the kindest person I knew. I don't know how to describe him except he was just Phil. He knew when to be serious but then he'd say something that would just make you laugh. Last time I saw him I was filling up my tank at the gas station and a car pulled up behind me & it was Phil. We chatted a little and then I asked him to be sure to tell Barb I said hello. I will truly miss him. All my thoughts, prayers and love go out to Barb and his entire family during this trying times. Mary Miller*

Mary Turner Miller - August 08, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



August 08, 2023 at 04:37 PM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



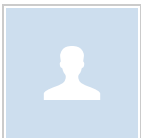
August 08, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



August 08, 2023 at 10:48 AM



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AF

“ *What a lovely tribute to Phil. I was lucky enough to be a classmate of his throughout the years at Shrine schools and was so hoping he would be attending this year's 60th reunion. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family. May his legacy live on here and in heaven!*

Arlene Vachon Forrester (Class of 1963)

Arlene Forrester - August 08, 2023 at 09:40 AM

GF

“ *Griffin Blasciuc and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



Griffin Blasciuc and Family - August 08, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



August 08, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip M. Roy.*



August 07, 2023 at 10:27 PM