



Philip M. Thompson

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Philip Mark ‘Chip’ Thompson, 60, died peacefully in his home on January 4, 2015, after courageously battling 5 different cancers over the last 7 years. Phil was born on August 13th, 1954, in Kansas City, MO, to Bill and Helen (Kuckelman) Thompson. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1976 with a BS in Electrical Engineering and moved to Decatur where he worked for Illinois Power, Dynegy and finally Ameren, as a Supervising Engineer. In 1981, he married Mary Kay Pinto and they recently celebrated 33 years of marriage with a trip to Rome. They were blessed with 4 children who were the light of his life. He always wanted them to know that they were loved unconditionally and that what the rest of the world thought was unimportant as long as they were treating others fairly and doing what made them happy. He was a lifelong fan of the Kansas City Royals, the Kansas City Chiefs and especially University of Missouri football and basketball. Phil was an active member of Ss James and Patrick Parish and St. Patrick’s School where he coached his children’s basketball teams, announced swim meets for the Decatur Swim Club for the “best seat at the pool” while watching his children swim and could always be seen in the stands of St. Teresa High School while watching the children play soccer. He was also a long-time volunteer for both St Patrick and St Teresa at Bingo. Phil is survived by his wife Mary Kay Thompson of Decatur, IL; children Stephanie Thompson (Kevin) of Decatur, Courtney Thompson of Chicago, IL, Charles ‘Chip’ Thompson and fiancée Emily Callahan of New Orleans, LA; Evan Thompson of Decatur, IL; mother Helen Thompson of Kansas City, MO; sisters Anne (John) Babuich, Joan (Dwayne) Skare, and Patricia (Dale) Meek of Kansas City, MO and Valerie (Chris) Akers of St. Louis, MO as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Thompson.



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A special thank you to Dr. Bill Franklin, Dr. Steve Sobol, Dr. Tom Tarter, Heidi Sexton ACNP, Dr. Jim Wade, LeAnn Rhinehart FNP, Dr Ranjodh Singh, Dr George Liu, and all the wonderful nurses who helped him over the last few years.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:00pm, Saturday, January 10, 2015, at St Patrick Catholic Church, with Rev. John Burnette, celebrant. Visitation will also be at St Patrick Catholic Church on Saturday, January 10, 2015, beginning at 11:00am.

Memorial donations are suggested for St. Patrick's Grade School and St. Teresa High School.

The family of Philip M. Thompson is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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MK

Mark Kuckelman posted:

My sympathies go out to the family of Philip. Philip was a fine person, as evidenced by the outstanding children that he and Mary Kay raised. Philip had a strong impact on my career direction while I was still in college. During a family reunion one summer, I spoke with Philip about his new job as an electrical engineer, which impressed me so much that I changed my major to the same one. Not only was he smart, but he was soft-spoken and modest. My last conversation with Philip was also about work, after we'd both worked in the same field for more than 30 years. He was still the same smart, yet modest, individual, and will be missed.

January 12 at 6:15 PM

MK

Mike Kukovec posted:

To Mary Kay and family, my condolences. You don't know me at all, but Phil certainly had an impact in my life. Phil hired me when, as a young engineer, I was at a bit of a crossroads in my career. Phil was patient with my inexperience, and he was enthusiastic and energetic about me – as a person, and as a member of his department. Our paths diverged when I left the utility, then moved out of central Illinois – but 8 years later, a job in sales had me calling on Ameren, and interacting again with my old boss. For the past four years, I've enjoyed getting to know Phil all over again. Though his physical condition had obviously changed, his enthusiasm and caring for others had not. Whenever we got together, he spoke often about his kids and their exploits in college, with great pride. When I needed a chance, Phil gave one to me. When I needed technical understanding, Phil spent time with me. When I lacked direction, Phil helped me find it. When I wanted to go grab lunch or a beer, Phil joined me, and gave me his time. Time and time again, the man willingly gave of himself, for my benefit, and asked for nothing in return (except, perhaps to pay for that beer or lunch...). I dearly appreciate the impact Phil had on my life...and I only saw him a few times per year. For those who saw him every day, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Regards, Mike Kukovec

January 9 at 6:10 AM

DH

David Hayob posted:

I met Phil as a freshman at Mizzou in 1972. Many of us got nicknames and I gave Chip his nickname. Chip Hilton was a fictional athlete in books written by Claire Bee. Chip Hilton was a superstar athlete in every sport and a better person in life. Phil gave more effort in every intramural sport than anyone in the dorm and as such he earned the nickname Chip. The only thing Phil lacked was superstar ability in sports. What Phil did share with Chip Hilton was he was a far better person than athlete. While as the years have passed many of us have moved around and gotten involved in our own lives and families we have stayed in touch as friends for over 40 years. I was able to share quality time with Chip this fall at the Mizzou Homecoming game. He will be missed by everyone whose life he touched.

January 9 at 3:38 AM



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SM

Sheryl Murray posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Philip M. Thompson

January 7 at 4:10 PM

DD

Diana Dawson posted:

Last time I saw Phil was when he and his wife came to Ketchikan, AK on a cruise. We were so thrilled that they had called us and wanted to spend some time with us. We drove all over the island that day showing them the sights and visiting about old times. With all the girls in his family and ours he didn't stand a chance, but I do remember how much he loved sports and was always listening to the baseball games. He looks so much like Uncle Buddy but I also see so much of you Aunt Helen. I wish we could have seen him and the whole family. We never met his kids.

January 7 at 6:16 AM

JF

Jane Ann Frosch posted:

So sorry, Mary Kay — my thoughts and prayers are with you and your children. Jane Ann

January 7 at 3:31 AM

DS

Dwayne Skare posted:

So sorry for this loss. Phil always will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, brother and person. He will be missed terribly, but will live on in our hearts.

January 6 at 8:45 AM

VP

Vickie Parisoff posted:

Phil I hope they have wrestling up in heaven. I remember how much you always loved to watch on Sunday afternoons. You were always such a fun and kind person. Vickie Parisoff

January 6 at 7:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Philip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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