



Phillip R. Scavone

March 29, 1932 - May 19, 2013

Phillip Richard Scavone, 81, of Wilkes-Barre died Sunday at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born March 29, 1932 in Wilkes-Barre he was a son of the late Phillip E. and Mae Gately Scavone.

A 1949 graduate of Lehman Township High School, Phil was recruited for his baseball talent and immediately left to play for the Philadelphia Phillies. He later continued his education studying Electronics Engineering at Penn State University.

An Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant while serving with the Signal Corps.

On October 31, 1952, the day before he was deployed for Korea, he married the love of his life, Joan Fay McHenry.

Before retiring Phil was an electronics engineer at Tobyhanna Army Depot for thirty-five years.

Phil enjoyed hunting and fly fishing for which he made and sold his own lures and ties. His passion was for baseball and he was, naturally, a Phillies fan. He shared his knowledge and love of the games as a past-president and coach for Saint Therese's Little League Baseball and a coach for South Wilkes-Barre Teener League Baseball, where he would always be found with his signature cigar in his mouth and cap on his head.

He will be greatly missed by his wife of sixty years, the former Joan Fay McHenry; children, Phillip G. and his wife Christine Scavone of Edwardsville, Gary H. Scavone of Kingston, Joann Fay and her husband Albert Vosburg of Tunkhannock, Pamela and her husband Peter Monka of Wilkes-Barre and Megan and her husband John Nargoski of Wilkes-Barre; grandchildren, Kristen Lanzilotta, Phillip Scavone, Albert, Adam and Austin

Vosburg, Erin McGavin, Peter Monka, Brynn and John Nargoski; great-grandchildren, Phillip Declan and Teagan Scavone, and Drew and Dani Lanzilotta; siblings, Catherine Masters, Patrick Scavone, Donald Scavone, Rose Mary Capone, Richard Scavone, John Scavone, Linda and Leonard Scavone; nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Celebration of Phil's Life will be led by Reverend James C. Quinn on Thursday at 10 AM at McLaughlin's – The Family Funeral Service, 142 South Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre. Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Park in West Wyoming.

Visitation will be held at McLaughlin's on Wednesday from 5 to 8 PM.

Permanent messages and memories can be shared with Phil's family at www.celebratehislife.com

Cemetery

Events

Memorial Shrine Park **MAY**

1831 West 8th Street **22**

Wyoming, PA, 18644

Visitation

05:00PM - 08:00PM

McLaughlin's

142 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US, 18701

MAY

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Celebration of Life

10:00AM

McLaughlin's

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Comments



“ Joan and family, my love and fond memories go out to you. One of the most memorable times in my youth was when Cousin Phil took me to Sweet Valley for my very first deer hunting trip with Gary and Phil. I got my first... and only deer of my life, that day and never fired a shot !! I wonder if Phil and Gary remember the circumstances? I then carried it out on my shoulders in the rain....not a smart thing for a hunter to do ! Love you all and may God continue to bless us all. Leo Williams Jr.

leo williams - June 17, 2013 at 01:25 PM



“ Joan, my love and prayers are out to you and your family. I have many good memories of our visits to your house and playing with the kids. I remember how you and Cousin Phil never seem to get any older. Love to all. Cousin Mary (in Fla.)

Mary Williams Eckford - May 26, 2013 at 11:32 AM



“ When I read Phil's obituary, I had to smile remembering that cigar he always had in is mouth. I hadn't thought about that in a long time. I remember all us kids gathering on the Scavone front porch when we were all still in school and good friends. My prayers are with Mrs. scavone and all the children and grandchildren. My heart will also always be on Dabobert st. Patty Wasilius

patricia tanner - May 25, 2013 at 08:25 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to your family.

Gary & Susan McCutcheon - May 24, 2013 at 09:55 PM



“ I would like to share some of the happiest memories of my life with Phil. I grew up playing baseball with Phil, Patrick, & Donnie. Phil was our pitcher and was a pretty good hitter. I know opposing batters had to stay loose because Phil wore glasses that made him appear as to not see to well. He never did hit anyone. We were lucky to get nine players to play ball. We could count on three Scavones, three Thomases, and me leaving us to search for two more players.
I now live in North Carolina.
Bob Hontz

Ron Hontz - May 21, 2013 at 06:50 PM



“ What a touching tribute in the Voice! I did not know half of those things about my neighbor, Phil. I send my deepest sympathies to you, Joan, and to my childhood friends: Phillip, Gary, Joanie, Pam, and Meg. My memories, and my heart, have always rested on Dagobert Street. Phil has been - and always will be - a part of that. I am happy to be able to share his memory with you.
Sandy Sabatino and family

sandy sabatino - May 21, 2013 at 05:10 PM



“ Aunt Joan, Phillip, Gary, Pam, Joanie, Megan and all, our thoughts and prayer's are with you all that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit will comfort you in your time of need. I will always treasure the hunting trip in 1968 with Uncle Phil and the boy's. I had a wonderful time. Uncle Phil sent me one of his turkey callers which I cherish. He was my favorite uncle for good reason and I shall never forget. We love you all.

Take care and may God bless.

Kenny, Lori, Drew and Travis

kenny watkins - May 21, 2013 at 10:56 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Scavone, Pam, Megan, and families, Please accept condolences on this great loss. THOUGHTS AND MANY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME. Sincerely, Erin Boote and children

erin boote - May 21, 2013 at 09:50 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Scavones passing. We both grew up in the neighborhood with the family. I hope the many memories will help you through this difficult time.

Diane & Rick Morrissey

Diane Morrissey - May 21, 2013 at 08:05 AM



“ At this point in life, we have a tendency to ask questions: questions for ourselves, questions for others, questions of life and questions of faith. More often than not, we ask the same question of no one in particular.

Why? That is what we ask.

The truth is, we may never know why with any certainty. But we do know that there is no single 'should have done' or 'could have done' or 'did' or 'did not do' that would have changed that why.

All that love could do was done...

We assure you that while there is nothing we can do to change what has happened; we will be here for you. Our objective is to assist you through this time as seamlessly as possible, and we encourage your reliance on us to see that all details are arranged and carried through properly.

Our service to you doesn't end, but continues as you need us. We can assist with details which present themselves after, just as we are capable with those leading to, the funeral service. Please don't hesitate to solicit our advice on any matter as we are happy to be of assistance.

Tommy McLaughlin - May 20, 2013 at 04:04 PM