



Phillip A. Ragno

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Phillip A. Ragno, age 88, of Spring Valley, passed away on Friday, November 4th, 2022.

He was born on June 2nd, 1934 to the late Anthony and Josephine (Sartiano) Ragno. Phil and his sisters grew up in the neighborhood of Woodvale in Johnstown, PA. It was such a close knit neighborhood that over a decade later the boys started an annual reunion that continued for 50 years.

After graduating from Johnstown High School in 1952, he joined the Navy (1952 – 1956) and was stationed in Key West FL, where he achieved the rank of ET2. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1960 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

He landed in Heath, Ohio in 1965, working for Newark AFS; he earned a Masters in Logistics Management from Central Michigan. He then was transferred to Wright Patterson AFB as a GS14 in 1984 and retired in 1990.

Phil loved sailing his boat and racing on Buckeye Lake while living in Newark, Ohio. He enjoyed working with his hands, digging in the dirt, wood working, and painting pictures. After retirement, he picked the accordion back up again after 40 years. He played the accordion with many bands including The Kettering Banjo Society and Beavercreek Strummers.

Phil was a talented musician, very artistic, and devout in his faith. He didn't know a stranger and loved talking to anyone and everyone. Both his talent and his heart will be missed by many, none more than his wife of 36 years, Belinda Sue (Ayers) Ragno, children Karen M. (Jim) Halliday, Kevin A. (Amy) Ragno, Anthony W. Ragno, and Joseph R. (Jessica) Ragno, grandchildren Katherine J. Langley, James W. Halliday III, Stephanie N. Denuit, Michael K. Ragno, Cayden M. Jenkins, Autumn M. Shumaker, Ethan D. Ragno, 7 great-grandchildren with an eighth on the way, sisters Marie Gallucci and Carmellina Wyrwas, and many nieces and nephews.



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Preceded in death by sons Phillip J Ragno and Kristopher G Ragno.

To help the family celebrate his life, you are invited to attend a Memorial Mass held in his honor at St. Brigid Catholic Church (312 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH 45385) on Friday, November 18th at 10:30 am. Inurnment will take place on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 12:30 at St. Anthony Cemetery in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

You are welcome to write a condolence message, send flowers, and share a story or picture of Phil at www.ConnerAndKoch.com.



Tribute Wall

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LS

Linda Smith posted:

Kevin, Karen and family. I am so sorry to hear of your father/grandfathers passing. Your in my heart.

November 16 at 1:31 PM

DG

Donald & Brian Gallucci posted:

We'll treasure the memories of our dear Uncle Phillip: especially his great smile, his big hugs & his contagious laugh. Love Donnie, Brian & families

November 15 at 8:17 AM

BB

Bob Babal posted:

My sympathy to the Ragno family, I know that he will be truly missed. Bob and Dorothy Babal

November 13 at 11:51 AM

JB

June Buddelmeyer posted:

Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel at the sudden loss of Phil! Our hearts go out to family in your time of sorrow. I am sure Lawrence Welk, and his orchestra were at the Gates of Heaven to recruit Phil! What beautiful accordion music he will provide for the Christmas concert in Heaven! Phil always expressed his love for traditional Christmas music\u2026 Silent Night,\u201d \u201cHark the Herald Angels\u201d and \u201cAway in the Manger\u201d are sure to be on the program! I will always think of Phil during Oktoberfest when I hear the \u201cBeer Barrel Polka.\u201d \u201cAmore\u201d and \u201cSpanish Eyes\u201d are other favorites too. Oh, how he could make that \u201csqueeze box\u201d sing! Phil was a good man, always complimentary, and he was so much fun to be around. When the Lord calls our loved one\u2019s home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange! Thanks for the good times, Phil! Strumming friend June Buddelmeyer

November 10 at 1:49 PM



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ER

Emma Rooney posted:

My name is Emma Avalone Rooney. My mother Rose Mancuso Avalone was a first cousin of Philip father Anthony. My mother's mother Anna sister of Mary Ragno Philip's Grandmother. When I read Philip's obituary I thought I would have loved to have known him in our lifetime. However, distance separates families. My Uncle Joe Ragno, Anthony's brother, moved to NJ near my parents . We visited Johnstown many times when I was a child, my mother loved Josephine. My deepest condolences to your family. Philip had a wonderful life with a large loving family. I'm very happy for his fulfill life .

November 10 at 8:14 AM

GS

Gina Schellhammer posted:

Amazing uncle and great memories. Always looked forward to when Uncle Phillip came to Johnstown. He would "drive" the four of us kids around the school lot in the bed of his pickup truck-the four of us just giggling and rolling around like crazy. His laugh was infectious and his accomplishments many! Sending loving thoughts to you all!

November 9 at 7:19 AM

JG

Jennifer Gallucci posted:

I remember meeting Uncle Phillip in Pennsylvania for a family event. Donnie always spoke of him so adoringly & he lived up to the image I had of him from the many stories shared. He welcomed me warmly and made me feel included right away. His smile was contagious and people were drawn to his gregarious personality. We will miss you, Uncle Phillip!

November 9 at 6:31 AM

AR

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Phillip A. Ragno posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Conner & Koch Life Celebration Funeral Home

November 8 at 3:19 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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