



Philip W. Hokanson

July 30, 1942 - October 24, 2015

Philip Walter Hokanson (Age 73)

of Alexandria, Virginia passed away in his home on October 24, 2015 due to medical complications from a recent illness. He was born July 30, 1942 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to the late Revs A. Ephraim & Marguerite Hokanson. His older sister, Lois Kroeker, preceded him in death. He is survived by Lois's children Mark and Renee (Governo) and his younger sister, Eunice Durdning, her children Warren, Ruth (Semler) and Joy (Walters), and Ruth's children Benjamin & Joel.

Phil did his undergraduate work at Seattle Pacific College in math education. After college he taught math at a school for mostly Native American children on the Olympic Peninsula. In 1969 he began a career as a math teacher and later a computer specialist with the Department of Defense Schools. He served in Turkey, Germany, Cuba, Bermuda, South Korea and at headquarters in Virginia retiring after 38 years of service.

Phil was also very active in his church, singing in choirs from his time on military bases to his membership at Word of Life in Springfield, Virginia. After retirement he took part in volunteer mission trips to Mexico, Haiti, El Salvador, Poland, and Germany.

Two memorial Services honoring Phil's life will be held. The first will be

Thursday, November 5th at

7 pm at Word of Life, corner of Backlick & Edsall Roads, Springfield , Virginia.

The second will be Saturday, November 7th at 2 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 10928 Indian Head Highway, Fort Washington, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations honoring Phil may be made to the ministry of sharing God's love globally. For specific ideas please contact the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Philip W. Hokanson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I think this was my algebra civics an chemistry at Moclips High School from like 1968 till 1970 the eyes look like him, he also drove bus. Was hoping he could be at our reunion I sept, I really liked this guy, my condolences to all kimmbryant@gmail.com*

Kim Bryant - August 20, 2021 at 01:06 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Obituary Wall*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ Phil was first a child of God and an inspiration to many. During our down-time while travelling, we often enjoyed performing together. Phil had a great voice and a wonderful sense of humor. One example of that humor might be found in a photo somewhere as we examined a flat tire with a hole that could easily hold a baseball. With no spare, we walked a mile or so to the car rental place. After explaining our situation to the agent, we were asked if the radio worked. Yes, we looked at each other and laughed. The agent then said “Then, I suspect you want a spare tire”. It turned out that we got the only car in the inventory with a functioning radio. Some of our best memories come from a little adversity. May the perpetual light shine on you Phil.

December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I was one of Phil's students in Guantanamo Bay from 1981 to 1983. He was an inspiration to me and I have used the computer programming principles he instilled in my further schooling and in my careers. I am very sorry to have lost him.

July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you, Eunice, for letting me know about Phil's passing. I had the privilege of working with Phil at the DoDDS headquarters from 1992 through 1998. We have exchanged Christmas letters every year since. We always marvel at his deeds with family and friends all over the world. Eunice explained why we didn't get a letter this year. At DoDDS, we had to close the schools at Guantanamo when the Haitian refugees were moved there for several months. When they left, we had three weeks' notice to reopen the schools! Of course, we sent Phil to lead the IT effort. He found all computers and network cables had been removed and placed in a single room. He got all hardware and software running in less than two weeks! Then he helped with the rest. Students started in the "new" schools on time. I have never met a nicer, calmer, or more competent man. Of course, his most amazing skill was that incredible baritone voice! Many in many countries will miss him.

December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Phil early on in Frankfurt, Germany in 1972. He was one of the pioneers in the area of technology in the Department of Defense Schools where he would eventually rise to a position in the HQ for our worldwide system. I was fortunate to be able to take him with me to Hanau, Germany and Seoul, Korea. We became close friends and during the years, traveled to Singapore, Brazil, Guatemala, and Peru. We both sang in the chapel choir in Seoul, Korea. Phil was highly respected by educators around the world. He would go the extra mile to insure that teachers mastered the latest technology and pass it on to our students. I will never forget his friendship and his Christian values.
Tom Ellinger, retired superintendent

November 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Eunice and family,
We are sorry for your loss of your brother. Jim and I had the opportunity to spend a day this summer with Phil. Jim was the Santa in a store and called me to let me know that Phil was there. I picked Phil up and we spent the day visiting various sights around Ketchikan. Phil was very interested in nature, so we were able to go to a variety of places, this turned out to be a very special day and I am glad I had an opportunity to spend this time with him. We will pray for your family and may God continue to be with all of you.
Jim and Connie Wingren
Ketchikan, Alaska*

November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM