



Philip Warren Strother

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Philip Warren Strother was born on August 12, 1958, in Tacoma, Washington to Charles and Marjorie Strother, joining sisters Laurene and DeAnn. Phil lived in Tacoma his entire life, except for a few months when he lived in Gig Harbor. He attended school at Skyline Elementary School, Truman Junior High School, and Wilson High School, graduating in 1976. He took a few classes at Tacoma Community College and then entered the full-time work force at Fred Meyer. He worked in various positions during his 41-year tenure with Fred Meyer. He finished his working career with Retail Odyssey (doing resets in, you guessed it, Fred Meyer stores), retiring on September 14, 2022.

Phil's passions were unmistakable. He loved and served the Lord. He loved and was devoted to his family. He loved baseball and, to a slightly lesser degree, football. Phil liked to say that his three favorite baseball teams were the Dodgers, Mariners and whoever was playing the Yankees. His favorite football teams were the Cowboys and the Seahawks. He loved sports in general, really. He played soccer, was a runner and played softball every chance he got. Musically, Phil loved the band Chicago, John Denver, and Olivia Newton-John. His favorite vacation destination was Disneyland with Spring Training in Arizona coming in second. Camping was something Phil always enjoyed. He also enjoyed zoos, parades, and fireworks. Life highlights for him were attending the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and two visits to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. A third visit was certainly on his radar, especially after Ken Griffey, Jr. and Edgar Martinez were inducted! A bucket list highlight was a hot air balloon flight in full view of Mt. Rainier for his 60th birthday.

Phil was preceded in death by his Aunt Beth & Uncle Clayton Taylor, his parents, his "Little Sister," DeAnn Weston and his brother-in-law, Dave Pendleton. He will be especially missed and held close in heart by his wife of almost 32 years, Kathy Strother, his sister Laurene Pendleton, his brother-in-law, Gary Weston and his dearest friend, Mark Perkins. He loved being Uncle Phil to Jenne Kjellesvik, Clayton Pendleton, Jaime Pendleton, Sarah Myers, Keri Demas, Andrew Perkins,



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Sarah Perkins, Rebecca Raychard and Emily Greenlee (who is also his god daughter). Rebecca and Emily lovingly called him Uncle Goose. He was privileged to be a great uncle to Laura Englert, Rachael Martindale, Erica Kjellesvik, Mikki Kjellesvik, Kyle Hoyt, Cameron Myers, Cole Myers and Maddy Demas and a great, grand uncle to Graceyn Kjellesvik, Gema Hoyt and Isabella Englert.

Phil was called home by the Lord he served on March 3, 2024. A celebration of a life well-loved and well-lived will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Olympic View Baptist Church 4707 Elwood Dr. W. University Place, Washington 98466.



Events


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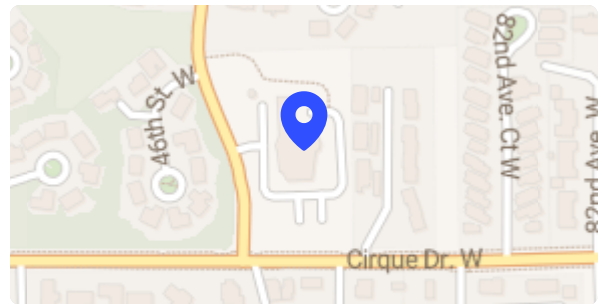
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Celebration of Life


 **Saturday**, April 6, 2024


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT

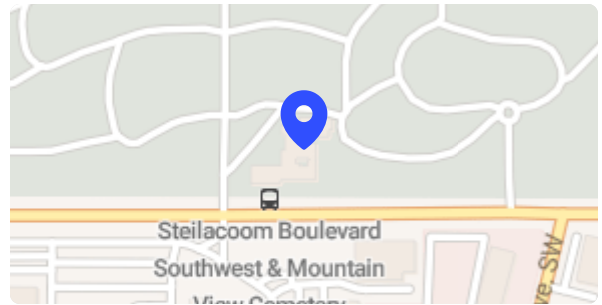
 **Olympic View Baptist Church**
4707 Elwood Dr. W., UNIVERSITY PLACE WA
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Cemetery Details

 **Mountain View Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
98499

 **(253) 948-9895**





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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Strother family.



April 3 at 2:16 PM



Gena And Jim Dwyer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Philip.



April 3 at 2:16 PM



Jeff N posted:

Phil was seven months older and one year ahead of me in school. His family lived two houses away from mine growing up. A small block with ten houses and nearly all the neighbors were young families moving in at roughly the same time. So lots of the usual childhood memories - playing hide-and-seek, riding bikes, driveway basketball, etc. I recall Phil going boating / fishing with us including one trip to the San Juan islands. If memory serves, the first trip out was near Vashon Island and he caught a salmon while I got skunked. I also recall going camping with his family - at Belfair and/or Dash Point state parks. Many adventures in the neighborhood and beyond. Good memories of playing park-league baseball and a few trips to Cheney Stadium to watch the Tacoma Cubs and maybe the Twins as well. In high school we both ran on the cross-country team and spent many days on the trails at "The Point" and all over town actually. A couple times we went with our coach and another teammate to jog up Mt. Si very early in the morning and BEFORE our regular school day. I'm not sure if we were motivated or just foolish. Phil was a faster runner and usually finished ahead of me. We went to a few HS football games to root for our beloved Rams and I also watched him play in a couple soccer matches. We lost touch in our adult lives but my hunch is that Phil remained a big kid at heart. He was a good pal and all-around nice guy. My condolences to his family and friends. Jeff N

April 3 at 4:20 AM



Michele C Smith posted:

There will not be a Mariner's game or a Seahawks game that I watch (and Cowboys), that I won't think of Phil, along with his changing his clothes if his team was losing and his Doug Baldwin #89 socks. His heart, humor and love for life will forever be on my heart. RIP Phil, in the house and comfort of the Lord. Your light will shine on us always. Michele

March 30 at 7:59 AM



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Michele C Smith lit a candle in honor of Philip.

michele smith lit a candle in memory of Philip Strother

March 30 at 7:51 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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