



Philip Hancock Williams

May 11, 1931 - November 10, 2020

Philip Hancock Williams, a long-time resident of Diamond Bar, passed away at home on Tuesday, November 10th at 4:15 pm. He was 89.

Phil was born in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania on May 11, 1931 to his parents, Fred and Frances Williams. He lived there for four years until his parents separated and moved with his mother back to her hometown of Harvey, Illinois. It is there that he had many friends and family. He especially enjoyed spending time with his buddies and his cousins. He attended college at Utah State University in Logan, Utah and graduated with a degree in the automotive field. Most importantly, he met the love of his life, Patricia Kirk Hickman in 1952. He graduated in 1953 and joined the Army and left for Fort Knox in Kentucky that same year. They were later married on July 7, 1954 after Pat finished at Utah State. They spent two years in Kentucky until Phil was honorably discharged as 1st Lieutenant and Pat completed her Bachelor's degree. They settled in Canoga Park, California where Phil was employed at Rocketdyne in the Aerospace industry. It was there that all their four children were born. It was also there that he learned he had two half-sisters and where he later reunited with his father before he died in 1965. He also enjoyed singing in a barbershop quartet. This began his love of singing in groups. He was later employed at Clayton Manufacturing which took the family to Diamond Bar in 1966. He and Pat decided to join Northminster Presbyterian Church in 1968, which enriched their lives with many close friendships and where Phil sang in the choir for many years. The family would

enjoy his two week vacations in the summer going camping at such destinations as Shaver Lake, Lassen, Whiskeytown and Bass Lake. After about ten years with a desk job as an Automotive Engineer, Phil decided he was more inclined to work with his hands and made a switch in careers to being a diesel mechanic. He worked for MTA from 1980 to 1997. During that time he took up the hobby of training for and participating in many Triathlons. After his retirement in 1997, he enjoyed the freedom from work commitments that allowed him to be a camp counselor at Calvin Crest among other activities. He later decided in 2004, that a part time job would allow him to work with friendly people who appreciated his ability to fix and organize things. He worked for the City of Diamond Bar and enjoyed his awesome commute until 2012 when he finally retired for the last time. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling to Japan, Missouri, New York, and Pacific Grove. During all this time he loved socializing with friends and his family that by this time included several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Williams, his sister, Elizabeth Williams Zundel, his children, Diana Williams, Eric (and Nagisa) Williams, Karen (and Brad) Buker, and Shauna Williams. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Aaron (and Kimberly) Windham, Jon Windham, Zack Williams, and Katie and Josh Buker and four great-grandchildren, Jonah and Wesley Windham, and Claire and Evan Windham.

There will be a small graveside service held at Memory Garden in Brea, California where he will be interred on December 12, 2020 at 11am. A larger and more casual gathering is being planned for later next year.

Cemetery Details

Memory Garden Memorial Park

455 West Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821
<http://www.memorygarden.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary
455 W. Central Ave.
Brea, CA 92821
(714) 529-3961
info@memorygarden.com
<https://www.memorygarden.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember meeting Phil in the late ‘70’s when I was just 15, at Northminster. I always felt that he was such a sweet, kind man! In recent years, I was blessed to have him as a faithful student in my Christian Gentle Yoga classes at church! He was so strong and he always amazed me at how I could get down on the floor to his mat & up again at the end of class... his strength of will & character always made a great impression on me! I will miss him dearly! 💜



Tami Walker - December 10, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of this remarkable man. Counselor for our boys at Calvin Crest. Mr. fixit who always kept things running, our walking buddy. Grinding coffee with a mechanics hammer on a rock at lake Shasta. Phil exemplified character, friendship, love and family. The guy we could always count on. He will be missed by us and the world.
Jan and Wayne Hunter

Wayne D Hunter - December 08, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ Corporate Actuarial Team at Farmers Insurance purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip Hancock Williams.



Corporate Actuarial Team at Farmers Insurance - December 07, 2020 at 04:05 PM