



Phillip DeKalb

February 11, 1950 - June 9, 2024

Phillip DeKalb, 74, of Sandoval, passed away at his home Sunday, June 9, 2024 surrounded by his family.

He was born on February 11, 1950 to Robert R. and Hilda DeKalb in Centralia, Illinois. On August 11, 1970 he married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Miller and they had two children, Jennifer and Michael. Sharon preceded him in death on Jan 26, 2008. On June 16, 2016, he married Linda Beckmann and she survives in Sandoval.

Also surviving is his daughter, Jennifer Kennedy, of Findlay, Ohio; son, Michael (Charlene) DeKalb of Baldwin Park, California; brothers, Chris (Susan) DeKalb of Yorkville, Illinois, Gary (Patty) DeKalb of Wentzville, Missouri, and Danny (Lori) DeKalb of Norman, Oklahoma; sisters, Stephanie McManaman, of Sandoval, Illinois and Robbyn (Scott) Stocking of Irvington, Illinois; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Paulette and Monte Kerley, Joseph Beckmann, Jennifer and Richard Jones and Neil and Julie Beckmann, all of Waltonville, Illinois, Teresa and Robin Goatey of Sandoval, Illinois and Mark and Sherran Beckmann of Texas; granddaughters, Kayla Kennedy and partner Jake Webb and Megan (Matte) Blair; great-granddaughter, Emogene Blair; several nephews and nieces; special niece, Kate Stocking who helped care for him; and special neighbors, Ruth and Michael Johnston.

Mr. DeKalb was preceded in death by his first wife, parents and a niece, Ellen Lynn Ann Stocking.

Phil was a career US Navy Veteran. He left Sandoval right out of high school of 1968 to join the US Navy with Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Illinois. During his time in the Navy , he served 4 tours in Vietnam and was an instructor at Great Lakes Naval Station and achieved the ranking of Chief Petty Officer. Phil enjoyed his time serving his country traveling to many places and residing in multiple states. His first ship deployment was the USS Rowan, along with many other ships and finally the USS Worden being his last. He served his country for 25 years with his retirement being in June 1993. After his retirement from the military, he worked several places including Consolidated Exchange delivering feed, etc. to various local farmers. During harvest he worked for Dan Siedel Farms hauling grain and driving the tractor. His final job leading up to his stay at home was South Central Transit where he enjoyed delivering meals on wheels to the elderly. When he finally decided to relax and take it easy he bought his own John Deere tractor and would spend many hours on it.

Phil was a huge car enthusiast. He knew every dealership in the area as well as parts managers. You could find him driving around looking for his next vehicle at any given time. This was his favorite past time and relaxation especially on rainy Sunday afternoons. He also loved shopping for cars and mowing with his John Deere Tractor.

Funeral Services for Phillip DeKalb will be held Friday, June 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Minister Janis Burns officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Funeral Home. In memory of Phillip, memorial donations may be made to Sandoval Fire Department, or Six Lemons, or to

Centralia Humane Society and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the DeKalb family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

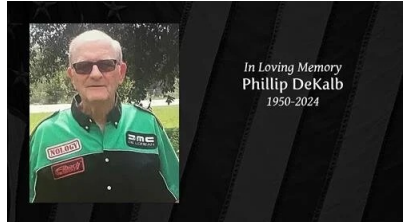
JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Phillip DeKalb*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - June 13, 2024 at 12:56 PM

SB

Beautiful life! Touching video remembrance! May the Lotd give everlasting peace and comfort knowing Phil had a life well lived!

Sherran Beckmann - June 14, 2024 at 02:00 PM

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Beautiful life! Touching video remembrance! May the Lord give everlasting peace and comfort knowing Phil had a life well lived!

Sherran Beckmann - June 14, 2024 at 02:04 PM

DM

“ *Dawn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip DeKalb.*

Dawn M. - June 14, 2024 at 11:02 AM

MA

“ *Sorry for your loss. It was great growing up near the DeKalb family.*

Mark Altadonna - June 14, 2024 at 08:21 AM

KB

“ *Deepest sympathies to the Dekalb Family. My father worked with Chris at Stanford Engineering. Very sorry for your loss.
Kent Boyles, Harold Boyles' son.*

Kent Boyles - June 13, 2024 at 11:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Phillip DeKalb.*



June 13, 2024 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ *Carol Middleton purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Phillip DeKalb.*



Carol Middleton - June 12, 2024 at 07:18 PM

KT

“ *My heart is sad to hear the news of my dear co-worker's (Mike) father's passing. You all have my deepest condolences. I know the lessons he's taught you will live on in you forever. - All my love,
Kelly Trollinger*

Kelly Trollinger - June 12, 2024 at 07:06 PM

CD

Thank You to all who have shared your condolences. It was wonderful to visit with so many of our old class mates and friends. Phil would have been so happy to see you. Thank you so much from myself and our other brothers and sisters.

He will be missed.

Chris

Chris DeKalb - June 15, 2024 at 12:10 PM