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**P**hilip (Phil) Reed McMorris, a father, brother, son, and friend, passed away on September 15, 2025, at the age of 63. Born on November 3, 1961, in Yonkers, New York, to Jane Jones (Pearson) and Micheal McMorris. Phil was the middle child, always holding a special place between his older brother, Steve, and younger sister, Holly.

Phil proudly served in the United States Air Force for more than 20 years, dedicating himself to his country with honor and commitment. In 1984, a few years after joining the service, he married his first and only wife, Melissa Brokob, while stationed in beautiful Oahu, Hawaii. Together, they raised two daughters, Danielle and Alexandra, and shared countless adventures around the world before amicably divorcing after 24 years of marriage. Following his military service, he pursued a career as a design engineer, bringing the same discipline, creativity, and work ethic into his professional life. He later retired early at the age of 59, enjoying time for himself, his pups, and the things he loved most.

Phil lived life on his own terms. Independent and strong-willed, he was never afraid to share his opinions, and those who knew him loved him for his honesty and authenticity. He was a true friend to those he held dear to his heart. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures such as spending time on the internet/social media, riding motorcycles, watching movies, playing his computer games (especially Candy Crush and Yahtzee), spending time with friends/family, reading, and having fun in his own unique way.

He is survived by two loving daughters: Danielle Coates (McMorris) (her husband, Matthew Coates, and their son, Hadrian); and Alexandra McMorris (her husband, Brian Phillips, and their children, Aylin and Oliver).

Phil also had an unwavering love for his dogs, Ethel and Lucy, who were truly his constant companions and source of joy. He now rests in peace, reunited with his late dog, Gypsie, who was more than a pet - she was his therapy dog and greatest comfort through many difficult times.



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Phil will be remembered for his independence, his humor, and his love for those closest to him. His family takes comfort in knowing he is with his sweet Gypsie and those he loved who have gone before him. He will be missed and forever remembered.



## Tribute Wall

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**Emiliva Kagie** posted:

I know I wasn't a blood granddaughter but I always felt that I was nonetheless, I remember all the times that I'd go over to your house and you let me dig through your entire kitchen, and eat whatever I pleased. I always loved watching movies in your front room with your dogs cuddle up next to me or Lucy running around crazy haha. You always would get me whatever I wanted whenever we were at the store and treated me with so much kindness and love. I loved when you would talk about your yard work or house work that you'd been working on it was fun to hear how excited you were about it. I appreciate all the work and effort you put into everything you did! It was really great growing up around someone like you thank you for all you've done for me!

September 17 at 8:48 AM



**Theresa Shaw** posted:

Phil, I will miss you ! Your unwavering friendship you always had my back and helped me out when I had noone! I know your cuddling gypsy and watching over your lovely family! Sorry I always drank your lemon juice! And ate your lemons! Rest easy my friend!

September 17 at 6:06 AM



**Tharen Blue** posted:

First met your dad in Torrejon Spain where we were all stationed in the Air Force. 1989. We all became family then, sharing holidays and adventures for 2 years. Then your family came to Utah and we became family all over again. Love you all,

September 17 at 3:24 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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