



## Philip Stanley Pendergrass

August 29, 1953 - September 22, 2022

Retired USAF Technical Sergeant Philip Stanley Pendergrass was born 29 August 1953, in Highland Park, MI. He graduated from Cherry Hill High School in Inkster, MI in 1971, followed later by graduation from the Community College of the Air Force and the University of Maryland University College. He was called to active-duty 4 April 1973. Following graduation as a Chapel Manager, he was assigned to the 50th Air Base, Hahn Air Force Base, and Germany. He separated from the Air Force in September 1977, but re-enlisted Christmas Eve 1981. After completing training as an Exterior Electrician, he was assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base where a medical exam found him medically unfit for duty. He was transferred back to his prior career field as a Chapel Manager but remained at Luke Air Force Base. His duty assignments included, Hahn Air Base, Germany; F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; Luke Air Force Base, Arizona; Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany; Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; Comiso Air Station, Sicily, Italy; and Hurlburt Field, Florida. Phil Pendergrass is survived by his wife, Karen, his sons, Mark (Nicole) and Scott, step-daughter, Kelly (David) Pepper, step-son, Aaron Robinett, and five grandchildren, Alyvia and Alyssa Pendergrass, Jonathan, Liam, and Matilda Pepper. A committal ceremony will be held at Florida National Cemetery on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. with a Celebration of Life immediately following at Cross Pointe Church, 5494 SW 50th Ct, Ocala, FL 34474. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the residents of Avante Skilled Nursing and Rehab, ATTN: Howard Speights, 2021 SW 1st

Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471 in memory of Phil Pendergrass.

Arrangements are entrusted to Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip Stanley Pendergrass*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - September 30, 2022 at 12:04 PM

DJ

*Wonderful video*

Donna Jangula - October 01, 2022 at 05:49 PM

PC

*To Phil, who showed great courage facing such adversity. You will be missed my brother. Phillip Campbell*

Phillip campbell - October 03, 2022 at 10:23 AM

IJ

“ *It was a honor and privilege to have worked with Phil. He was an amazing friend, mentor, co-worker, and just and awesome human being. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. Phil you have had a major impact on my life and I'm TRULY GRATEFUL to have known you and had you in my life. Rest in Paradise!*



Ishaka "Jake" Jacobs - October 05, 2022 at 03:49 PM

LP

“ To my wonderful big brother, my buddy, my friend, my confidant . I cherish our childhood, our talks, your encouragement and mostly your hugs. I'm hugging you back! Always in my heart , Lisa Marie



Lisa Pytlowany - October 02, 2022 at 02:11 PM

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“ God blessed me with a loving, generous, and kind-hearted big brother. Always supportive and willing to listen, and offering words of encouragement. You embraced your cross with love and joy in your heart! A difficult cross and a life well lived! May God grant you eternal rest and forever peace in the kingdom He has prepared for you in heaven. So proud of you big brother!!! Thank you for being a wonderful brother! God loves you and so do !! Pray for me, Love, Stacey...

Stacey Campbell - October 02, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Philip Stanley Pendergrass.



October 02, 2022 at 01:23 AM

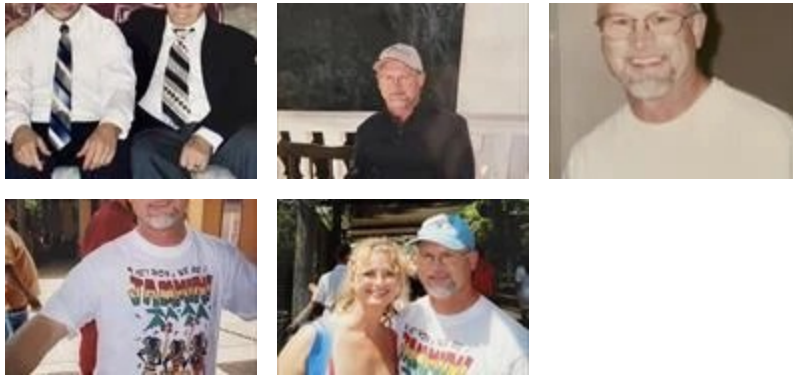
DJ

“ Phil was just the nicest man to work with. We worked together at The Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center Naval Support Activity, Panama City, Fl. I always could count on home for support, smiles and a friendly face. God bless all his family.

Donna Jangula - October 01, 2022 at 05:35 PM

KA

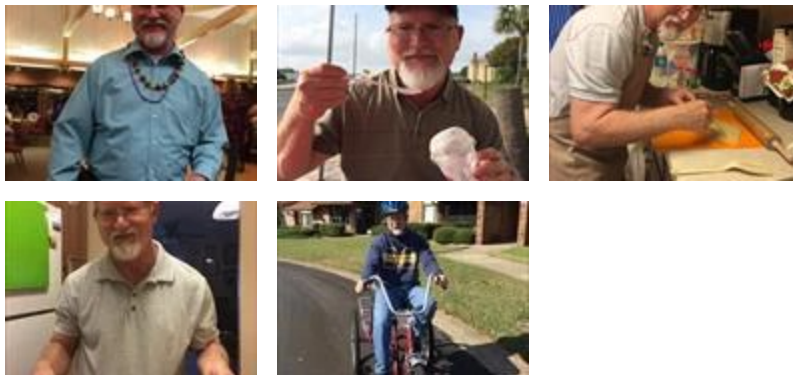
“ More photos of “Handsome” Phil.



Karen - October 01, 2022 at 01:56 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Karen - October 01, 2022 at 01:31 PM

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“ The things I will remember most about Uncle Phil are his love of God, family, country, sports, and western movies.

Even in the last months of his battle with Parkinson's, he would come to church with a smile on his face, stand for prayer and hold his Bible.

He attended all the birthday parties for his great nieces and nephews (even though they were loud and crowded) and he enjoyed watching the kids play. His love and devotion for his wife was undeniable and unending. He loved her so much he even opened up his home to 20+ members of Aunt Karen's side of the family for one of our famous "sister trips." I remember Aunt Karen and Uncle Phil came to visit me when I was in college in my first apartment. I served him sweet tea which he graciously choked down even though it was way too sweet 🤔🤔.

He proudly served his country for many years and kept up with politics.

It was pretty common to find him lounging on the couch enjoying football or a western movie at the end of a family gathering, or on a lazy day at home.

Uncle Phil led an admirable life. Even though his last couple of years were challenging as his disease progressed, he always wanted to be as independent as possible. He kept a positive attitude and gave every day his very best. He was a very good example of perseverance and integrity, which I will always look up to.

I will miss you Uncle Phil and I am forever grateful for the legacy you left behind and the life lessons I learned from you.

Love Always

Amber Larsen and family

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Amber Larsen - September 26, 2022 at 11:00 PM

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“ *Sometimes, God puts people in your life for such a short time but who make a huge impact. Phil was one of those people. He was courageous. He was an inspiration. And, he was an example to follow. We feel privileged to have known him. Our condolences to you, Karen, and to your family.*

*With much love,  
Mark and Ronnie*

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**Ronnie Reynolds** - September 26, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Stanley Pendergrass.*



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September 26, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *Memories of Phill always make us smile. He has a great sense of humor and quick comeback. And open for most any outing or activity that his wife would suggest.*

*Like the time we all dressed as The Who family in honor of a sister in laws 60th birthday. The joke however was the sister in law was sick and could not make it, so there we were The Who family dining in Fanning Spring, Florida at the Lighthouse Restaurant. We had such a fun time and giggled the entire evening.*

*We will our friend and fellow prankster.*



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**Dot McColskey** - September 26, 2022 at 10:38 AM

KP

“ Phil wrote his obit several years ago. Why he omitted was that he loved his family deeply, as a brother, a father, and my dear friend and husband. He was a valiant man of courage. He fought a battle with the highs and lows of Parkinson’s and Progressive Supranuclear Palsy for over eleven years. But now his victory is won, his journey on earth ended while his new journey began in heaven. Like he used to say when he chose to step up on the sidewalk rather than using the handicap ramp with his walker, “I took the scenic route.” His suffering was just a scenic route home, where there’s a forever sunrise in the presence of God’s glory. No more suffering for Phil, no more tears “and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”



Karen Pendergrass - September 26, 2022 at 09:57 AM

DM

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*I will miss my fellow prankster.*

Dot McColskey - September 26, 2022 at 10:17 AM

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*Phil and I started our Air Force careers together as chapel managers back in the late 70's. We shared a great deal together about family, life and kids. He knew I was a huge Nebraska Husker fan and I knew he loved his Michigan Wolverines. But that never mattered because we liked to hang together, play golf and did some fishing. Even though we were separated when assignments took us to different parts of the US we always kept in contact. We knew what it was like to serve in the Air Force as a Chaplain Assistants and took our work and faith seriously. One of my greatest joys was to serve with Phil when I later became a Protestant Chaplain and had a tour at Hurlburt field in the 90's. Hurlburt was his last base he served as a senior enlisted. Florida would become his home and whenever I would come to serve at Hurlburt wd would get together. He was a good friend and wonderful person and I will always remember him as a gentle loving and caring person. So Phil, I know you are in good hands now and Gods got you working on something great! Your Friend Art Ullrich*

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**Art Ullrich** - October 06, 2022 at 12:50 AM

KA

“ 1 file added to the album Pendergrass photos



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**Kait** - September 26, 2022 at 09:18 AM