



Phillip Knight

March 5, 1953 - January 3, 2020

Loyal Servant is the best way to describe Phillip Knight. He was incredibly loyal to his loving wife Rosie of 37 years, his family and friends, and the Jesus he loved and served! He started walking with Jesus as an adult on February 8, 1987, but once he made that decision, he lived his life to love and serve Jesus and others. One of his favorite places to be was University Heights Baptist Church. Phillip and Rosie served in the Student Ministry there for over 20 years, teaching Sunday School, going to many Youth Camps, hosting Fusion weekends, setting and cleaning up things no one ever knew about, and so many other ways. After leaving Student Ministry, they began serving in PreSchool with Kindergarten. For the next 10 or more years, Phillip was every Kindergarten student's favorite jungle gym, and no one knows who enjoyed that more--Phillip or the students! Since leaving the Preschool ministry, he has developed a reputation as the "Cookie Man" and has been the first one at the church to open the doors and begin getting cookies and coffee ready for everyone. He served in all of these capacities with a loyal and cheerful heart, because he knew his purpose was found in serving God and others. The lives he touched are countless.

Phillip worked for Champion International for 26 years where he met lifelong friends and enjoyed the ability his job gave him to be outside doing forestry work. This is also where he met the love of his life, Rosie. After Champion closed its doors, he went to work for TDCJ and again found jobs that allowed

him to use his skills. One of his favorite jobs was working for his good friend Noah Spear as the jack-of-all-trades on his various properties.

When Phillip wasn't serving at church, work, or around the neighborhood, he could be found cheering on his Dallas Cowboys (he prided himself on being a lifelong fan) and the Houston Astros, spending time with family, or watching his grandchildren in all of their activities.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend Rosie; daughter Lisa Langlais and husband Philip; son BJ McMichael and wife Holly; grandchildren Stephen Langlais, Abby Langlais, Hannah Langlais, Elijah McMichael, and Trinity McMichael; sisters Susie Pynes and Jeannette Burson and husband Lloyd; and a host of many loved nephews, nieces, cousins, and in-laws.

He is preceded in death by his parents Loen Patrick Knight and Frances Miller-Knight-Hussey; grandparents Bennie and Ollie Knight and Joe and Susan Miller; and siblings Betty Ann Weatherford, Bennie Joe Knight, and William Auther "Billy" Knight.

Phillip Knight was born on March 5, 1953, and Jesus took him to the place He had prepared for him on January 3, 2020. That homecoming and his life will be

celebrated on Tuesday, January 7 at 10:00 am at University Heights Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Student and Preschool Ministries at University Heights, where some of the people he loved being around the most are learning about the Jesus Phillip loved.

Condolences to family may be made at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church
2400 Sycamore Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Service

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church
2400 Sycamore Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Phillip Knight

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ May the love of friends carry the family through these grieving times. A true friend shows love at all times. And is a brother who is born for times of distress. Proverbs 17:17
In loving memory of a wonderful person.

Angie - January 12, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ Dearest Rosie,
I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. Your husband sure had some wonderful friends who loved him. I am here for you sweet friend.

Susan Retzlaff - January 07, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Gayle Spears Kelly lit a candle in memory of Phillip Knight



Gayle Spears Kelly - January 07, 2020 at 02:52 PM

LH

“ Oh my....

My condolences, thoughts and prayers for the family. I didn't know he was BJ's father. He had such a great spirit. I'm in shock because I just worked with him building a ramp for a family. He, along with Noah Speer, really made a very difficult project look easy. After I went and picked up lunch, we were sitting and laughing with him about his family especially his wife. I just didn't know the lovely wife he spoke of was the wonderful Rosie that I knew. May you all find comfort in knowing that he was a true servant and believe that God has welcomed him saying "WELL DONE".

Liesa Hackett - January 06, 2020 at 06:51 PM

HF

“ *Hawk Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Phillip Knight.*



Hawk Family - January 06, 2020 at 12:47 PM

SS

“ Philip and I did not know each other very well. I saw Phillip for about 5 minutes most Sunday mornings in his pre school Sunday School class for around ten years. Every time I walked in he would be reading a Bible Story, doing arts and crafts or just playing with the children. I have very good friends, including my wife that have known Phillip for twenty to forty years. They all describe him the same way. He was a very Godly, good, kind, loving, personable man. Two different women called him their buddy, when they learned of his passing. I try to never question God's will in our lives, but my mind searched for answers when I heard the news. The only thing that made sense to me was that God needed a Saint in Heaven to read Bible Stories and play with the little children. When God created the Heaven and the Earth, he intended for people like Phillip and Rosie to live here. God bless Rosie and all of their family and friends.

Skelly Strong

skelly strong - January 06, 2020 at 10:21 AM

AR

A good man. He will be missed. Condolences to his friends and family members.

Allan Rushing - January 06, 2020 at 11:04 PM

RF

“ Rex & Mary Holland and Family purchased the *Sunny Memories* for the family of Phillip Knight.



Rex & Mary Holland and Family - January 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

SL

“ My first memory of Phillip is from more than 41 years ago out in the shop at Champion's Livingston office where we all met before the day's work started at 7. Phillip was an equipment operator at that point (think road grader.) My mental picture is of him with newspaper sports pages spread out in front of him bragging on those Cowboys. Phillip had a sharp wit and friendly nature then that he never lost; in that early morning banter, any comment challenging his team always was met with a quick comeback!

Fast forward to maybe two years ago when our grandson Ethan first visited the Sunday School class that Phillip and Rosie worked in and led. Phillip introduced himself as Mr. _____ (a funny silly name about a quarter mile long) and made our grandson feel welcome. Later as I passed Phillip in the hall, Phillip asked me whether I realized that if Conway Twitty had married Kitty somebody, her name would have been Kitty Twitty. Ethan and I both thought that was so funny. Phillip was great with everybody!

My most recent memory of Phillip is two weeks old- again in the hall at University Heights. When I asked Phillip how Rosie was doing, he said "oh-pretty good;" he seemed his same good-natured self that morning and never mentioned what he himself might have been dealing with.

God bless you, Rosie and family. You have blessed so many people and touched so many lives in a good way. I imagine Phillip is continually amazed by all the rewards that are becoming apparent to him now in heaven.

Sam and Janet Longbottom

Sam Longbottom - January 06, 2020 at 07:54 AM

SB

“ Rosie, My memories of Phillip are when I attended UHBC a few years ago. He was always there serving his Savior and others. The two of you gave so many hours of service there. May our Father give peace and comfort to you and the family during this time of sadness and in the days, weeks, months to come.
Sara Hardy Bartee

Sara Hardy Bartee - January 06, 2020 at 12:04 AM

JS

“ Rosie, it's with tears that I write this. Our hearts are broken and saddened for you. We have so many special memories of Phillip from high school and later after you and he became a couple. I know he touched many lives in a positive and loving way. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.
Jerry and Jan Stephens

Jan Stephens - January 05, 2020 at 06:25 PM



Charlotte Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Phillip Knight



Charlotte Efird - January 05, 2020 at 04:55 PM

AM

“ Rosie,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of Phillip.
You were my daughter Mandy’s Sunday school teacher many years ago. May God bless you and may His love and mercy bring you peace and comfort.
Ana Maiorano

Ana Maiorano - January 05, 2020 at 01:17 AM

DI

“ I had the privilege of working with Mr. Knight the last few years at the warehouse! He shared his love of God with me! Also had several talks about our favorite authors! Mr. Knight you will be missed! Praying for Rosie and his family and friends!



DiAnn - January 05, 2020 at 01:07 AM

RP

“ Champion employees had a great deer lease at White Rock Creek..Phillip was very possessive of his deer stand and unfortunately it was on a road.. He shot a 7mm-08. Now and then I would toss an odd empty shell casing into his stand. I know this bugged him, because he complained to me that someone was shooting out of his stand. Of course that just emboldened me to keep doing it. Meet him in 1974 on the Livingston District. He was always fun and easy to laugh. No one worked harder or got dirty faster than Phillip. Rosy- my prayer is that you will be comforted in your faith. Richard Potter

Richard Potter - January 05, 2020 at 12:58 AM

LN

“ From Lamanda, on behalf of The Vogt family:

Phillip will always be a significant part of our family' memories from our times at UHBC. Always smiling and greeting everyone with the same genuine care. As a child, serving multiple generations seems beyond logic, but as we get older it is amazing to see what a great significance and contribution was made to His glory.

We had a family call tonight each expressing all our memories of Phillip. Consistent was talks of his smile and happiness always displayed. So many people will miss him down here. Prayers for peace and love for the family.

Lamanda Nipps - January 04, 2020 at 11:38 PM

DW

“ So blessed to have worked with Phillip. He was a true man of God that walked the walked and talked the talk! We are going to miss him soooo much!



Deb Williams - January 04, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Knight.



January 04, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Knight.*



January 04, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ *Rosie I am so sorry to hear of Phillip's passing. He was one of the good guys. Prayers to you and your family. Craig and Peggy Whealy*

Craig Whealy - January 04, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *We love you and will miss you here, see you soon Uncle...I know our Heavenly Home is beautiful.*



Brock and Joann - January 04, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers.*
Jan Oldenbittel

Jan Oldenbittel - January 04, 2020 at 01:37 PM

LV

“ Praying for you all. May the Holy Spirit be with you



Lorri Vickers - January 04, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CL

“ Charles & Jo Ann Lawson lit a candle in memory of Phillip Knight



Charles & Jo Ann Lawson - January 04, 2020 at 12:43 PM

CH

Phillip was a true servant and served in many places in the church and community. He will be missed by all.

Charles - January 04, 2020 at 12:45 PM

JP

Earl and I enjoyed visiting with Phillip at various times while he would be making coffee and baking cookies. I often thought how fortunate we were to have someone so dedicated to serving others. He always had a smile and seemed to be such a lovely man. God bless your family as you go through this difficult time.

Joyce Patterson - January 04, 2020 at 02:21 PM

MM

“ Mike, Sue, Kevin and Nikki Jones Martin purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Phillip Knight.



Mike, Sue, Kevin and Nikki Jones Martin - January 04, 2020 at 12:03 PM

JP

“ Rosie, you and your family are in our prayers. We have great memories of Phillip when we worked for Champion in the Trinity District. We were family. Love to you from Jessica, Frankie, Misty and Robert.

jessica parish - January 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

CS

“ Sweet Mrs. Rosie, BJ, Lisa, and Family I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all dearly loved! When I think of Phillip I can't help but smile, he could always make you laugh. He was such a servant! He loved and served his church family extremely well! He was wonderful with preschoolers! Phillip and Mrs. Rosie thought kindergarten Sunday School class with 2 other partners, they planned the lessons and Phillip was the favorite center! They climbed on him, pretended he was the camel, donkey, charriot or mountain! He had as much fun as they did! He and Mrs. Rosie helped with every youth event! Serving food, hosting kids in your home and loving them well! You two were the first to arrive and last to leave. He was the official taste tester, at each event he joyfully servied coffee and cookies on Sunday morning as he visited with all of his church family that came by. He loved his family and was so proud of his grandchildren. I have no doubt as the Lord came to take Phillip home he heard, "Well Done Good And Faithful Servant". We will miss him greatly! Praying for each of you. Love, Carla Smith

carla smith - January 04, 2020 at 09:16 AM

JR

“ We are so sad to hear of this. Prayers for Rosie & the family! Bill & Jean Rasbeary

Jean Rasbeary - January 03, 2020 at 11:45 PM

SA

“ I just met you in June 2019, but you truly made me feel like I was part of the team right away. You will be missed dearly. Sending prayers for your family.

Sabrina - January 03, 2020 at 08:18 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Phillip Knight*



M. Hyvl - January 03, 2020 at 04:41 PM