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Philip Paul Thompson, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away peacefully on May 3, 2025, at the age of 77 in Palm Coast, Florida.

He was born on August 23, 1947 in Englewood, NJ to Hanna and Edwin Thompson, and was raised in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, along with his three brothers and sister.

Philip graduated from Pascack Valley Regional High School and went on to serve in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968. After returning home, he worked for Bell Atlantic, supporting his family until his retirement in 2002. Phil was an active member of Preakness Valley United Reformed Church in Wayne, New Jersey, for 37 years and often and eagerly gave his time tending to maintenance and repairs there. Later, when he, his wife, daughter, and son-in-law moved to Palm Coast, Florida, in 2020, he continued to volunteer. In fact, he was maintaining the grounds at Grace Presbyterian Church in Palm Coast, FL on his last day with us.

Phil was a skilled repairman who could fix just about anything around the house. After retirement, he dedicated his time to honing his craft in woodworking—creating furniture and an incredible quantity of detailed, unique birdhouses that he generously gifted to family, friends, and the annual Mother's Day flower sale at Preakness Valley URC. In the last few years of his life, he transitioned from traditional woodworking to designing and creating intricate geometric wall art, producing a substantial body of work that evolved and advanced significantly in a short period of time.

Phil was known for his unique personality, unpretentious and straightforward approach to life, fun-loving sense of humor, and ability to connect with almost anyone.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Thompson; daughter, Jill Miladinovich; sons, Jeremy and Ryan Thompson; grandchildren, Heather Timmermans, Hope Kukol, Joy Blake, and Ike Friday-Thompson; great-grandchildren, Benjamin Kukol, Christine Kukol, and Elowyn Timmermans; as



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well as his siblings, Edwin Thompson and Janice Paradise; and many other beloved family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hanna and Edwin Thompson; his brothers, David and Allen Thompson; and his grandson, Christian Miladinovich.

He will be greatly missed and remembered with love and deep appreciation.



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CM

Charlie Mitchell posted:

I met Phil I'm guessing the mid-1970's at the Fairview garage when the new Pascack Valley (NJ Bell) district was formed. I ended up at the Little Ferry garage and Phil at Midland Park and some years later our paths crossed at a SAC box on our two districts border, we chatted and found out our homes were only a few miles apart and became friends. Phil was just so calm and laid back that nothing ever seemed to frazzle him, just an all around great guy. I will dearly miss our hours long telephone chat sessions, my sympathy to Barb, Jill, Ryan and Jeremy on their loss. May Phil RIP..Charlie Mitchell

May 25 at 11:22 AM

RT

Ryan Thompson posted:

My father was unapologetically himself and did his own thing, regardless of what others thought. I'll continue to try to emulate his approach to life — it's one of the most valuable lessons he taught me, simply by example. I hope to pass that down to my son as well. He was down-to-earth, unique, and complicated — but I understood him, and I hope you were lucky enough to have, too. We miss you, Dad, and appreciate the time we had together.

May 20 at 10:59 AM

TT

Trudy Talis posted:

My heart and prayers are with you, he was such a great guy, my memories are from Preakness church and the friends there, love Trudy

May 20 at 10:53 AM



Jill Miladinovich posted:

Being with my dad, Phil, was always a good time. Throughout my life I have enjoyed exploring with my dad on many hikes and some canoe and kayak trips. It was always an interesting and fun adventure. Since God decided to take him suddenly, we can remember him physically and mentally well up to his last day. He was filled with many funny and entertaining stories. I'm thankful for the kind of father that God gave me and I look forward to seeing him again thanks to the gracious redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom he had faith.

May 20 at 8:06 AM



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Jeremy Thompson posted:

Dad was a fun, independent person who wasn't afraid to do things differently. He was an old-school guy in many ways—he rode a motorcycle, served in the military, owned multiple weapons, and a garage full of tools he used daily. There are so many great quirky details about him, but his devotion to his family is what I admire most.

May 20 at 6:11 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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