



## Philip Poitra

July 24, 1956 - March 24, 2026

Philip Poitra, age 69, of Lac du Flambeau, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at his home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Deborah (Debbie); children, Phil Poitra and Gina (George) Brown; brothers, sisters, and many grandchildren. Preceded in death by two of his daughters, Cleo and Adel Poitra; mother, Rose Poitra (Nadeau); stepdad, Gilbert DeCoteau; and three brothers, David, Roderick, and Hubert.

Born July 24, 1956, in Belcourt, North Dakota to Rose Nadeau and Arlind Poitra. Philip was the 2nd oldest of four boys, later raised by Gilbert DeCoteau, who he considered to be his father, and made their family bigger with three sisters and two more brothers. Philip worked majority of his life in table games which led to him creating his own table game, Phil-em-Up, a poker-style game played with a joker. Although this did not make him rich or famous, he was proud of his accomplishment. Later in life, Philip moved to Lac du Flambeau to be closer to his wife's family, where they built their own home to live the rest of their lives together. Philip was avid sports fan of Wisconsin, he enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, the Wisconsin Badger basketball team, and the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team.

Services will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lac du Flambeau, with

Visitation on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 4:00 PM for family, 5:00 PM for friends and Services on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 10:00 AM with feast to follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Cemetery

Lac du Flambeau, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM (CT)

LDF Multi Purpose Building  
181 Cedar Ave  
Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538

## Service

MAR 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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181 Cedar Ave  
Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Poitra.*



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March 27 at 11:38 AM



“ *Jason Trisha & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip Poitra.*



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**Jason Trisha & Family** - March 26 at 11:33 PM



“ *Jason Trisha & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Poitra.*

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**Jason Trisha & Family** - March 26 at 11:33 PM



“ *Sending condolences to the family and families. Although I, didn't know Philip, he was my first cousin. His dad and my dad were brothers...my dad was Gary J Poitra, youngest of Philips uncles.*

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**Alan M. Poitra** - March 26 at 08:36 PM



“ *My Uncle Phil will always be remembered for his sense of humor. He was always trying to joke around, tease in all kinds of ways, tell tall tales or play harmless pranks. He had a big heart and forever was trying to help out those he loved. He accepted people for who exactly they are. He had a passion for life and wanted to experience all that he could. As a result he traveled all over and was generous enough to not only bring his children, but his nieces, nephews, and friends of his children on adventures. He was definitely known, loved, and respected by many in both places he spent most of his life living.*



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**Sara Azure** - March 26 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Terry and Leo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip Poitra.*



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**Terry and Leo** - March 26 at 07:25 PM

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