



## Phillip Rose

February 23, 1937 - June 26, 2011

Phillip Rose, age 74 entered Eternal Life on Sunday June 26, 2011 after battling colon cancer. Phil was born in Baltimore, MD. At the age of 10, his family moved to Columbus, WI. Following graduation from Columbus High School in 1956, he joined the Air Force and served in the US Air Reserve as an engine mechanic for 12 years earning the rank of Staff Sgt. Phil became a journeyman meat cutter and worked as a meat retailer, meat cutter and meat manager at Kohl's Foods for many years. He retired in 1997. During retirement, he worked as a teacher's aid in Belleville for one year and then worked part time in the dairy department at Roy's Market in New Glarus for Jon and Judy Ziltner. In 2004, he retired again and he and Arlyn became snowbirds, dividing their time between Presque Isle, WI and Naples, FL. Phil's hobbies included fishing, fly tying, making fishing lures, gardening and reading. (He especially enjoyed historical fiction.) Phil was an avid Packers backer and in recent years had become a fan of VA Tech Hokies. He was a past member and past President of the New Glarus Lions and present member of Presque Isle Lions. Phil volunteered to help charitable organizations, however his most gratifying job as a volunteer was listening to Laura Eicher's first graders read at New Glarus Elementary School. As a snowbird, he was an associate member of Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, FL and Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilmont and Eleanor Rose of Columbus, WI.

He is survived by his sister Ellen (Henry) Forbes of Cottage Grove, WI and the following family members. Phil was the beloved husband of Arlyn Rose, Loving father of Scott (Traci) rose of Columbus, WI; Dawn (Buddy) Fennell of Grand Junction, CO; Wade (Kathryn) Williams of Madison, WI; Wendy (Mike) Gentry of Blacksburg, VA and proud Grandfather of Angela, Jacob, Christopher, and Samantha Rose; Megan, Caitlin, Kelsi, and Logan Donahue and Roy Christopher Gentry and by two great grandchildren, Cole and Sophia Rose.

The joy of life that Phil exuded was infectious. He brightened our days with his smile and humor. Throughout his six year battle with cancer, he showed much courage and was an inspiration to all of us. The answer to his frequently asked question, "Did you miss me?" is affirmative. Yes, we will truly miss him. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction, WI. Visitation will be held on the same day at 10 a.m at the church. A lunch will be provided following the funeral service. Burial will be at the Presque Isle Cemetery in Presque Isle, WI following lunch.

The family would like to thank their great friend, Jim Rennhack for his support, and caring for Ginny and Zoe (dogs). Also our thanks to the staff at Howard Young Hospital and Dr. Kate Home Health Hospice Care.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.bolgerfuneral.com](http://www.bolgerfuneral.com)

Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 24, Boulder Junction, WI, 54512 or to Dr. Kate Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 770, Woodruff, WI 54568.

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# Tribute Wall

WE

“ Dad,

*I know you are flying with the angels and can now hear both the shouts and whispers of praises to God. May you always know what a treasured difference you made in my life, and the lives of so many. I will be guided by your love all the days of my life.*

*With my love,  
Your daughter,  
Wendy*

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**Wendy** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JA

“ *I was so saddened to read of Phil's passing today. I had kept up with news of his fight with colon cancer through his friends in Columbus. My late husband Ron Abegglen and Phil were good friends, post high school and pre-marriage and after his marriage to Helen. Phil always called Ron "Hoss". I'm not sure about the origin of that nickname although I have my suspicions. They shared a love of the outdoors and fishing. I believe they met through the Air National Guard after high school although they only lived four miles apart. When Ron and I were first going together, Ron took me to Phil's home in Columbus and introduced me to Phi. Ron said Phil had to provide approval of me. Phil did provide that approval and I am forever grateful as Ron and I had 51 wonderful years together. I had the opportunity to work with Scott Rose in the 1980's. I send my most sincere sympathy to Arlyn, Scott and Ellen and their families. May God be with you all in the upcoming months and may you remember all the wonderful times you shared with Phil over the years.*

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**Joyce Abegglen** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

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“ Arlyn & Family ~~

*Our sincere thoughts and prayers at this time of Phil's passing. Work memories are many and the social get-togethers make the old times seem very important.*

*Remembering ~~ Norval & Barb Morgan*

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**Norval & Barb Morgan** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

LA

“ Arlyn and family

*Someone who touched so many lives will be warmly remembered. So very sorry for your loss.*

*Phil was a joy to know. Leon worked with Phil at Kohl's Park St about ten years. We had great times at Kohl's events*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Leon and Ardis Achterberg*

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**Leon and Ardis Achterberg** - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Arlyn-- you are in my thoughts and prayers. My sympathy to you and your family.

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**Sue Kempfer** - June 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM