



Philip Daniel Kearney

November 21, 1933 - December 16, 2016

Philip Daniel Kearney—Son of Daniel and Helen; husband of Elizebeth; father of Michael, James, David, Charlotte, and Thomas; grandfather to Patrick, Robert, Jeffrey, Sheridan, Andrew, Lily, Pearl and Ani; great grandfather to Andrew, Emma, Anaya, Ethan, and Alexis. Friend to so many others...

After a short illness, Philip Daniel Kearney of Fort Collins and Windsor CO, a retired CSU Physics Professor, was surrounded by his family when he passed away on December 16th, 2016.

Born November 21st, 1933 in Detroit, MI to Daniel P. and Helen H. (Pratt) Kearney, he was 83 and otherwise quite vibrant and active.

In 1951, Phil graduated from Lansing Michigan's Sexton High School, and he graduated University of Michigan in 1963 with his PhD in Physics. During his university days, Phil Kearney took time out for a tour of duty in the U.S. Army, serving as Sergeant at Fort Bliss, where he taught Nike Anti-Aircraft Missile courses and where Phil developed his passion for Physics. Dr. Kearney then taught Physics at CSU from 1964 until his retirement in 1999, sending many Health Sciences graduates into medical and scientific fields with expertise in physics. He was also a long time participating Member of the Health Physics Society.

During his career, Phil Kearney researched cosmic rays, solar particle emissions, and applications in environmental radiation and radiation biology, particularly dealing with radium and radon. He worked in national laboratories

at Los Alamos, Argonne, Hanford, Oak Ridge and the U.S. Naval Research Lab in Washington DC. He also worked on cosmic ray detector experiments atop Mt. Evans, at Squaw Pass, and inside the Colorado School of Mines Training Mine at Idaho Springs.

Philip Kearney married Elizebeth Theresa Davie on September 1st, 1958 in Ann Arbor MI. James, Phil's second son, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizebeth and four children, Michael (Lynn) of Boulder, CO; David of Charleston, SC; Charlotte Mason (Greg) of Jackson, WY; and Thomas (Shan) of Evans CO. He was a loving and present husband and father to them and grandfather to 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. All greatly miss him and mourn his death.

A life-long bowler, fisherman, and skier, Phil loved the outdoors; and he traveled extensively with his wife Elizebeth on yearly cruise ship excursions and road trips around the U.S. visiting relatives and lifetime friends. He bowled in three leagues, and practiced tirelessly in training games. This season would have marked Phil's half century of skiing often and annually. A wonderful host and cook, Phil Kearney's green chili was award winning with 1st, 2nd or 3rd places at so many chili cook-off events.

A conscious contributor to the community, Phil Kearney volunteered at Garth Englund Blood Center and as a donor and Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army. At CSU, he founded the Little Shop of Physics to share the wonder of science through hands-on Physics experiments, which enlightened over a half million students and teachers in Colorado over 25 years. CSU continues the tradition. Funeral Services for Philip Kearney will be at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1250 7th Street, Windsor, CO on Monday, December 19th, 2016 starting at 11:00 a.m.; viewing is at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver CO at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please gift to the Salvation Army or the PVH/MCR Foundation in Phil's honor.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of The Valley
1250 7th Street
Windsor, CO 80550

Funeral Mass

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Philip Daniel Kearney

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Philip Daniel Kearney



Chrissy - December 21, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ Elizabeth and family, sorry for your loss. I only knew Phil a short time, but it was a pleasure to know and bowl with him.

-- Jim Thorpe

Jim Thorpe - December 20, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ Elizebeth we were so sorry to learn about Phil. It is with great fondness we remember the many evenings we spent together enjoying lavish gourmet meals. So much fun and laughter. Please know that many friends are thinking of you and praying for the whole family during this time of grieving.
Ed and Pat Prill

Pat Prill - December 19, 2016 at 02:19 PM

JB

“ Elizabeth, We are so saddened to hear of Phil's death. My mind races through the decade of the 80's when we shared so many memories and so many laughs and great times. Your parties were always the best!

Phil is remembered so fondly in both our hearts. He truly was a remarkable man in so many ways. We are in Seattle with family but please know we are thinking of every one of your family members as you endure these hard times. Love and hugs to you,
Jane and Jeff Boulter

jane boulter - December 19, 2016 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ Elizabeth our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. We have fond memories of your kindness inviting us to dinner at your house during our visits with Fran and Mike. Memories are ours to cherish. Much love, Joe and Lynn Majce, Marblehead, Ohio

The Majces - December 19, 2016 at 08:15 AM

MJ

“ Elizabeth and family, I was so sorry to read about Phil. Jerry passed away 2 yrs. ago also. We talked about those cold fishing trips we use to take, kids playing together, and being neighbors when our families were younger.

Had lots of fond memories of our times back then. Times do change but we go on keeping busy, with our families and friends. If you ever get into Collins feel free to give a call or stop by. Merlyn Jones



Mrs. Jerry Jones - December 18, 2016 at 11:13 AM

KT

“ *I am a classmate of Mike Kearney. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Kacy Thompson

Kacy Thompson - December 18, 2016 at 10:46 AM

EB

“ *Dear Elizabeth and family,
It was my distinct honor to care for Phillip while in the hospital. You can always tell a man by his family, and Phillip was great. Elizabeth, you are a gift and I know you will be strong. God Bless you all,
Eileen Bitner RN*

Eileen Bitner - December 18, 2016 at 10:34 AM

FM

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Fran & Mike - December 16, 2016 at 04:30 PM

FM

“ *We share your grief for the loss of your loved one and our dear friend for so many years.
Fran and Mike*



Fran & Mike Moran - December 16, 2016 at 03:29 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Philip Daniel Kearney*



Chrissy - December 16, 2016 at 03:14 PM