



Phillip Thomas Herkamp

June 30, 1949 - September 17, 2020

Phillip Thomas Herkamp, 71, of Columbus, passed away at 5:13 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

He fought a courageous battle with cancer since 2017 and went home to heaven surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie (Seabrook) Herkamp; children, Kimberly Ann (Herkamp) Hutchinson and her husband, Karrick, and Michael Thomas Herkamp and his wife, Heather (Carhart); his grandchildren, Brooke, Shelby and Wyatt Hutchinson and Charlotte Herkamp; his siblings, Mary Ellen Adams (Norman), Nathan Herkamp (Leslie) and Joseph Herkamp (Katherine); many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and several brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Phil was born on June 30, 1949 in Columbus, to his parents, Oscar and Mabel (Otte) Herkamp. They preceded him in death.

He married Bonnie Seabrook on July 17, 1971. The couple celebrated their 49th anniversary this summer.

Phil was a graduate of Columbus High School, class of 1967. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology at Purdue University, and worked as a controls engineer.

Phil was passionate about his work both as an engineer, and as a farmer. He continued raising corn and soybeans at the family farm in Columbus, which had been in the Herkamp family since the 1950s. He and Bonnie lived on the farm and raised Kimberly and Michael there.

A man of a deep and abiding Christian faith, Phil was a longtime member of Berean Bible Church and most recently The Ridge of Columbus and volunteered with several ministries.

He and Bonnie are grateful for the encouragement from the church through his illness and throughout their lives.

Phil's strength, kindness and compassion were an inspiration to his family who will continue to treasure his memory. He will be deeply missed.

Public visitation 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, with the service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 23 at Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home, 3855 25th St, Columbus. Face masks will be required for the visitation and service. Burial will follow the service at Garland Brook Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Word of Life Bible Institute, 4200 Glendale Road, Pottersville, NY 12860; info@wol.org; 518-494-6000.

Information: www.jewellrittman.com.

Cemetery

Garland Brook Cemetery

501 N Gladstone
Columbus, IN,

Events

SEP **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home
3855 25th St, Columbus, IN, US, 47203

SEP **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Jewell-Rittman Funeral Home - September 23, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ An external video has been added.



Jewell-Rittman Funeral Home - September 21, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ As a little girl I remember sitting up on Uncle Phil's shoulders as he fed the cattle. I felt safe and in awe up so high in that safe spot. Strong and gentle.... he helped me understand how God shepherds us... how he made time for me and never acted as if a question was silly. Even as just a kid he made you feel important because he gave you his full attention. He loved without condemning. His smile and his kind laugh will be in my heart with me forever. He loved sacrificial and put actions into play without even needing many words. A quiet gentle but strong spirit... my favorite times were at family reunions and watching him open up with the men and joke and laugh. God has received one of his best men home. Love you forever Uncle Phil. Thank you for being an example of love down here on earth while we were blessed with you.

Cassie AmRhein Hurley - September 23, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ It was an honor and a pleasure knowing and working with Phil. He was an exceptional machine control engineer and a true pioneer in an area of change and computerization of machine controls. He made hard work fun!

Bob Easterling - September 21, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Dan and Marie Law Adams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phillip Thomas Herkamp.



Dan and Marie Law Adams - September 21, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Mary Ellen and Norman Adams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phillip Thomas Herkamp.



Mary Ellen and Norman Adams - September 21, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ Adams family in Maryland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phillip Thomas Herkamp.



Adams family in Maryland - September 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phillip Thomas Herkamp.



September 20, 2020 at 05:34 PM



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



September 20, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Sarah Herkamp purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Phillip Thomas Herkamp.



Sarah Herkamp - September 19, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ The Burnett family. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Phillip Thomas Herkamp.



The Burnett family. - September 19, 2020 at 07:36 AM