



Philip D. Frapwell

August 15, 1950 - February 19, 2023

Philip D. Frapwell

On Sunday, February 19, 2023, Philip D. Frapwell passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and children after a brief illness.

Philip was preceded in death by his father, John Frapwell and his mother, Evelyn (Korner) Frapwell. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Joan (Lawler) Frapwell, his three children, Kristin Rybinski (Peter), Amanda Policare (Tony), Adam Frapwell (Gretchen) and seven grandchildren, Connor, Dylan, Anthony, Max, James, Chandler and Genevieve. He is also survived by his brother John Frapwell (Katie) and several loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Phil grew up on City Island in the Bronx. He attend both the University of Miami and Iona College where he received both a Bachelors and Masters degree in marine biology. He worked at the US Army Corps of Engineers in Buffalo, NY for over 30 years. He retired from there as the Chief of the Regulatory Department. He loved nature and was passionate about its protection.

He loved the ocean and was a skilled sailor. He loved to be on the water and even competed in the Olympic trials for sailing. He was an avid bird watcher and was always trying to teach others about the many local species.

Phil was known for his giving nature and was always helping others. He was the best neighbor a person could wish for. He was destined to live in Buffalo, the city of good neighbors. One of Phil's favorite sayings was "people may not remember what you said or did but will remember the way you made them

feel.” That is exactly how he lived his life.

The Funeral will take place on Friday, February 24, 2023 at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 61 Payne Ave. in North Tonawanda, NY at 11:00am. There will be a visitation at Wattengel Funeral Home at 533 Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda from 2-7pm on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The family will be receiving loved ones at that time. Family ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his name to the Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
61 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Tribute Wall

MB

“ During my years working with Phil in Regulatory at the Corps I always found him to be honest and fair. He will be missed. Rest in peace Phil. Mary Anne Koller Burley

Mary Anne Burley - March 04, 2023 at 01:42 PM

FD

“ I worked for Phil for a dozen years, and he was a great person to work for -- he was kind and respectful, and was sincerely interested in the people who worked for him. Reading all the remembrances, it's obvious that Phil made a positive and lasting impact on the lives of many people. Phil wasn't just a co-worker, supervisor, or boss -- Phil was a friend, and he will be missed.

Fred Dieffenbach - March 02, 2023 at 10:41 PM

RL

“ I only spent a few years in Regulatory in Buffalo. And one of my memories was Phil flying around on his feet doing 50 mph and talking loading and laughing. He expressed how he felt but in a positive way. He was always nice to everybody and enjoyed what he was doing. He lead his group with a lot of advise and discussion showing that life wasn't simple but it could be managed. So I have fond and nice memories of Phil. May he rest in peace and his family feel proud that he graced their lives as he did ours.

Robert Lichvar - March 02, 2023 at 10:19 AM

WD

“ My deepest condolences Joan to you and the kids. Unfortunately I have not seen you or Phil in ages but certainly remember fondly our shared experiences during my short time at the Corp. Upbeat and energetic truly define Phil. I can still hear his voice. A good man. I am a snowbird otherwise I most certainly would have offered condolences in person. Take care. "Max"

Wayne Dubrawsky - February 24, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ This is so sad. And I am sorry that I could not make the visitation yesterday. It was an absolute pleasure and honor to know work and play with Phil for over 30 years. He will always be remembered.

Mike Smith - February 24, 2023 at 08:06 PM

TS

“ It was truly an honor & pleasure to know and work with Phil. His exceptional expertise, judgement & pragmatic approach to resolving issues were invaluable to the administration of the Regulatory Program. He was an outstanding leader, supervisor, and mentor to so many.

Tom Switala - February 24, 2023 at 10:59 AM

DW

I was in the M&E Section when Phil became my “boss”. But he also became my friend. Although we went our separate way once I moved on from that position, I will always have good feelings for our friendship. God Bless!

Don Wilson - February 24, 2023 at 05:46 PM

RG

“ *Rest in Peace Phil. I remember you as a good friend during the times we spent together. You helped brighten up the room always. Our condolences and prayers go out to your family.*
Bob & Chris Gorecki

Robert Gorecki - February 23, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Philip D. Frapwell.*



February 22, 2023 at 09:11 PM

PL

“ *Phil was a true friend and an inspiration during those decades we worked together at the Corps. No matter how difficult our tasks he always found a way to inject his lighthearted wit making life wonderfully easier for all of us. Farewell Phil.*

Paul Leuchner - February 22, 2023 at 02:17 PM

TS

“ *Very sorry to hear of Phil's passing. I worked and socialized with Phil back in the day. Len Bryniarski (TL), Phil Frapwell (NE), Tod Smith (HE), Tim Daly (CR). A great guy to know and work with. He will be missed. My condolences.*

Tod Smith - February 22, 2023 at 10:42 AM

PW

“ PHIL, John and I spent many, many summers together in City Island when we were all very, very young. It was the best of times with the most wonderful memories to this day! You are greatly loved ‘Flip’, forever. Patsy

Pat Walters - February 21, 2023 at 08:59 PM

TH

“ Phil kept it real and always reminded me we work with people first. I still think of him nearly every day. He made a huge impression on me. I couldn't have asked for a better friend, mentor, and boss. My sincerest wishes for loving memories to Joanie, Amanda, Kristen, Adam, the family, and especially, his cherished grandkids. I still hear his laughter.

Theresa Hudson - February 21, 2023 at 01:46 PM

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Baaaa-ram-u, To thine own self be true!

Theresa Hudson - February 21, 2023 at 02:26 PM

JS

Thank you to Phil for the wonderful cat, Inky, that he gave me years ago. His children found little Inky who was being abused. As an animal lover, Phil knew I would not say no when he asked if I wanted the cat. I worked with Phil for many years.

Joyce Sahr - February 23, 2023 at 02:53 PM

TK

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy on the death of Philip. We will keep his memory in mind, heart and prayer.
The Revs. Joseph and Robin Kozlowski

The Revs. Joseph and Robin Kozlowski - February 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM

AK

“ I am sad by the passing of Philip Frapwell and extend my most earnest sympathy to his family.
I was always impressed by Phil's energy and his optimistic and enthusiastic nature. Rest in Peace.

Arthur Klein - February 21, 2023 at 09:18 AM

HK

“ As we look back during our lives there are those that leave a lasting impression and help form who we are. I'm proud and honored to say Phil was one of those people for me. Phil was my supervisor, my mentor and most importantly my friend. I will be forever grateful to him for the role he played in my life and will never forget him. My thoughts and prayers are with all Phil's friends and family.

Harold Keppner - February 21, 2023 at 07:59 AM

MB

“ Phil was an amazing man that I will miss so much. He was a great husband, father person and one of my best friends. My sincere condolences to Joanie, Amanda, Kristin, Adam and all of the family. He was one of a kind and I loved him very much.

Michelle Barczak - February 20, 2023 at 11:49 PM