



Mr. Phillip M. Darnell

March 13, 1940 - February 28, 2018

Phillip Michael Darnell, age 77, died Wednesday, February 28, 2018 in Roswell, Georgia. A native Atlantan, Phillip attended Brown High School and Georgia Tech. He is preceded in death by his parents, Sarah Frances and Charles E Darnell. He is survived by his brother, Alan Darnell (Angie); sons, Brandon (Shana) and Greg and their mother, Karen; grandsons, Trevor Lee and Grant Michael.

Phillip was a 1957 graduate of Brown High School in Atlanta where he earned Beta Club academic honors, while starting on both the football and baseball teams. After graduation Phillip attended Georgia Tech where he played football, was a member of Phi Delta Fraternity, and graduated with a degree in Industrial Design from the School of Architecture. From his commitment to the Army ROTC program, he graduated in 1964 with a Second Lieutenant's Commission in the U.S. Army.

He then entered the Infantry Officer's Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and then began his career as an Army Aviator attending Rotary Wing training courses at Fort Wolters, Texas and Fort Rucker, Alabama. After receiving his wings, he served nine months in Korea followed by a year in Vietnam, flying attack helicopter gunships in that war zone. Phillip distinguished himself flying the AH-1 Cobra gunship during the TET offensive in early 1968 and receiving the award of the Bronze Star, 23 Air Medals with V device, Purple Heart,

Vietnam Service medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and VetNam Campaign Medal. Returning to the US, Phillip served as an Instructor Pilot for the remainder of his active duty career.

After his Army service, Phillip returned to Atlanta to utilize his design talent, spending almost 50 years in residential design, construction, and remodeling.

Phillip was a loyal friend and a selflessly giving brother, father and grandfather. His legacy and his love of Jesus Christ will be carried on through his children and grandchildren for years to come. He will be greatly missed. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 12:00pm at Roswell First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery. The Darnell family will receive friends on Monday from 10:00am until the time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following organizations, First Baptist Church of Roswell, 710 Mimosa Blvd., Roswell, GA. 30075 <http://fbroswell.org>, Disables American Veterans, dav.org or Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance Chapter One, PO Box 669215, Marietta, GA. 30066.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Roswell
710 Mimosa Blvd.
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Roswell
710 Mimosa Blvd.
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Phillip M. Darnell*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Today you would have been 79 Daddy, Happy Birthday. We miss you so much!*

Your "Sweetpea" Brandon

Brandon Darnell - March 13, 2019 at 01:03 AM

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“ My Name is Howard Hendrickson.

I met Phillip Darnell through an association of Vietnam Veterans named Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance Chapter 1, in Marietta, Ga., and possibly prior to that when many of us from Chapter 1 were members of Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 239.

I joined V.V.A. #239 in May or June of 1986.

I am a member of G.V.V.A. #5 in Conyers, Ga. and have tried to maintain a tie to the Marietta Chapter.

I moved to Conyers, Ga. in 1996, and in 2005 we formed Chapter 5 in Conyers, Ga.

I have lots of pleasant memories when we got together for our monthly meetings, picnics, The annual Christmas Party, and parades in Marrietta, and Veterans Day in Atlanta, Ga.

I considered Phillip a good friend.

I wish to express to the family of my friend Phillip Darnell, PEACE AND COMFORT from our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.

As a veteran of Vietnam, I know that many of our generation have found it difficult to have that personal relationship with Jesus, I am happy to know that Phillip is a child of God.

I am happy to know that one day I will see my friend Phillip and we will spend time with

family and friends who have preceded us to spend eternity as God's children.

I will be unable to attend Phillip's funeral, due to preparation to a surgery my wife is preparing for this Wednesday.

The family has been in my thoughts and prayers since learning of Phillips heart attack, and hospitalization and passing.

In God's love,

Howard Hendrickson

Howard W. Hendrickson - March 04, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip M. Darnell.



March 04, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ We will be Laying you to rest tomorrow Daddy. We all love you so much!

brandon darnell - March 04, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ 79 files added to the album LifeTributes



Northside Chapel - March 04, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Northside Chapel - March 04, 2018 at 12:52 PM

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“ Love, Mildred Mulligan and The Barnabei family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Phillip M. Darnell.



Love, Mildred Mulligan and The Barnabei family - March 03, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip M. Darnell.



March 03, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip M. Darnell.



March 02, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip M. Darnell.



March 02, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip M. Darnell.*



March 02, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *I am proud to say Philip was a true friend of mine since the early "50's". He had a good sense of humor, loved sports, his family & friends and was a good Christian. As a matter of fact I first met him at Cascade Baptist Church in Chief Herbert T. Jenkins (Police Chief of ATL) Sunday School Class. My heart goes out to his family in their loss. He will be sorely missed!*
Richard & Doris Tilley and Family

Richard Tilley - March 02, 2018 at 08:49 AM