



Phillip Wayne Stewart

July 28, 1955 - April 26, 2022

Phillip “Phil” Wayne Stewart, age 66, died of natural causes at home on April 26, 2022. He was born July 28, 1955, to Franklin J.C. Stewart and Claris Collett Stewart of Milton, Georgia.

In an era when northern Fulton County was more dirt roads and down-home cooking than today’s bustling world of gated communities and horse barns, Phil was raised in a modest brick home where hands learned early how to pray and work hard. During a childhood full of garden chores and front porch stories, Phil helped dig out the family’s basement for more storage, while also extending upwards the home’s brick chimney, an endeavor that thankfully remains taller than it is crooked.

Phil graduated from Milton High School and at the age of 22 welcomed his son, Joshua, to the world, with whom he shared a love of candy that could never be too sweet and fireworks that could never be too loud. As the Atlanta area grew up and out, Phil left the quiet pastures of the Milton area and joined the modern economy with a career taking him to Coca-Cola as a delivery driver and salesman, and on to lively chapters in construction, property management and custom flooring. While Phil knew better than anyone how to unwind on the weekends and make the most of free time with friends, he also believed in doing each work task he approached with care and precision. His attention to detail opened doors for him that led to new employment

opportunities and a chance to mentor, as well as learn from, his colleagues.

In recent years, Phil made his home once again in Milton and cared for his mother. The same backyard field where he labored as a child became the spot where Phil engineered a deer-proof vegetable garden that was rich in passion and produce. As he worked the soil and tended to his corn, tomatoes, beans, okra and squash, Phil reconnected with the land and community that had raised him. As each summer set in with its heat and humidity, Phil made sure the vegetables he grew went to good use, whether being cooked or canned in the kitchen for him and his mother, or shared with family and friends. Phil enjoyed having people come over to share the bounty, especially when the squash came in, and he really got a kick out of sending elders and relatives home with something from the garden. In the end, his goal was quite simple: Phil just wanted to make sure everyone was both welcome and well fed.

Phil did not wish to have a memorial because he didn't want people "crying and boo-hooing over" him. Because Phil enjoyed letting people know they were thought of, the best way for folks to honor his memory is by spending time with someone they love or reaching out to an old friend just to say "howdy."

Phil is preceded in death by his father J.C. Stewart, as well as his brother Terry Stewart, his sister Angela Stewart Tappe and his nephew, Tyler Mathews. He is survived by his mother Claris Stewart of Milton (GA), his son and son-in-law, Joshua Saunders and Brian Basinger of Atlanta (GA), brother and sister-in-law Brian and Trina Stewart of Canton (GA), niece and nephew-in-law, Heidi and Ken Ewing of Houston (TX), nephews Jacob and Tanner Stewart of Canton (GA), and numerous other beloved friends and family.

Tribute Wall

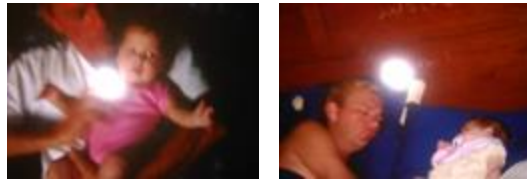
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“ Aww I was so heartbroken to see that he had passed away in April he was a wonderful man and a great friend to me and my kid's we knew each other very well I don't know how much fun I could talk about on here but I loved him and he loved me a are time together was cut short and we lost touch with each other but I thought about him everyday and I'm so glad to have known him he was a very important person to me for many years his passing has broken my heart even more I hope my brother showed him pictures and stuff thru the years he will be in my heart and thoughts forever I always loved you Phillip and the great things and words and time's we shared were some of the best times in my life man

Susan Williams - October 29, 2022 at 10:52 PM

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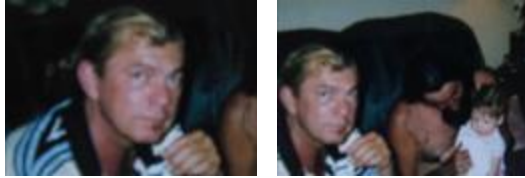
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Susan Williams - October 23, 2022 at 10:32 AM

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“ This was 2005 when my brother Danny lost his and Penny's baby me and Phil planned and paid for it he was such a great friend to I've got more pics of him he gave me many years ago I'll try and locate them and again sorry for your loss he was one of a kind words can't express what I'm going thru finding out so late and his Momma God bless your heart Momma Stewart



Susan Williams - October 23, 2022 at 10:23 AM

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“ This is my daughter Phill went out one night when he and I were dating and got this for my daughter Bobbie I've met his Mom before I I love him so much I just found out about it my brother Danny passed away in October of 2021 I have tried to get in touch with him for yrs my daughter is 17 now he thought she was his but I had DNA test and she didn't but he loved my daughter and I'm grateful for that I wish he would have gotten to see her now he would say she's my baby lol so heart broken 💔 today I just found out last night 🙏 for you Momma Stewart my number is 865 201 2685 Susan Williams I came to visit you and Elvis all the time and help was the best I ever ate and the garden was good to ill carry him in my heart always and forever



Susan Williams - October 23, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *Phillip Wayne Stewart*

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