



Phillip P. Hodak

August 30, 1958 - May 3, 2020

It is with profound sorrow we announce the passing of Phillip P. Hodak of Kankakee, Illinois, on May 3, 2020. As he wished, Phil passed away at his home with his loving family by his side, after a year-long struggle with cancer. Phil was born at St. Mary's Hospital on August 30, 1958, to John and Marilyn (Yonke) Hodak of Kankakee, Illinois. He married Sue Gianotti on July 27, 1979, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Phil was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's where he shared his time, talent and treasures. He served many years as a Eucharistic Minister, a sponsor for RCIA and a member of the parish council.

Phil was a firefighter and paramedic for the City of Kankakee, a career he truly loved. Because of heart issues, his career ended early in 1992.

His new "career" became that of volunteering. He was a basketball coach and athletic director at Sts. Patrick and Teresa Grade School and also coached at the KVPD. He was on the steering committee many years for the Bishop McNamara Annual Spring Auction. He most recently served on the Kankakee Firefighters' Pension Board.

His health continued to decline until February 27, 2012, when he received a new heart, a gift of life from an unknown donor. His heart team, led by Dr.

Alain Heroux of Loyola Hospital, and Dr. Joseph Meisenbach, of St. Mary's Kankakee, have been a significant part of his health care throughout the years both before and after the transplant.

He took great joy in teaching his children many practical life lessons and was always there for them when they needed anything. He also taught them and his grandchildren how to swim, fish, and play basketball, all things he loved doing.

Surviving are Sue, his wife of 40 years, daughter Katherine "Katie" (Doug) Bean, of Kankakee, son John (Sara) Hodak, of Brookfield, and grandchildren Adelyn and Beau Bean, and Lucas and Ethan Hodak, brothers Larry (Chris) Hodak of Chicago, IL, Mark (Paula) Hodak of Kankakee, IL, Bruce (Paula) Hodak of Lexington, NC, and Doug (Katie) Hodak of Darien, IL. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family, thoughtful, supportive friends and neighbors, and caregivers Joanne (Gianotti) Farlander and Rosanne Gianotti.

Phil was looking forward to being reunited with his parents, his brother Daniel and many loved ones who preceded him.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, a private family Mass will be celebrated.

Please join the Hodak family beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 for a funeral procession. The procession will leave from St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee and travel to Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. As per the pandemic restrictions, please remain in your vehicle at all times.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a future date at St. Patrick Catholic Church, along with a celebration of his life with family and friends.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Church, Bishop McNamara Catholic School or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Katie Chigaros lit a candle in memory of Phillip P. Hodak*



Katie Chigaros - May 12, 2020 at 03:28 AM

NS

“ *Sue*

Prayers and sympathy, God Bless

Natalene Ferrari Schultz

Natalene Ferrari Schultz - May 11, 2020 at 05:32 PM

BS

“ *We are so very sorry for you and your family's loss. Prayers for you all at this difficult time.*

Benny & Charlene

Benny & Charlene Skeldon - May 11, 2020 at 04:55 PM

LR

“ *So sorry to hear of Phil passing; condolences to Sue and all of the family.*

In as much as Phil and I lost touch after high school, I do have many fond memories of silly antics and lots of goofing around.

I remember Phil as a happy, sweet guy with a great attitude. R.I.P. old friend.

Lee Roski - May 09, 2020 at 08:58 AM

NC

“ Growing up next door to the Hodak's grandparents allowed us many years of friendship with the Hodak family. We were saddened to hear of Phil's passing. Blessings to him and his family. We pray his memories are near and dear to your hearts.



Nansi Chandler-norum - May 07, 2020 at 12:29 AM

MF

“ To Sue and family, Bruce remembers Phil from grade school and Hodaks Garage and I remember him from Hardees. Phil provided a great contribution by sharing his time and talents with St Pats parish. Phil was a very nice and caring individual. We are so sorry for your loss.

Bruce and Mary Fitzpatrick

mary Fitzpatrick - May 06, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DG

“ To Sue and family, Our sincere sympathy to you all on this huge loss of your husband and father. God's peace be with you . Prayers,
Dan and Val Guenette

daniel guenette - May 06, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DL

“ *Dean And Rhonda Lareau sent a virtual gift in memory of Phillip P. Hodak*



Dean and Rhonda Lareau - May 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM

JM

“ A testament to his character was seeing him standing for hours at his mother's wake last year even though he was experiencing discomfort.

John McDonald - May 05, 2020 at 10:34 AM

Dale Adams

“ Phil was a childhood friend. We went to St Pat's together and worked at Sandy's and Hardee's while in high school. I am so sorry for your loss.

Dale T Adams

Dale Adams - May 05, 2020 at 10:22 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Phillip P. Hodak



MR MRS - May 05, 2020 at 07:26 AM

GB

“ Sorry for your loss

Gina Bradbury - May 04, 2020 at 10:40 PM

JR

“ Sorry for your families loss.

Jason Russow - May 04, 2020 at 10:03 PM

PG

“ Pam Gall lit a candle in memory of Phillip P. Hodak



Pam Gall - May 04, 2020 at 08:44 PM

PG

“ My deepest sympathies to you Sue and your family 🙏🙏

Pam Gall - May 04, 2020 at 08:44 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Harmon - May 04, 2020 at 08:12 PM

DH

“ A Brother. A Friend. A Great Firefighter and Paramedic. We attended Firefighter, EMT-P and many other classes together. A sense of humor that never quit. I always felt safer when I was working with Phil. He will be missed by all who knew him.



David Harmon - May 04, 2020 at 08:05 PM

TS

“ God Bless this family. Phil you had all of our respect, because like my sister you received a transplant. Praise God for the 8 extra years you received. You were respected by so many, and will be honored by the multitude. Our hearts go out to the entire family. Much love.
Rich and Therese Schultz, Kankakee

Therese Schultz - May 04, 2020 at 07:09 PM

MD

“ Mike & Bev. Duffy lit a candle in memory of Phillip P. Hodak



Mike & Bev. Duffy - May 04, 2020 at 06:43 PM

MR

“ There is one thing above all else that comes to mind when I think of Phil - his never ending smile, and laugh. What an incredible man.

Mary Rapiet - May 04, 2020 at 06:29 PM

DF

“ Who would have thought about 50 years ago, Phil and I would have started St. Patrick grade school together and then about 15 years later, he would marry one of my best friends. You chose a great life partner, Sue. His kind soul will be missed.
Diane (Catalano) Fedrow

Diane Catalano Fedrow - May 04, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JM

“ I remember Phil interacting with his children and grandchildren. He was a great person. Sympathy for his family and friends. Goodbye for now Phil 🙏😊.

Jan Mitchell - May 04, 2020 at 04:56 PM

AB

“ Sympathy is extended to The Family and Friends. Sorry for Your Loss.

Will Remember the Laughs and the Good Times .

Alan & Norma Buck - May 04, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DS

“ Phil was a great person and I enjoyed working with him at the Kankakee FD. He will be truly missed by family, friends and co-workers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to all that knew him.

Damon & Gayle Schuldt

Damon & Gayle Schuldt - May 04, 2020 at 03:39 PM