



## Phil Demma

September 22, 1942 - April 14, 2020

Anthony Philip Demma, Jr., age 77 of Newnan, GA, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. "Phil" was born on September 22, 1942 in Chicago, IL to Anthony P. Demma, Sr. and Virginia Stewart Demma.

Phil grew up in Chicago, IL and loved sharing stories of his Italian and Scottish ancestry. In his younger years, Phil was an avid athlete and played baseball on his college team. As an adult, Phil had a passion for playing tennis and golf. One of his best memories was traveling to Scotland to play golf at St Andrews and Royal Troon courses, and going to The Open.

Phil was a sport car enthusiast until the end. He had a fondness for two seater ragtops, but his eyes would light-up for any BMW. He delighted in road trips. On one such trip over Spring Break, Phil drove his Triumph (TR3) to Fort Lauderdale Florida and there he met Chris. Thus began the adventure of their life together which spanned over 53 years.

Phil's career in sales served him well, and brought the family to Marietta, GA in the early '70s. Nearing retirement, Phil & Chris moved to Newnan, GA. The decision to retire in Newnan was easy as it reminded them of East Cobb, but everyone knew the golf courses were the driving factor for Phil. After retiring he decided to return to work to be near his favorite past time. In this chapter of

life, he worked at White Oak and other Cannongate courses in the pro shop.

Phil was known for his sense of humor, natural storytelling flair, and contagious laugh. He had an uncanny ability to never meet a stranger and would strike-up a conversation with anyone.

He is survived by his wife, Chris Demma, Newnan, GA.; children, Sean (Deanna) Demma, Dunwoody, GA and Stuart Demma, Newnan, GA; sister, Barbara (Dave) Harrington, Bokeelia, FL; brother-in-laws, Bill (Pam) Scheibel, Verona WI, and Craig (Gail) Scheibel Villa Rica, GA; sister-in-laws, Claudia (Dennis) Iverson, Fitchburg, WI, and Carole (Dennis) Schmitt, Newnan, GA; stepsister, Cheri (Frank) Sicola, Georgetown, TX; and stepbrother, Keith (Arlene) Olson, Fox Lake, IL.

Phil was lucky to have a large and loving extended family, and was blessed with 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 20 nephews and nieces; and many cousins.

Phil is preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Dolores Demma; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl and Betty Scheibel.

The family is grateful for the wonderful and compassionate teams at Benton House, Avalon Health & Rehabilitation, and Piedmont Newnan Hospital who helped Phil through his journey. A special thank you to Dr. James M. Smith and his team, as well as the other specialists within Piedmont Healthcare for their support and care.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Phil will be scheduled when the World returns to a new normal; post pandemic.

Phil will be missed but always in our hearts. We know he lived a full life, loved

all of us, and fought Parkinson's Disease courageously. Godspeed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your local community food bank, or the Parkinson's Foundation, <https://www.parkinson.org>.

You may sign the family guest book or send condolences online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory | 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss.  
Sending you love at this sad time.  
Love, Amy Jones and family*



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**Amy Jones** - April 27, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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**Sean Demma** - April 20, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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**Sean Demma** - April 20, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ Phil was a special man that so appreciated life to the fullest everyday with great style, class and dignity. He thrived on the adventure and life's journey each and everyday. It is with tear filled eyes that I so fondly recall the laughs, jokes, stories always thinking of others not being self absorbed but wanting to bring a smile to others while he remained positive and joyful. Phil had a good " eye " and appreciated travels, cars, golf, tennis and a pretty girl. Phil chose well; Chris a beauty inside and out who captured his heart and had a true life partner that was with him at every twist and turn. Phil fought Parkinson like a true champ and had the greatest coach, Chris. What a team. Much love to Chris, Sean and Stuart. To my friend Phil, well done and until we meet again. God is the Potter and we are the clay. God made one Phil Demma and broke the mold. God bless all.

Much Love,  
Terry Young

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Terry Young - April 19, 2020 at 09:07 PM

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“ *"Good people will be remembered as a blessing"*  
*Proverbs 10.7*

*Phil was my older brother and only sibling. One of my earliest memories of Phil was of him comforting me as his little sister. Something had frightened me and he was there reassuring me it would be okay.*

*Growing up I remember his smile, eyes that sparkled with mischief, and his kind and caring ways. He was a good athlete (baseball pitcher) and, as he grew older, his love for cars emerged. I remember him taking me for a ride in his first car a "robin's egg blue" Triumph TR3 with roadster doors. He was so proud of it!*

*He picked a good wife, Chris, who has traveled through their time together with humor, grace, love and much caring. They seemed destined for each other and shared a full life. She has taken remarkable care of him during these years when they both fought their way through the trials that his health problems presented.*

*Dave & I send our love to Chris & our nephews, Sean and Stuart. May we all remember Phil with a happy heart. I believe that would please him. I know Dave & I will keep his memory in a special place. He was a good person and a blessing to those of us who were fortunate enough to share a part of his journey with him.*

*He is missed.  
Our love to Chris, Sean, and Stuart.*

*Barb & Dave Harrington*

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**Barbara Harrington** - April 19, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Dear Chris, Dade just read in the paper about Phil’s passing. It has saddened us. Although we moved from Newnan four years ago and have lost contact with you and Phil, we suddenly were reminded of our friendship this morning as we read the news. You both are such sweet people. We think of Phil with warmth and smiles. He had such a great sense of humor and gentleness. His physical struggles were long. They were hard on him and you. But you walked that walk with him by his side. Phil can rest now and we hope you will, too. Together you both fought a good battle. Prayers for your comfort. Love Dade and Bebe

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**the Footes** - April 18, 2020 at 07:27 AM

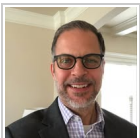


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**Stuart Demma** - April 18, 2020 at 12:46 AM



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**Stuart Demma** - April 18, 2020 at 12:43 AM

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“ I try to pick one favorite memory of Phil but then another 100 memories come to mind ie. Christmases together (candlelit carolling in Marietta, jeeping in Mt. Horeb...), road trips to the beach (Phil always had the fun cars), gatherings at the lake (Pike Lake & Villa Rica), wedding celebrations all over the country... And Phil was always at the center of things-- telling wonderful stories and adding so much laughter. How lucky I have been to have Phil as my brother-in-law.

*Claudia*

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**Claudia Scheibel-Iverson** - April 17, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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*Phil was a great brother in law. One would think that Phil and I would not have that much in common with me growing up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and Phil having grown up in Chicago. However we discovered that we had a lot to talk about. His eyes would light up and that infectious smile would appear on his face as he would tell tales of his boyhood life in Chicago including experiences working in his dad's business and his "boys of summer" experience playing baseball on some great teams. His knowledge and love of classic cars was very evident. He also showed great patience with my golf game as I would typically hack away but he would not poke fun; rather he would offer me encouragement. He was a great golfer who would hit the fairways and greens with seemingly little effort. But in the end it was the twinkle in his eyes and that great smile while telling stories I will remember most.*

*Dennis "Iver" Iverson*

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**Dennis Iverson** - April 18, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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*Some of the best moments of my childhood were when my family would drive down to Georgia for Christmas and spend time with the family. I remember there was a running joke for several years where Phil would receive underwear instead of golf gear or something more favorable. He was a great sport about it every time. I also vividly remember Phil taking me out to our front yard and fixing my throwing motion for baseball. There was another time when my friends and I were playing basketball in the driveway while my parents had people over. Phil left the adults and played with us, joking about his worry of getting injured by getting his elbow stuck in the rim while dunking. Phil would always have that twinkle in his eye and subtle grin while telling a joke- something that anyone who knows him could easily point out. For friends and family- I just wanted you all to know that I've been praying consistently for Phil through his whole ordeal with Parkinson's. He was a fantastic uncle and an incredible human being. How lucky the whole Scheibel clan was to have him be part of our family. May God rest his soul.*

*Nic Iverson*

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**Nicolas Iverson** - April 18, 2020 at 03:06 PM

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*I enjoyed Phil's wit and conversation.....but mostly I thank him for his kindness with my kids at the golf course.....he was supportive in helping them grow as people and for the love of the game.*

*He will be missed....but remembered.*

*Doug Dechert*

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**Douglas Dechert** - April 20, 2020 at 03:49 PM

JH

*Chris and I (college friends) traveled to Ft Lauderdale Florida for a winter getaway and that is where we met Phil and his friend who came down for Spring Break. We all had such good times together in this sunny warm location with Phil's light blue Triumph TR3 convertible. Chris & Phil's life long journey began here and I am so happy we have remained friends all these years. Chris was the lucky one to have found Phil who was the best husband and best father to their two sons. May Phil now Rest In Peace and Chris have Loving Memories.*

*Judy Holcomb*

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**Judy Holcomb** - April 30, 2020 at 07:43 PM