



## Philip Leo Fritchey

July 7, 1947 - January 19, 2017

Philip L Fritchey, M.H., N.D., CNHP

Phillip L. "Dr. Phil" Fritchey, 69, passed gently into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Phil will undoubtedly be remembered for his easy going, loving and philosophical nature.

Phil was born Monday, July 7, 1947 to the late John and Patricia Fritchey in Olney, IL. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Emily Fritchey; daughter, Dawn Vetrano and her husband Ed, son Sean Fritchey and wife Laura; grandchildren, Olivia Fritchey, Pearson Fritchey, Aislin Vetrano, Kelly Vetrano and his loving K-9 companion, Paddy Cake. Dr. Phil was a cat lover and leaves behind 6 wonderful felines...

Dr. Fritchey rediscovered his families herbal heritage in the late 1980's while recovering from a personal health crisis of his own and became a vocal advocate and nationally recognized lecturer on traditional herbalism. For nearly a decade, he worked alongside his wife in a Holistic Skin Therapy and Natural Health practice in central Georgia. In that time, he secured his Naturopathic degree and became a Master Herbalist with training from the Trinity College of Natural Health in Warsaw, Indiana. He wrote the Herbology curriculum for the National Association of Certified Natural Health

Professionals, and spent most of his time traveling and teaching the Biblical promise of herbs “for the healing of the nations” to professionals and laypeople alike. During this time, he formulated and compounded the original botanical remedies and corrective skin care products and is the co-founder of Sunshine Botanicals – and award winning national skin care brand. He was a man that relied heavily on garden grown and wild-crafted native plants, and loved celebrating Nature’s abundant apothecary and reaching the medicinal properties of nature medicine with others and teaching medical “self sufficiency’ to a nation that has been disconnected from the knowledge and power of plant medicine and how to use it. He absolutely loved celebrating Nature’s abundant apothecary.

He was described as a man that was born 100 years too late. In his lectures, he provided an enlightening historical perspective, and a great deal of reassuring, down-to-earth methods for using commonly found or easily grown medicinal herbs and techniques that were once familiar to every self-sufficient household. While simplifying and demystifying herbal medicine, he was quick to speak about the Loving Creator who had placed healing gifts for us in anticipation of our every need.

Dr. Fritchey’s life will be lovingly celebrated Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2 o’clock in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. Visiting hours will be from 12:00 p.m. until the service time. Interment will be held privately at a later date in Mount Harmony Memorial Gardens in Mableton, GA.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. Phil would be honored if you chose to make a donation to “The Virginians for Health Freedom”, (Va4HF) a non-profit natural health advocacy group. Dr. Fritchey taught his classes on a regular basis over the years with this group, and the funds would be used to help support their small, grass roots organization that provides onsite natural healing education and help pay their lobbyist to fight to protect freedom of choice when it comes to

health freedoms."

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon  
Funeral Home & Crematory 38 Jackson Street, Newnan

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Philip Leo Fritchey*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 09, 2017 at 02:24 PM

TA

*Thanks my brother and fellow seeker of real medicine.....*

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**Terry Adkins** - December 22, 2022 at 09:17 PM

TA

“ *Thank you doctor phil, for your loving guidance in my life, you were more than a mentor to me you were and always will be my friend..... you are missed. My dear friend.*

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**Terry Adkins** - April 10, 2025 at 11:03 PM

BM

“ Here it is Sept, 2019, and I just a few weeks ago found out about Dr Phils death. I was so saddened. I had him for a couple classes years ago and as everyone else has said, What an amazing man and teacher he was. I loved him! Emily has done an amazing job with her company, I used the products- somehow strayed away, but am now back using and enjoying them. I know they contain the best, purest ingredients. Thanks for keeping me on the email list for years for me to “ drift” back again.

Bretha Mahe, In CO  
CNHP, MH

Bretha Mahe - September 27, 2019 at 09:49 PM

DN

I am saddened to just learn of Dr. Phil Fritchys death. He was an outstanding teacher and an inspiration. My deepest condolences to his wife Emily, family and friends.

Dr. George Parker Franchell, ND, MH CNC, CNHP  
(former student and so blessed to know him and have him as a teacher).

Dr. George P. Franchell, ND - June 26, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ I am so saddened to learn of Dr. Phil's death. I had the pleasure of attending a couple of his classes and his book is on my shelf. I hope to make a difference and help people in the gentle, loving way he did. My condolences.



Michelle Amos - June 17, 2019 at 03:48 PM

T?

“ I’m so glad to see I’m not the only one who was greatly influenced by this wonderful man. When I began CNHP, I was not a Christian. After listening to him talk about “what comes first, the disease, or the herb that treats the disease?” ... I got to realizing that we are in the perfect environment with the perfect creator. He got me to slow down and think. I could say so much about him - but mainly I just want to say, “Thank you good sir! May you truly rest in peace knowing how much good you did planting the roots at every rest stop! For teaching the truth! And being the gentle good person you will always be.” -Tracy

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Tracy ?? - October 08, 2018 at 09:12 AM

EF

Thank you Tracy for sharing your experience and kind words with me 🌿❤🌿 dr. Phil was an amazing man in the love of my life ... he touched many many people during his time on this planet and left the world in a much better place ...

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Emily Fritchey - February 05, 2019 at 11:15 AM

SK

“ I am so sorry to see this obituary. Dr Phil is someone I just always thought would be here - well, for a lot longer anyway. He just had that charisma. Over the years I have referred many people to his webpage and his books. He was one of the most influential mentors I have had the pleasure of studying under. Many years ago in the first class I took with him - he caught me doodling on a piece of paper. He thought I wasn't paying attention and he was going to embarrass me. But he walked over and looked at what I was drawing and it was a man with all his body parts labeled with which herbs were beneficial for that part.....and a little flower over his you know what :) Well he took it from me, with a twisted grin :)... and he made a copy of it. As far as I know he kept it on his office wall at home - at least that's what he told me years later when I asked if he still had it.

I also would like to mention that I introduced my daughter to Dr. Phil at the Herbal Bootcamp many years ago. So not only was he my mentor, but also my daughter's. I couldn't have introduced her to a better teacher. Dr Phil will always be in my heart - and in my thoughts. I think of him every time I make a tincture, or a salve, or colloidal silver. Or even when I am stocking up on my emergency preparedness supplies. He truly is a huge part of my life! I am so thankful for the gift he gave all of us by spreading his knowledge and experiences.

I am so sorry to be so late in sending condolences, life has been very busy and I had no idea Dr. Phil had passed away. But I want his friends and family to know how he lives inside so many of us - and he truly made a difference. What more could a person ask to leave such a legacy? My love to all.

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**Stephanie Kelley** - September 19, 2018 at 09:59 AM

EF

*Thank you for this beautiful memorial message you've left ... my husband and soulmate , Dr. Phil Was a truly gifted, very amazing old soul let's touch the lives of thousands of people during his time on this planet and I'm so glad that you and your daughter were part of his legacy . Philip was a character that's for sure 😊 but he had a huge heart and was truly authentic in every way . This month marks two years that he left planet earth to go home to heaven and is deeply missed by us all . I will be continuing his work through our company [www.sunshinebotanicals.com](http://www.sunshinebotanicals.com) , and sometime during the month of March our new website will launch and his story and a lot of materials will be threaded into this beautiful natural skin care brands message . He will live forever through me ❤️🌿❤️🌿*

Emily Fritchey - February 05, 2019 at 11:21 AM

SK

“ Stephanie Kelley lit a candle in memory of Philip Leo Fritchey



Stephanie Kelley - September 19, 2018 at 09:39 AM

MR

“ Dr Phil, Just found out that we lost him. This is indeed a very sad day for me. I took several courses with him. Down to earth with sense of humor. I always called to talk to him and get his help. He never ever hesitated to help me with my questions. In fact a lot of things that I know is from him passing it down to me. I really miss him, miss his teasing and laughs that we had. I lost a friend and a teacher. Dr Phil wherever you are in this journey of life and being, I love and never forget you. As always many blessings. Thank you for everything.

Masoud Rastegar - July 19, 2017 at 05:17 PM

MJ

“ *What a pleasant man Dr. Fritchey was. Whenever we called to place an order he was just so nice and always asked about our northern weather and health! My daughter took a class that he taught and she came home raving about his teaching. I know he will be greatly missed.*

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**Mary Theresa Jurnack** - May 10, 2017 at 11:27 AM

MA

“ *When I took my first CNHP Certification Class almost ten years ago, he was our instructor. I have emailed and spoken to him throughout the years and he was always eager to help. He was an amazing teacher. I also enjoyed his deep faith and sense of humor. He was a true inspiration and will be missed. Mara Gerke*

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**Mara** - February 28, 2017 at 10:37 AM

KC

“ *OMG just learned of this today from the Trinity newsletter. My husband, son and I all enjoyed many of his classes. He was an amazing teacher and old soul. Loved learning from his perspective. Peace be with his Soul and his family. Alan and Kathy Clemence*

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**Katherine Clemence** - February 28, 2017 at 10:17 AM

AS

“ I never had the honor to meet Dr. Philip Fritchey in person but through the distance I admired him for being faithful to his calling. He fulfilled his mission on Earth and the good works he manifested speak for themselves, they reflect his unconditional love for mankind and nature. Love is not just a word it is an action and I believe Philip proved that. He will be missed and remembered by all the hearts he touched and inspired.

*\*The memories you left in the hearts of your loved ones will keep you alive, they will always speak greatly of you.*

*From New York,*

*Adriana Fuentes-Solis*

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**Adriana Solis** - February 23, 2017 at 10:41 PM

MR

*Dr Phil, Just found out that we lost him. This is indeed a very sad day for me. I took several courses with him. Down to earth with sense of humor. I always called to talk to him and get his help. He never ever hesitated to help me with my questions. In fact a lot of things that I know is from him passing it down to me. I really miss him, miss his teasing and laughs that we had. I lost a friend and a teacher. Dr Phil wherever you are in this journey of life and being, I love and never forget you. As always many blessings. Thank you for everything.*

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**Masoud Rastegar** - July 19, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Leo Fritchey.



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February 03, 2017 at 09:02 PM

JD

“ I am so honored to have known this brilliant man! You will be greatly missed!

*Jennifer Duren & Family*



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**Jennifer Duren** - February 03, 2017 at 03:08 PM

JD

“ In early 2016 a series of serendipitous events reacquainted me with Emily and Philip Fritchey, former downtown Newnan business neighbors and friends from 30+ years ago. This was not by chance, but I believe predestined. I will be forever grateful that I was able to attend Dr. Phil's last Herbal Boot Camp at Callaway Gardens where an entire world opened up to me - leaving me awestruck at the healing gifts of nature and wanting to learn more. I'm thankful to have Dr. Phil's book but so sad to have lost this brilliant herbalist and teacher; he was truly a national treasure. Many prayers for you, Emily as you travel this difficult path...you were blessed with a true soulmate and I know the many beautiful memories will keep him alive in your heart forever! Much love, Jan Deyton



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**Jan Deyton** - February 03, 2017 at 02:25 PM

DG

“ Dear Emily and Family,  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss of Phil. It was a pleasure knowing him. Praying for your comfort and strength during this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Donna Galbo



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**Donna Galbo** - February 03, 2017 at 09:25 AM

SC

“ Loving prayer for Emily and the family. I did not know Dr. Fritchey personally but was acquainted with Emily years back. I did, however, enjoy following his work and share his love for holistic healing. God bless all of you. Shannon Corley

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**Shannon Corley** - February 02, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Leo Fritchey.



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February 01, 2017 at 11:05 AM



Rebecca  
Paden

“ I remember the first class I had with Dr. Fritchey. I was in Indiana with CNHP. He taught herbalism with a love and respect for all living things. His peaceful and kind attitude was evident in all his classes. I love his statement of starting his day off with "talking to the boss." His love of his maker was shown in everything he did. When I was in his class in Virginia, I told him, "someday, I'm going to work for you as your apprentice...for free.. please...please." I never did and I regret not pushing for that harder. I could never get enough of his teachings. I took my entire office to several herbal bootcamps to show them just how amazing God's creation is and how herbalism is presented by this very knowledgeable teacher. We were all blessed by his teachings and it is something I will treasure. Just like he put a memorial on his website, so will I. He impacted my life greatly as I hope to carry on much of his teachings of plants and their healing properties as designed by our maker. He has helped guide me to the work I do now. His work lives on in all those lives he touched.

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**Rebecca Paden** - January 30, 2017 at 09:22 PM

SU

Rebecca, how beautiful, my feelings exactly. I was on of the lucky ones that DID get to work for him by being the CNHP sponsor for all of his Atlanta classes. I feel so blessed and grateful. Susan O'Connell

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**Susan** - January 31, 2017 at 10:05 AM

DO

*Dear Emily and Family, I got online to look up one of Dr Phil's recommendations and was SO surprised to find that he has moved to Heaven. I, too, took his CNHP class, twice, because I loved it so much!! Dr Phil will be truly missed BUT he has left a legacy - impacting so many lives, myself included!! I pray that you each will find beauty to replace the sting of separation in all the beautiful memories you shared. Fortunately, we know that the separation is only temporary because Jesus lives in our hearts and has become an integral part of our lives - just like it was in Dr Phil's life. God's grace is amazing and I pray the Comforter will hold you close and provide strength and wisdom as you decide how to proceed. I do hope at least one of you will continue to teach the life lessons he developed and taught so well and of course, go further to impact more lives. Our love is with you and we send you warm hugs. We will continue to pray for all of you. God bless you, and fill you with His peace!*  
*Dorinda Booth CNHP CH*

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**Dorinda** - June 08, 2017 at 10:15 AM

LH

“ *Emily and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss.  
My sympathy, prayers and thoughts are with  
you.  
God Bless You, Lisa Hall*



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**Lisa Hall** - January 30, 2017 at 02:16 PM

CN

“ *Choice One Dental Care Of Newnan lit a  
candle in memory of Philip Leo Fritchey*



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**Choice One Dental Care of Newnan** - January 30, 2017 at 10:31 AM

TR

“ Philip had a sweet and happy spirit about him. Always had a smile on his face and an encouraging word to say, giving thanks and acknowledgment to the creator. My deepest condolences to Emily and the family. Such a great man and he will be greatly missed. RIP Philip. Until we meet again.

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**Terea Richter** - January 28, 2017 at 06:52 PM

ST

“ I first met Dr. Phil while he was leading one of my CNHP certification classes. It was one of the best and most informative classes I had the privilege of taking. I refer to his book often and his products were always the best. He was a wonderful teacher and will be greatly missed by so many people. Steve Minneman

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**Steve** - January 28, 2017 at 12:21 PM

LA

“ Love Jane, Noah and Daniela Agosta purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Philip Leo Fritchey.



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**Love Jane, Noah and Daniela Agosta** - January 28, 2017 at 10:49 AM

EF

“ 59 files added to the album *Memories of Philip*



Emily Fritchey - January 28, 2017 at 01:15 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Leo Fritchey.



January 28, 2017 at 01:11 AM

EF

“ 3 files added to the album *Video Slideshows*



Emily Fritchey - January 27, 2017 at 09:08 PM



“ I just discovered the passing of my dear Professor, Dr. Phil Fritchey. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I wish to express my sincere and deepest Sympathy to Emily and the entire Family. May God bring you His Peace, Comfort, Hope, and Strength during these difficult days. I considered Phil the greatest of Teachers. He taught my CNHP Herbology Class here in Virginia. I also knew him to be a man of Faith, as we shared Personally and in Class, he always gave Praise unto the Creator. As a Minister, I was blessed by his verbal attributes unto the Lord, throughout his teaching. He was a master communicator in his teaching ability, making Class both interesting and applicable. I can only think of how many more questions I would have liked to ask this wonderful man of Knowledge. Dr. Phil, you will be greatly missed, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Thank You Lord, for sharing Phil Fritchey with us. I am especially blessed and thankful that I got to cross paths with him, and call him my Teacher. May God's Blessings Be with the Family.  
Rev. David L. Franklin, CNHP  
Martinsville, Virginia

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David Franklin - January 27, 2017 at 06:43 PM

VF

“ Virginians For Health Freedom purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Philip Leo Fritchey.



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Virginians For Health Freedom - January 27, 2017 at 02:30 PM

SW

“ *Sallie Warnock lit a candle in memory of Philip Leo Fritchey*



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**sallie Warnock** - January 27, 2017 at 02:03 PM

EM

“ *Emily lit a candle in memory of Philip Leo Fritchey*



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**Emily** - January 26, 2017 at 05:46 PM

RK

“ *Philip was the most insightful instructor of Natural Health anyone could ever ask for! He will be missed more than words can say. RIP my friend!!*

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**Rhonda Koon** - January 26, 2017 at 02:04 PM