



Philip Douglas Sprague

August 23, 1942 - March 20, 2023

Mr. Philip "Phil" Sprague, age 80, of Newnan, formerly of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away peacefully Monday, March 20, 2023, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital, surrounded by his family. He was born August 23, 1942, in Newton, Iowa, to the late Raymond "Lefty" Butler Sprague and Gladys Mae Van Baale Sprague. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Sandra Sprague Miles, and two children, Heather Lee Sprague and Thomas Matthew Sprague.

Phil grew up in Newton, Iowa, and was a 1960 Graduate of Newton High School. He later graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, in 1964. After college, Phil took a job with International Harvester. He remained with International Harvester, later called Navistar, for his entire career, working in Des Moines, IA, Kansas City, Missouri, and Atlanta, Georgia.

Everyone who knew Phil knew that his two greatest loves in life were sports (especially the Cubs) and family. He met his beloved wife (Ruth Ann Henderson Sprague) of 48 years when he needed to borrow an extra TV because he didn't have enough TVs at his apartment to watch all of the sports that were on that day. His children, Matthew, and Emily, grew up with Phil frequently being their coach but always being their biggest fan and cheerleader. Over his lifetime, Phil spread his love of sports to everyone around him. Phil enjoyed mentoring and coaching youth basketball and track

and served on the Blue Valley Recreation Board in Kansas City. He loved the joy of competition and was always ready with the latest statistic or upcoming game schedules. After moving to Newnan in 2015 to be closer to his son, Matthew, and his family, Phil spent many hours at his grandsons' sporting events, always the proudest grandfather at the fields or courts.

Phil was also active in Masons, Eastern Star, and Amaranth. He was the Master Mason of Lawrenceville Lodge in 1994 and remained active in the Masonic community, holding many local and state offices.

Phil spent his last years as a resident at Ansley Park Health and Rehab, where he was a beloved friend to many residents and staff. He always had a smile, joke, or kind words for everyone. He was loved by all who knew him and will be dearly missed by many.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 1 o'clock at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 3 Village Road, Newnan, Georgia 30265. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Philip Sprague Youth Sports Scholarship Fund - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/philip-d-sprague-scholarship>.

Survivors include wife, Ruth Ann Sprague of Newnan; son, Matthew Sprague & wife Mary Elizabeth of Newnan; daughter, Emily Sprague of Atlanta; grandchildren, Benjamin D. Sprague, Lucas E. Sprague, and Nolan M. Sprague of Newnan.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
3 Village Road
Newnan, GA 30265

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Phil's family. My dad (Robert Sheeler) and Phil were first cousins. His mother (Gladys) and my Grandmother (Lily Sheeler) were sisters. I was heartened to read that he had been involved in the Masonic fraternity. His father was a Mason in Newton Lodge #59. I never had the pleasure of meeting Phil, but it sounds like he was a wonderful guy and caring to all that met him. May God give each of you comfort during this time.

Wade Sheeler
Newton Iowa
Newton Lodge #59

Wade Sheeler - March 30, 2023 at 09:57 AM

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“ What wonderful memories I have of my cousin, Phil. He was so fun to be around, always laughing and generous with his younger cousins. He and my brother, Tom, were especially good friends. They'd play Crazy Eights for hours and when Tom would win, I can still hear Phil say, "Rake 'em in, Tommy!" Just recently I found a letter Phil wrote after Tom died that was so heartfelt and touching and I will treasure it forever. The Cubbies will sure miss their #1 fan! Ruth, you and Phil were so good to Uncle Jim and Aunt Lois and they thought the world of you both. I send my sympathies, love and support to you all. You've lost a wonderful man in your lives. How lucky you were to have him. Thinking of you at this sad time. Martha Sprague Schuyler

Marty Schuyler - March 28, 2023 at 04:33 PM



Thank you Marty. Another great memory. Don't think you know but our second child was named after your brother.

Ruth Ann Sprague - May 02, 2023 at 07:21 PM

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Matthew Sprague - March 24, 2023 at 04:51 PM