



Philip Aron Marsteller Sr.

October 22, 1956 - July 10, 2022

Philip Aron Marsteller, Sr., age 65 of Pikeville, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at his home. He was born in Youngstown, OH, on October 22, 1956, the son of missionary parents, Paul Andrew Marsteller and Mary (Wiggins) Marsteller. He was preceded in death by his dad.

Phil moved to Pikeville in 2020 from Scottsdale, AZ. He received his bachelor's degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida and his master's degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona. He served his country in the US Army as a member of the Special Forces and later as a helicopter pilot for the 82nd Airborne.

Phil was the founder of Marsteller International of Texas that supplied airplanes and helicopters all over the world and then later was the owner and operator of a sport fishing operation in Brazil. He loved flying private single-engine and multi-engine planes and helicopters. He especially loved his family and being a father and grandfather. He was also an avid conservationist of Amazon wildlife and forestry. He and his wife were members of Grace Bible Church in Dayton.

Phil is survived by his wife of 27 years, Ruth (Reis) Marsteller of Pikeville; his five sons, Philip Marsteller, Jr. of Dallas, TX, Justin Marsteller of Phoenix, AZ, Andrew (Lisa) Marsteller of Saline, MI, and Trevor (Brittani) Marsteller and

Simon Marsteller, both of Dallas, TX; his daughter, Rebecca Marsteller of New York City, NY; his mother, Mary Marsteller of Dayton; and his four grandchildren, Abigail, Jacob, Ella, and Ashlyn Marsteller.

Funeral services with military honors will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 12:00 noon at Grace Bible Church in Dayton with Pastor Jim Woychuk officiating. He will lie in state at the church one hour before the service.

The service will be live streamed on Grace Bible Church's website at <https://gbcdayton.org/listenwatch>.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the name of Philip Marsteller to Grace Bible Church, 2809 Old Washington Hwy., Dayton, TN 37321 or a veteran's group of your choice.

Please share your memories and photos of Phil on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Bible Church
2809 Old Washington Hwy.
Dayton, TN

Funeral Service

JUL **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. created a Philip Marsteller, Sr. in memory of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr.*



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2022 at 02:16 PM

GC

Deus abençoe sua família Ruth, que seu esposo siga em paz. 🙏🙏🙏

giovnsna Carvalho - July 14, 2022 at 12:07 PM

IB

*Life is to Short, unbelievable, May your return to the Father's house be a reunion of much love and peace and may God comfort all your family. we will miss you my friend, thank you for everything you had done for me in this life. I'm so happy to have met you and worked with you, remembering the day you straightened my hair and pulled my hair a lot lol lol lo, I think at that time You was pulling my hair, You was discounting everything I had done in the wrong company lol lol lol very funny this day, but in the end I was beautiful .lol lol we'll miss you.☐
RIP. ivonete and Carol* 🙏🙏

ivonete barreto - July 15, 2022 at 12:50 PM

IB

Ruth minha amiga sinto muito por esta grande perda em sua vida, que Deus conforte toda a família Marsteller. 🙏☐

ivonete barreto - July 15, 2022 at 12:54 PM

LI

*Eu hoje nos apoiamos na palavra de Deus, onde Ele afirma que :
"Nem olhos viram, nem ouvidos ouviram, nem jamais penetrou em
coração humano, aquilo que Deus tem preparado, para aqueles que o
amam" Sei que ele está na Glória, recebendo o seu Galardão.*

Descanse em paz, Philip

Um presente de Deus

Ate um dia

Ruth e Familia

Deus possa conforta-los

Neste momento tão difícil e doloroso.

Lidia - July 16, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JG

*What a wonderful, uplifting and honoring service for your beloved
husband. My prayers are with you and your family. The stores were so
funny and how much love in your family.*

Jan Green - July 16, 2022 at 03:57 PM

SH

*We will greatly cherish our memories of Philip! we are very thankful
and will always remember the time we had with him and family when
visiting California. We are so thankful for God's promises to his children
for eternal life through Jesus. Philip is with our Lord right now. We find
comfort in God's Word and his promises. As Jesus was on the cross,
he told the man next to him because of his faith, they would be in
heaven together that day!*

*We are so thankful for God's gift of ever lasting life ,what he did for us
so we could be with him forever. We look forward to seeing Philip again
one day.*

*We are praying for peace and comfort for all of Philip's family in this
hard time. His service today was wonderful and always will be
remebered!*

Much love from all the Marstellers on Maui!

sheila - July 16, 2022 at 09:08 PM



*Hoje chorei tio ao rever fotos e momentos minha infância foi perto de
você no Brasil que Deus o tenha e um ótimo lugar até hoje sinto sua
falta obrigado por tudo....amo vc tio descanse em paz*

Vinicius Carvalho - April 29, 2025 at 07:57 AM

MA

“ *Descanse em paz Phill, e que Deus possa confortar a família.*

Mario - July 05, 2023 at 07:54 PM

DS

“ *A tribute to Phil is posted at www.sportsmansquest.org
This latest Sportsman's Quest article is special. Phil Marstellers
Amazon; The man and the legend. My friend and a true adventurer.*



Dan Simmons - September 13, 2022 at 12:55 AM



“ It is with heavy hearts that we bid a very sad farewell to a fellow farm family member. We had only a short time to get to know Phil and Ruth but will forever treasure the memories of our times together. A funny event that we just told Phil about on the 4th of July party at the Elston farm, was in regards to those gosh darn Ground Hogs...Phil had mentioned that he had a GH living in his barn tearing things apart and what to do about it? My sister Kristi Elston and I tried not to laugh as we told him the story about that pesky GH living in her barn and doing the same thing when to our great relief one day about a month ago saw the GH, apparently a Momma, make 6 trips from our barn to Phil's barn carrying a baby GH in her mouth all the way down the hill to their new home!! Not so sure Phil was to thrilled with this bit of news! Rest in beautiful peace our friend and neighbor,
Traci and Victor Ziemer

Traci Ziemer - July 16, 2022 at 10:53 AM

TB

Eu os conheço desde seu namoro, Eu e Ruth somos amigas desde da época do banco do estado de Ro, amigas irmãs depois fui trabalhar em seu hotel no Rio Negro Lodge um desafio enorme sair do meio da parentela e neto pequenito mas fui, E foi muito gratificante pois era uma obra missionária em que o senhor me enviou..Phil e Rute amigos para sempre. Tenho pedido ao senhor que com seu espírito consolador traga a toda família paz e conforto neste momento difícil. O que dizer de Phil um coração enorme para com seu próximo posso afirmar as lembranças de como brincava comigo nunca vou esquecer..Saudades eternas. Va morar nas mansões celestiais ao lado do nosso Deus...

Terezinha Bartolomeu Bogéa - July 16, 2022 at 03:19 PM

TB

Amigas rsrs...

Terezinha Bartolomeu Bogéa - July 16, 2022 at 03:20 PM

TB

Um desafio muito grande deixar minha parentela mas era uma obra missionária, O meu neto era pequenito um desafio muito grande mas fui obedecer ao senhor experiência muito grande, ali comecei a ver o ministério que o senhor me entregará... Peço ao espírito consolador que traga paz conforto a todos neste momento de dor difíceis pois somos seres humanos mas sabemos que a última hora é com o pai celestial e iremos nos encontrar todos um dia.... Se sinto abraçados por mim e minha família do Brasil...

Terezinha Bartolomeu Bogéa - July 16, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..”



July 15, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..”



July 15, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..”



July 15, 2022 at 02:46 PM

JP

“My condolences to Phil's family. Phil and I met many years ago when we were young pilots flying in the US Army. There are people that come into your life and leave a lasting impression. Phil was just that person in my life. He was so full of life and always had something going on. We didn't see each other as often as we both would have liked, but stayed in touch with each other. He was always inviting me to visit his fishing camp in Brazil and I promised first chance I got, I would accompany him. We last talked about two weeks ago and made plans for a partnership. The future looked bright and we both looked forward to new adventures. Unfortunately, the Lord decided to call him home sooner than any one of us expected and our plans and dreams are now just a memory. Rest easy my friend, for you have many people that cared about you and will never forget what an awesome person you were!

Jose Prieto



Jose Prieto - July 15, 2022 at 02:03 AM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..



July 14, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ Phil and I met in 77. My return to the Army at Ft Rucker, we were both in Huey Mechanic school. We would race his old Corvette at Andalusia speedway on Friday nights. Great Fun until we blew the rear out of it. Parked it in some ladies yard. Somehow he had a Rear end for that by 10AM and we drove out and changed it. He never finished the course because he was selected for flight school. I next saw him as he was leaving Bragg. Ran into him again after 911 at Charlotte Motor Speedway at our Charity Bus at the infield. We were having a burger and he said you look familiar. I didn't recognize him. I asked him his name and then I relayed the story of the /Vette. He lifted his shades and looked at me and said Wow. Pete Sladeski. Phil was a good guy I still have the Amazon Fishing Advertisement Package he gave me that day. Safe skies buddy. You will be missed.

Pete Sladeski - July 14, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *What a crazy world, insists on defying us
For those who stay, life is shaping itself, changing the meanings of
things, but I also insist on keeping alive in my memory for those who
made me get up here.*

*Today with a pain in my heart I talk about you, dreamy aviator,
passionate about the Amazon. A man so suspicious of everything,
but who always believed in everyone. Even those who once dared
to disappoint him. Someone who was so stubborn that he never left
behind what he believed in. Yes, he never left, either, anyone who
came to him, even those who didn't like him received his generosity.
You were the most Amazonian American I ever met. You contagious
to the good ones with his love and dedication for our region.*

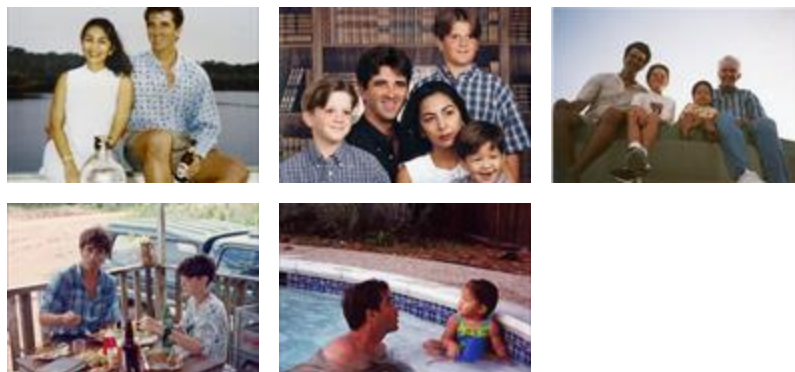
*Uncle of the heart, we never expect to receive the departure of
people like you. It's hard to know that from now on, the journey
continues without your existence. Rest in peace. Well, not sure if
you're going to be able to keep quiet there in heaven. Look out for
us and especially for your brother who loved you so much (my dad).
I don't remember if I thanked you for the opportunity to learn the
worthy and honorable value of work. If I didn't do it in life, please
forgive me.*

Behave yourself!!

Andre Filgueira - July 14, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Memories Album

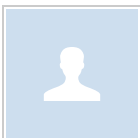


Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - July 14, 2022 at 10:20 AM

PH

“ While I never had the chance to meet Philip in person, his son (and one my best friends) Trevor, spoke of him often and enjoyed sharing memories of him with me. I am so sorry to your entire family for this recent and tragic loss, and I will keep all of you in my prayers. -Paul Jerome Hanna

Paul J Hanna - July 14, 2022 at 07:34 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..



July 14, 2022 at 07:27 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..*



July 13, 2022 at 11:29 PM



“ *When my dad, Dr. Bob Borland, went to Brazil to go fishing, he never expected to find a life-long friend in Phil. Phil was instrumental in building a dental clinic and then naming it in honor of my dad after he passed away. What a legacy Phil has left! From that memorial service and another visit to Brazil, one of my daughters decided to go to dental school to one day go back to Brazil and continue the work my dad and Phil started. My heart goes out to your family. I know that my dad and Phil are in heaven enjoying long talks about deep subjects.*



Robiann Borland Gilbert - July 13, 2022 at 09:22 PM

MM

“ *Fué para mis padres muy grato volverse a ver despues de muchos años ,lo conocieron practicamente desde que nacio,hoy despiden al hijo que con mucho pesar lamentan su pronta partida, pero fortificados por que saben que ya esta en la presencia del Señor.Abrazo para su mamá Maria su esposa Ruth e hijos acompañamos en su dolor Miguel ,Doña Chesca y fam.* ”



miguel menacho - July 13, 2022 at 08:48 PM



Condolências a todos da família e amigos. Pessoa única, grande defensor da natureza e amante da nossa Amazônia. Sentiremos muito sua falta.

Claudio Hikague - July 14, 2022 at 08:11 AM

GM

“ *Pela passagem breve de Philip para a morada eterna, quero nesse momento tão difícil mandar o meu abraço de pesar à família por tão dolorosa perda."Dai-lhe Senhor o descanso eterno!"* ”



Grace dis Reis Moraes - July 13, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..* ”



July 13, 2022 at 06:42 PM

RP

“ I've known Phil for as long as I can remember. He was always up to something and didn't have a lot of downtime.
Even though we rarely saw each other he will be very much missed.
We could all learn from him and the way he lived his life.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and all of his friends.



Rod Prosise - July 13, 2022 at 05:55 PM

SR

Que Jesus possa confortar o coração dos que ficam, e que ele siga em paz para a vida eterna.

Silvia Rebello - July 13, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..



July 13, 2022 at 05:35 PM

CG

“ Philip was a dear friend that served God and his fellow man. All our memories are good times in our lives even with the challenges that brought us closer as a spiritual family. He will be greatly missed!! ❤️



Charles Gregg - July 13, 2022 at 05:33 PM

GM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Gabriela Moraes - July 13, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..



July 13, 2022 at 05:00 PM

MC

“ *Marc, Marlene, Rodrigo & Andrew Cobos purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Philip Aron Marsteller Sr..*



Marc, Marlene, Rodrigo & Andrew Cobos - July 13, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kleber Filho - July 13, 2022 at 04:02 PM

BW

“ *Phil loved his family whole heartedly. Being friends with his mom (Mary) and his wife (Ruth), Phil opened his arms to include Bob and I into his families celebrations for birthdays, dinners and church events. He loved being surround with family and friends and told us so many times how important his relationship to God and family was. It was our honor to be included. Our hearts and prayers go out to Him and his family. Bob and Judy Weber*

Bob and Judy Weber - July 13, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ 11 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2022 at 02:16 PM