



## Paul J. Phillips

September 18, 1960 - December 24, 2017

Paul J. Phillips, age 57, of Clare, passed away suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017. He was born the son of William and Audrey (Souders) Phillips on September 18, 1960 in Pontiac. He married Charla Strouse on May 16, 1981, and she survives him. Paul lived in Clare since 1989, moving here from Waterford. He attended the Eagle Church of God. He was a sales rep. for B.A.S.F.

Paul is survived by his wife Charla, his Children, Dustin W. (Kalli) Phillips of Sheridan and Nichole (Matthew) Smith of Farwell, his granddaughter, Willow Smith, and his sisters and brother, Peggy (Don) Smith of Texas, Linda (Tom) Pifer of Arizona, and Tom (Linda) Phillips of Royal Oak. He was preceded in death by his son Matthew in 2005, and his parents.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 11 AM at the Clare Church of the Nazarene with Pastors Jim Young and Gary VanderVeen officiating. Friends may visit with his family at the Clare Church of the Nazarene, 10160 S. Grant Ave, Clare, Mi., 48617, on Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 PM and on Saturday from 10 AM until 11 Am. Burial will be in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorials may be directed to the Gideon's International.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene  
10160 S. Grant Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene  
10160 S. Grant Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

## Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene  
10160 S. Grant Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene  
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Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Paul-  
Though this is very late....I just want to thank you for making such a difference in my life. Your Roomie from Grand Rapids Baptist College, "79."

*Ric Smith*

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**Ric Smith** - September 11, 2019 at 12:02 PM

CM

“ Prayers to the family, Paul was a great man, my brother rest in peace. Chris Mathewson Chris' Autobody Shop

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**christy mathewson** - May 22, 2018 at 09:00 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss. Paul was a great man and I enjoyed getting to know him through B.A.S.F. thinking of you all during this difficult time.

*Mike (Tracy)Baldrice (auto care experts by ken)*

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**Mike Baldrice** - January 02, 2018 at 07:45 AM

GC

“ So I was looking through some of Paul’s texts to me and I sent him a thank you a few years back and I save all my texts in memories and I wanted to share just how awesome Paul always was towards me and everyone he met. Here is his answer after me thanking him for all that he has done for me personally.

*Greg that's what brother s do, you would do the same for my brother, you have great weekend, my brother*

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**GREGORY CURRIE** - December 31, 2017 at 04:18 PM

GS

“ I only met Paul one-time, but have known Charla for quite a while now. I send my prayers and love to the Phillips family. Just knowing Charla and meeting Paul, you can sense the love they have for one another and are so kind to everyone. Know that Paul is with the Lord, and He is with all of you, always.

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**Gerilou Spangler** - December 31, 2017 at 10:57 AM

TB

“ Paul you were truly a man of God.



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**Tonya Boddie** - December 30, 2017 at 05:59 PM

TB

“ Paul,

*It was an honor to be your manager for the short time I've been at BASF. The love you had for God, Charla, your family, BASF and your customers was matchless. Most importantly, it was the love I knew you had for God and your family that inspired me to serve you to the best of my ability. You've set a standard for our team not only due to your work ethic but to also due to the fact you lived a life pleasing to God. You loved the LORD God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Even though you will be greatly missed I have peace knowing you're in a better place and with our father a place you wanted to get to eventually. You've demonstrated to our team to always be a man/woman of your word. I will miss you greatly and have become a better leader after worked with a man of your stature.*

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**Tonya Boddie** - December 30, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JW

“ So many wonderful child hood memories with you Paul. All the camping trips with your mom, dad and all your siblings, dinners together, Aunt Audrey sure could cook. Now your with Jesus, your parents and beloved son. So happy for you, so sad for those of us left behind. Till we meet again dear cousin. Love Joy Vander Weel

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**Joy Vander Weel** - December 30, 2017 at 03:14 PM

CO

“ I read of Paul's passing this morning in the paper. I was shocked and heartbroken. My Condolences to Charla and her family. Paul and Charla used to come into a restaurant where I worked. It was always a pleasure to wait on them and have the chance to talk. I am grateful that after not seeing them for awhile a few months back got to see them in church. The love they have for one another was always so evident. They truly are some of the kindest people I ever met. A wonderful way for Paul to be remembered.

Corky Ouellette - December 30, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



December 30, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



December 29, 2017 at 11:07 PM



“ Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



December 29, 2017 at 09:20 PM

WE

“ *P. J. You were more than a cousin, you were my brother. I will forever miss your wit and smiling face. I know that your up in heaven smiling down upon us with your arm around Mattie. With aunt Audrey and uncle Bill rejoicing how heaven gained another beautiful soul.  
Love and miss you always brother...*

Will Erskine - December 29, 2017 at 08:39 PM

CS

“ *He will certainly be missed.  
From all of Paul's friends at Comstock Park  
Body Shop.*



Comstock Park Body Shop - December 29, 2017 at 02:45 PM

PS

“ *Pat SMITH lit a candle in memory of Paul J.  
Phillips*



Pat SMITH - December 29, 2017 at 11:48 AM

PS

*I only new Paul through work we consoled in each other when we both lost a son around the same time. he was nothing less than a gentleman at all times this world would be a better world with more men like Paul Phillips in it. R.I.P. Pat Smith Finishmaster Inc.*

Pat SMITH - December 29, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



December 29, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Charla, so sorry to hear of your loss of Paul! I was shocked at the news. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Mark Kerr*

**Mark Kerr** - December 28, 2017 at 11:23 PM



“ *Sorry for this loss. Your families will be in our hearts during this difficult time.*

**Bruce Hales** - December 28, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



December 28, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ *I am truly saddened by the loss of my Brother Paul. He has made me a better man, I promise to continue living my life in the example he set for me. Be with Jesus my friend.*

**Rich Loro** - December 28, 2017 at 04:56 PM

LJ

“ Love Julie purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



Love Julie - December 28, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



December 28, 2017 at 04:21 PM

BM

“ We've enjoyed visits from Paul for many, many years. He always had a great smile and friendly conversations. He will be greatly missed in the collision repair industry. Bob and Krystn Matulis, Lakeshore Collision Service, Ludington, MI



Bob and Krystn Matulis - December 28, 2017 at 04:16 PM

PS

“ My Deepest Sympathy, Thoughts and Prayers. Paul Satterlee Youngstown Ohio



Paul Satterlee - December 28, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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December 28, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ *The Howard Hicks II family purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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**The Howard Hicks II family** - December 28, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *I always enjoyed my time with Paul, either at meetings, on the phone or when he came to BASF in Whitehouse, Ohio. His positive nature was contagious and it was a honor and pleasure to have had the opportunity to have known and worked with Paul. You will be missed.*

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**Paul Marshall** - December 28, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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December 28, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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December 28, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Paul and I are cousins. Growing up we did some daring things. He even shot a bottle rocket out of the back window of the family station wagon while it was moving. When I was 13, I went with Paul to Camp Kobaec, in Prudenville Michigan. At the altar call I accepted Christ. Paul was the one who gave me the nerve to go forward. I could always talk to Paul like a brother. I will miss greatly.*  
*Scott Laurence.*

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**Scott Laurence** - December 28, 2017 at 09:51 AM



*I remember that.*

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**Will Erskine** - December 29, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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December 28, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



December 28, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *He was such a kind and generous man and will be truly missed by everyone, heaven gained another special Angel.*

**Pam Grider** - December 28, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ *Your friend Randy Finney purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



**Your friend Randy Finney** - December 28, 2017 at 08:40 AM



“ *Dean & Judy Hales lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips*



**Dean & Judy Hales** - December 27, 2017 at 11:00 PM



*Dean & Judy Hales extend our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.*

**Dean** - December 27, 2017 at 11:01 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Phillips family and we are thinking of Dustin and Kalli of their lost of their love of their Dad and may the blessing carry them through this difficult time and the love of God!!!

The Pankhurst Family - December 27, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



December 27, 2017 at 09:34 PM

MO

“ matt kartz, finishmaster 06 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



matt kartz, finishmaster 06 - December 27, 2017 at 09:13 PM

MK

“ Matt Kartz sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul J. Phillips



matt kartz - December 27, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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December 27, 2017 at 06:15 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have the ability to work with Paul for the past 20+ years.. Everytime I saw Paul, he was always possitive, the first thing he would say to me everytime I saw him was “ how ya doing brother” he was such a peacfull man... RIP You will be missed brother...*

*Mike Melnyk*

*You will be missed brother..*

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**Mike Melnyk** - December 27, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *My Uncle Paul was a very wonderful, selfless man. He would do anything for anyone. As much as he will be missed on this earth as we know it, I know he is rejoicing with his son Matt and my daughter Sydney gained another wonderful family member in heaven to watch over her.*

*Chris and Carol Ackerman*

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**carol ackerman** - December 27, 2017 at 03:23 PM

UT

“ *Uncle Don, Aunt Ruthie, Faith and Tim purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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**Uncle Don, Aunt Ruthie, Faith and Tim** - December 27, 2017  
at 03:19 PM

RR

“ *I'll never forget when my husband and I walked into Paul's Sunday School Class at CCN when he taught, knowing no one and Paul made us feel like we had been friends forever. One of the nicest gentlemen I've ever met. Will always remember his kind and caring spirit.*

*May you find comfort in all of the wonderful memories being shared, more importantly, knowing Paul is now with His heavenly Father is so comforting.*

*Rechelle and Dwight Richardson*

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**Rechelle Richardson** - December 27, 2017 at 02:52 PM

NS

“ *Love and miss you daddy!*

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**Niki Smith** - December 27, 2017 at 02:23 PM

JS

“ *I worked with Paul for a number of years at BASF and always appreciated his smile and positive attitude. He will greatly missed. Deepest sympathies, Jeff Sibbersen*

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**Jeff Sibbersen** - December 27, 2017 at 02:17 PM

SP

“ My deepest Sympathy goes out to my Son-In-Law and his family. Finding your inner strength through your dad, to make him proud. As he will be looking down and smiling at you, as you become the man you are today, tomorrow and forever. May peace be with you. Rest In Peace Paul. My deepest sympathy, love Shelly and Doug



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**shelly parrish** - December 27, 2017 at 02:08 PM

JA

“ Sending Paul's family our deepest sympathy. He was a great guy. Always upbeat and smiling. May he rest in peace.

*Jim, Jackie & Dan @ Burton Heights Body Shop, Grand Rapids Michigan*

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**Jackie** - December 27, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.



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December 27, 2017 at 01:02 PM

MB

“ *May you be blessed, your colleagues at BASF purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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**May you be blessed, your colleagues at BASF** - December 27, 2017 at 12:56 PM

TN

“ *Paul was a superior individual, he gave 100% at everything he did in life. He was so passionate about his family, the lord and his job. He took nothing for granted and lived everyday to the fullest. Paul is going to be greatly missed by everyone that ever had the pleasure of meeting him. Charla our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family! God Bless, Troy, Jennifer, Hailey and Chloe Neuerburg!*

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**Troy Neuerburg** - December 27, 2017 at 12:50 PM

WE

*Paul was more than a cousin, he was my brother. He was first and foremost a man of God, he loved the lord with everything he had. He was the corner stone of his family. Always quick with a smile and a joke. I will remember all of the great times we had camping with Scott in Manistee. My aunt Audrey and uncle Bill were more parents than my own. Paul give them a big hug for me and I am sorry I will not be able to keep my promise of painting racing stripes on your casket as we both promised so many years ago. I will miss you greatly my brother....*

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**Will Erskine** - December 27, 2017 at 03:38 PM

JR

“ Paul was my paint rep for many years and I remember him well....lots of lunches together. He was a awesome man of God and was very influential when i had my conversion to Christ. He was the best paint rep ever and was always so positive no matter what was going on; he always new the Lord was in control. Thanks brother for your faithfulness you will be greatly missed!  
Jeff Ralph

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**Jeff Ralph** - December 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM

DO

“ DoloresSwiderek lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips



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**DoloresSwiderek** - December 27, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DO

“ Iknow paul phillips we growtogether in waterford as neighbors and went to the sameschooland came to all my brithday partysi will miss he every muchrip my friend

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**DoloresSwiderek** - December 27, 2017 at 11:42 AM

NH

“ All of us at Micro Paint Grandville are sanded to hear about Mr.Phillips. Paul never had a bad thing to say about anyone. His smile and attitude were contagious to all of us that had the privilege to know him. May our memories and your legacy live forever. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

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**Nicholas Hightower** - December 27, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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December 27, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *Matt & Tracey Haggart, and all of us at Clare Auto purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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**Matt & Tracey Haggart, and all of us at Clare Auto -**  
December 27, 2017 at 10:26 AM

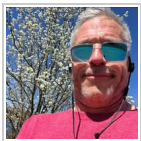


“ *Your friends at Cooper Body Shop Lansing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul J. Phillips.*



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**Your friends at Cooper Body Shop Lansing -** December 27,  
2017 at 09:56 AM



“ *Paul was such a great man. The thing ill always remember about Paul is how he brought a super positive attitude and some great virtues every single day. We all should take a lesson from that. He will be missed.*

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**John Whitt -** December 27, 2017 at 07:34 AM

JR

“ Great man has gone to be with the lord, He will truly be missed and his genuine kindness to all will always will be inspiring.

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**Joe Reyna** - December 27, 2017 at 12:45 AM



“ Deepest sympathies to your family. Paul was great to have as a friend. He was veeey generous and full of positivity. He always spoke kindly to anyone, and supported many of us in the paint industry. You will be missed

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**Shannon Best** - December 26, 2017 at 11:50 PM

BC

“ I've worked for BASF on and off for the past 12yrs. I'm glad to have met this man and been able to work with him, as well as to call him my friend.

*R.I.P. my friend...  
Bryan Caudill*

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**Bryan Caudill** - December 26, 2017 at 11:38 PM

MS

“ A great man that will be missed by his family and friends every day! Very proud to call him my father-in-law!

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**Matt Smith** - December 26, 2017 at 04:24 PM

GP

“ Greg And Michele Parker lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips



Greg and Michele Parker - December 26, 2017 at 04:04 PM

AS

“ Paul you will be truly missed. Loved all the good times. Say hi to Matt & Sydney for me.  
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Aaron Strouse - December 26, 2017 at 02:00 PM

RF

“ Randy Finney lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips



Randy Finney - December 26, 2017 at 01:43 PM

LG

“ Larry Gollbach lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips



Larry Gollbach - December 26, 2017 at 11:26 AM

CL

“ *Cindy And Jeanette Laffy lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips*



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**Cindy and Jeanette Laffy** - December 26, 2017 at 09:32 AM

PK

“ *Phil &Truda Kruger lit a candle in memory of Paul J. Phillips*



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**Phil &Truda Kruger** - December 25, 2017 at 03:28 PM