



Phillip Gale Parrish

December 22, 1947 - October 15, 2023

Phillip Gale Parrish, 75, of Whiteside, Missouri, passed away Sunday, October 15, 2023 at Elsberry Health Care.

Funeral services for Phillip will be held Friday, October 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Silex with Rev. Sammy Lorton officiating. Burial will be in Millcreek Cemetery in Silex. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 19th at the funeral home.

Phillip was born December 22, 1947 in St. Charles, Missouri to Charles William and Bamma B. (Mann) Parrish. He was united in marriage to Sandra Marie Zumwalt on May 24, 1969 in Whiteside, Missouri. She preceded him in death.

Phillip grew up in Silex and attended Silex School, where he graduated in 1966. While in school, he was active in basketball, FFA, and a catcher for the baseball team. Phillip began working at Ford Motor Co. in Hazelwood immediately after graduation. He was drafted into the United States Army on December 13, 1966. He served in Vietnam, earning both a Purple Heart and a Combat Infantry Badge. He was transferred into the Army Reserves on December 12, 1968. He was discharged completely from military service on December 12, 1972. At that time, he went back to work at Ford Motor Co. In total, Phillip worked over 30 years at Ford.

Phillip enjoyed retirement. In his younger years, he liked hunting; bird hunting and trap shooting. He also enjoyed fishing throughout his life. Another favorite pastime was watching Clopton and Silex basketball and softball games. He would often take his grandchildren to practices and attended as many games as his health would allow. Later in life he and his companion, Chris Watkins, enjoyed traveling.

Phillip is survived by his significant other, Chris Watkins of Elsberry; sons, Scott Parrish (Linda) of Eolia and Corey Parrish (Crystal) of Wentzville; grandchildren Amanda Bextermiller (Brian), Kayla Graham (Mason), Megan Windland (Austyn), Allysa Parrish, Madisyn Parrish, Ian Parrish, Regan Parrish, and Blake Parrish; great-grandchildren, Bryce Bextermiller, Cora Bextermiller, Henry Windland, and Dallas Graham (due in December); sister, Beverly Norton; mother-in-law, Isabell Zumwalt, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a large extended family.

Phillip was preceded in death by his parents; his wife on December 14, 1995; brother, Dale Parrish; and brother-in-law, David Norton.

Pallbearers will be Brian Bextermiller, Austyn Windland, Mason Graham, Travis Bryant, Brian Norton, Ian Parrish, and Billy Akers. Honorary pallbearers will be Paul Lovell and Cecil Hooper.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Millcreek Cemetery

Silex, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC -Silex
11 South First Street
Silex, MO 63377
(573) 384-5555
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

Funeral

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

OCT **20** (CT)

Millcreek Cemetery
Silex, MO

Tribute Wall

IP

“ Hey grandpa I made JV as a freshman Really wishing you were here to watch me play missing you every day love you lots grandpa

ian Parrish - April 07, 2025 at 01:14 PM

IP

“ I have my first high school baseball tryouts next week I wish you were still around to see my first games if I do make the team. even though you can't physically be in the stands cheering me on I will always have you and God in my heart cheering me on together. don't worry grandpa the baseball legacy you left behind with the family is safe with me I will make sure I can carry your baseball legacy as far as I possibly can. we all miss you down here but you are in a better place where you are out of the pain you were in we all love you lots papa Phillip.

ian Parrish - February 27, 2025 at 10:50 AM

IP

“ Grandpa I turn 15 tomorrow I wish you could be there to see the first boy in our family carry on the Parrish name learn to drive. it will never be the same without you. I love you so much

ian Parrish - January 24, 2025 at 10:53 AM

IP

“ I can't believe it has already been one year since you passed, I still am thinking about you to this day. I still come on here every few days just to see and try to relive all of the amazing time we got to spend as grandfather and grandson. So this one is heading straight up to heaven with you



Ian Parrish - December 06, 2024 at 09:48 AM

IP

“ Ian Parrish lit a candle in memory of Phillip Gale Parrish



Ian Parrish - December 06, 2024 at 09:45 AM

IP

“ Ian Parrish sent a virtual gift in memory of Phillip Gale Parrish



Ian Parrish - March 04, 2024 at 11:23 AM

IP

“ Ian Parrish lit a candle in memory of Phillip Gale Parrish



Ian Parrish - March 04, 2024 at 11:22 AM

IP

“ *he was the best grandpa I could ask for from his grandson Ian Parrish*

Ian Parrish - November 28, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.*



October 19, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:32 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Chris - October 18, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - October 18, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.



October 18, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phillip Gale Parrish.

October 18, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.



October 18, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.*



October 18, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.*



October 17, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.*



October 17, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *You were my shotgun rider, my travel partner, my best friend, my stubborn guy and my one true love. I will think about you everyday.*

Chris - October 17, 2023 at 09:40 AM



I miss him so much chris

Ian Parrish - November 28, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phillip Gale Parrish.*



October 16, 2023 at 07:59 PM