



## Philip H. Dickinson

December 14, 1949 - May 4, 2024

Phil lived by the saying, “Celebrate Good Times! YAHOO!”

From the day he was born, December 14, 1949, he lived life to the fullest. Celebrating moments with his family and friends was his biggest priority. He always enjoyed being on the water, whether it was boating on Lake Erie or swimming in Lake Fizzle.

Philip met the love of his life at age 16 and from that day on, Nancy & Phil were inseparable. They celebrated the sacrament of marriage on August 8, 1970.

Philip received his Bachelor’s degree from Capital University and earned multiple certifications within his field. He served as the Director of Operations for The Cleveland Museum of Art and continued his career at Orange City Schools until he retired in 2015. During his time at Orange Schools, he was named the Outstanding Business Operations Manager of the Year for the State of Ohio.

Philip & Nancy celebrated the births of their three children: Bryan Dickinson, Katy (Gary) Moran and Kevin (Lauren) Dickinson. As a father, he instilled the love of family traditions and great vacations, especially trips to Siesta Key!

Philip & Nancy welcomed & celebrated the births of their seven grandchildren: Joshua and Jacob Dickinson, Bridget, Bryan and Brody Moran, & Gavin and Griffin Dickinson. Phil earned the name BEST Papa Ever & loved every minute of that role!

Philip Harding Dickinson, age 74, passed away peacefully on Saturday night, May 4, 2024, with Nancy, his wife of over 53 years, and his best friend, Kevin Patton, by his side.

He is survived by his siblings, Penny (Jim) Koke, Jane (Jerry) Jarboe, Phyllis (Bart) Meyer, Chris and Nat Dickinson, his dear Aunt Jeanne Chorman and so many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

He was greeted in heaven by his parents, Nathaniel and Leona Dickinson and his sisters-in-law, Donna Patton & Cathy Dickinson.

He will be greatly missed but his legacy of celebrations will live on through his family and all who knew and loved him.

Phil's family will receive friends from 4-8 pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A Celebration of Life Mass to honor Philip will be held at 12:30 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Concord Twp., OH 44060 (Please meet at the Church).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Painesville Exchange Club Foundation, 28 Wintergreen Hill Dr., Painesville, OH 44077, care of Chris Palsa.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Celebration of Life Mass

MAY **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.  
Concord Twp., OH 44060  
(440) 352-8282

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ When I think of Phil I see his beautiful smile, how his grown kids and grandkids flocked to the house to spend time with him and Nancy, I see him "tinkering" around the house, and how much he loved to help people. He was always the first one the neighbors called (including us!) for advice on how to fix something! He would drop everything to lend a hand. He will be missed for sure...Sharon and Peter Ferrante

Sharon Ferrante - May 23, 2024 at 08:40 AM

PF

“ Phyllis&Marcel Ulrich/Rita&Jerry Feke purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Philip H. Dickinson.



Phyllis&Marcel Ulrich/Rita&Jerry Feke - May 22, 2024 at 01:47 PM

PF

“ Phyllis&Marcel Ulrich/Rita&Jerry Feke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Dickinson.

Phyllis&Marcel Ulrich/Rita&Jerry Feke - May 22, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip H. Dickinson.



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May 22, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ William J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Dickinson.

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William J. - May 22, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Nancy and All The Dickinson Family

*Phil was a very friendly and kind soul who lit up a room and filled you with Joy! We will always have fond memories of the many St. Gabe's festival's working in our booth. He always made way for the "HOT PRETZELS!!" while working hard in the Fry booth. Phil always seemed to have a smile and liked a good time. We will miss having him race us to the Family Diner on Mentor Ave after 9:30 mass to get the back room! It was always fun trying to get each other to pay for breakfast! May he rest in Peace with the Lord he diligently served. Know that he is not gone, because apart of him will always be in your heart. The world got a little Dimmer with his passing, but Heaven got a lot Brighter!!!*

*Hugs and Prayers to all,*

*Chris and Laura Parsons*

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Chris&Laura Parsons - May 22, 2024 at 11:15 AM

DB

“ Dorothy, Deb, Kim, Barb, Chrissy, JA, Noah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip H. Dickinson.



Dorothy, Deb, Kim, Barb, Chrissy, JA, Noah - May 21, 2024 at 08:55 PM

ML

“ Matt and Kate (Tierney) LeFaivre purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Philip H. Dickinson.



Matt and Kate (Tierney) LeFaivre - May 21, 2024 at 07:19 AM

ML

“ Matt and Kate (Tierney) LeFaivre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Dickinson.

Matt and Kate (Tierney) LeFaivre - May 21, 2024 at 07:19 AM

YF

“ Your 1-2-1 family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip H. Dickinson.



Your 1-2-1 family - May 15, 2024 at 02:16 PM

YF

“ Your 1-2-1 family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Dickinson.

Your 1-2-1 family - May 15, 2024 at 02:16 PM

HL

“ So sorry for your loss, Phil was so helpful when I was on the OCAA board and trying to deal with soccer fields for students. Sending my sympathy



Heather Landskroner - May 15, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BW

“ Brittany & Kasey Williams purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Philip H. Dickinson.



Brittany & Kasey Williams - May 14, 2024 at 03:18 PM

BW

“ Brittany & Kasey Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Dickinson.

Brittany & Kasey Williams - May 14, 2024 at 03:18 PM

NW

“ Phil Dickinson always made my day as I entered the Administrative Offices at Orange Schools. His smile, his good humor and his focus on work on campus were memorable. I loved seeing Phil and Nancy at the Playhouse and receiving his big hug that surrounded me in smiles.

Nancy Gard Wingenbach - May 11, 2024 at 12:56 PM

CP

“ We will always remember Phil's big smile! Phil was always happy! He made me want to be a "Dickinson"! Great father and husband! He will be missed. Love, Charlotte & Alan Poje

Charlotte & Alan Poje - May 10, 2024 at 12:53 PM

ND

“ Phil was my "Big Brother" and he played that part every day of his life! Not just for me, but for everyone he touched and loved! He will be missed!  
I love you Big Brother!

Nat Dickinson - May 10, 2024 at 11:10 AM

KB

“ Uncle Phil was always someone to do silly things and make jokes at the big family gatherings. I as well as many other others will miss him very dearly! Rest in peace Uncle Phil love you!



Kristina Ball - May 09, 2024 at 09:19 PM