

Biography

Phillip Roger Loyd

February 14, 1936 – June 3, 2022

One Who Touched Many

Phil/Roger, the youngest of three boys, was born in Winona, Missouri. His parents had both been school teachers before marriage, but by the time Phil/Roger came along, his dad (Tal) was postmaster in town and his mother (Velma) was a stay-at-home mom. The family might have stayed in Winona, but World War II came along and his dad enlisted. While in the army, Tal was sent to several locations, the last one being San Francisco, California.

He attended Lowell High School through junior year, and while there he met Tom Leonard and Howard Murray, who became key members of a lifelong group of friends. During his senior year at San Mateo High School, others that came into the group included Patsy Pack (Glackin), Jene Bently (Rudd), and Cornelia (Connie) Fitzgerald (Schulz). Shortly after, Judi Quackenbush and Roberta (Bobby Lee) Fouts were added to the mix. These are folks who stayed a part of his life until the end (theirs or his).

One of his fondest memories was meeting and shaking hands with President Harry S. Truman at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on October 17, 1950. President Truman was just returning from his Wake Island conference with General Douglas MacArthur. This cherished encounter was published in the San Francisco Call-Bulletin newspaper, picked up by the wire services and circulated nationwide.

He served in the US Air Force directly out of high school and had several duty stations, but the one he talked about most was Hokkaido, Japan, where he spent two out of his four years as a radar man.

When he got back Stateside, he courted and married Judi Quackenbush in February 1957. They raised their three children (Kelly, Phil and Janine) and remained together until 1978. From fall 1957 to 1962, he attended University of California Berkeley Extension in Berkeley, California, for general education requirements; Santa Rosa Junior College in Santa Rosa, California, for pre-forestry; and studied forest management at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, followed by business and industrial management studies at San Jose State University in San Jose, California. During this time, he was a park ranger for the US Forest Service / Mt Hood National Forest, did technical editing, and was in sales. From 1962 to 1983 (retail store owner from 1968 to 1970), he was an administrative manager (specifications, product, customer services, international marketing, sales administration and project) for Raychem Corporation that served such industries as aerospace, automotive and telecommunications. He traveled extensively in the United States with some in Japan and Europe. After Raychem, he was a self-employed business consultant. He loved nature and spent as much time as he could in the great outdoors.

He met Emanuela Sandri in 1982 while living in Belmont, and they moved to Vancouver, Washington, in 1986, where they enjoyed the beauty of the area and many outings. They worked on sales, marketing and customer service training projects, established Attorney Bookkeeping Services in 1992, which Emanuela still runs, and married in 1997. While living in Washington, he reconnected with Jene Rudd, and her husband Jack, and they joined a crew of cowboys providing cattle roundup help for a local rancher.

He loved the cowboy action, and continued until he could no longer physically manage it.

Phil/Roger and Emanuela moved to Eugene, Oregon, in the spring of 2019 for family health reasons.

He wanted to be remembered as one who always tried to help...and he did.

His commitment to family, friends, business, and volunteer work are memories held dear in the hearts of the people who knew him. His loss leaves a void for many.