



Philip L Birch

April 26, 1939 - January 31, 2013

Birch, Philip L. January 31, 2013, age 73 of Canton. Loving husband of Susan. Beloved father of Kenneth (Gregory), Michael, Larry, and Jennifer (Orlin) Hadjiev. Dear son of Florence and the late Leonard. Proud grandfather of Phillip and Nicholas. Dear brother of Dianne Clements, Barbara (Ken) Koster, Brian (Patricia), Mark (Judith), and Robert (Sue). Mr. Birch retired in 1997 after 40 years of service with Ford Motor Company, during which he was awarded two engineering patents. Visitation Saturday 2-8 PM at at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth. In state Monday 10 AM until 10:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. To share a memory, please use the condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ Philip L Birch

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Im truly sorry to hear about your lost. Philip will definitely be missed by so many. One thing that helps me deal or cope with losing a loved one is the scripture John 5:28,29. It states, " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life....." Soon we will be able to see Philip again because God (Jehovah) promises a resurrection hope. I hope this gives some comfort. (Truth.1914@yahoo.com)

ROZIERS - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ Dear family of Mr. Birch, I am truly saddened by your great loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. My greatest source of comfort was found in God's word the Bible. Jehovah God promises soon: "All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29) Just imagine how wonderful life will be when we are reunited with our loved ones right here on a paradise earth.-Psalms 37:10,11,29

Ebony Tilley - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JE

“Dad,
You were/are my role model, and I promise to always try to be as great of spouse, parent, and friend as you were. You touched everyone’s life, and we will never be the same without you. Your heart and soul will always be a special part of me, and I know you are still there shining down on me. May you rest eternally in peace, Dad. I love you always and forever. Jennifer

Jennifer - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SK

“My thoughts and prayers have been and will continue to be with you during this time as well as your family. He will always be with you in your heart and memories.

Shirley Knight - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DF

“I am so sorry for you loss, Although I never met the man my friend Tom Krzak, has told me a lot of great things about Phil. Again, So sorry about your loss. Regards, Don Formolo

Don Formolo - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

VB

“Heartfelt prayers for the Birch family and friends. Mr. Birch will no doubt be missed. One of the many comforting scriptures that I find helpful and to give not only comfort, but a real Bible-based hope for the so near future. (Acts chapter 24 verse 15) and I have hope toward God, which hope these [men] themselves also entertain, that there is going to be resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

Valerie Brannon - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss. I have thinking about you through this tough time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Rachel Burnette - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RP

“ I wish that I was with you all right now. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rachel Palgut - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DE

“ We appreciate the many waves and friendly exchanges from Phil, as our neighbor on Brewster Lane. He so often put our newspaper on our porch and gave us sprinkler advice when difficulties arose. We send our thoughts and prayers to Sue and the family.

Drew and Susan Egleston - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

AL

“ Uncle Phil will always be a part of the Birch way of life; hard work, good times, and good people. Grandpa Leonard has a new golf buddy! Rest in piece, Uncle Phil.

Alex - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DT

“ Dear Birch family, I send my love, prayers, and hugs to you all. I was so sorry to hear about your dad. Know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time. Peace, Prayers, and Blessings Diane Taglioli-Hura (DCHS class of 81)

Diane Taglioli-Hura - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

EN

“ Dear Sue, I missed seeing you guys so much this year and thought you'd skipped me. Forgive me for thinking that. I so much looked forward to our to brief visits and often wondered if Phil was having his arm twisted to stop here. Whether or not, your visits were a bigger lift to my spirits than you'll ever know and I counted him as much a friend as I do you. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a ood guy, which I don't think or feel that about everyone. After things and time has settled somewhat, I'll call and have a little chatwith you, old friend and workmate. Bless your dear sweet heart. Ed

Ed and Norellen - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BH

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Phill was a very good man with exceptional honesty and integrity. I saw that in Phil at Ford and subsequently, on the Board of Directors for Lincoln Behavioral Services. Phil enlisted me to join him in that endeavor and every one on that board will miss him dearly.

Bob Harrison - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SS

“ Sue, Phil loved you so much. Such a great guy. I won't forget the time in Harbor Springs in the Victorian house him saying he was affraid he'd break something. Also the time I flew away on vacation and he ended up running into my car which was parked in your driveway! I love you dearly my GF. Sandy What a great picture of him. I love you dearly.

Sandy Secrest - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

KB

“ *With our Deepest Sympathy.
We are thinking of you and share your sorrow.
Our trips together will be missed! We have a lot of great memories.*

Karen and Dave Berry - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

VB

“ *Sue,

We were so sorry to hear about Phil. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Vicki and Bill Basso - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SZ

“ *In our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time*

Sarah Zeigler - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SB

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Phil was a very good friend, coworker, and golf buddy during our working years at Ford. He was great to be around. My prayers are with you and your family during you loss.*

Steve Becker - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

YK

“ *I am proud to be your son. I love you. Rest in peace. Until we meet again.*

Your Loving Son Ken - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BR

“ We will never forget you. Thanks for the memories. We will miss the birthday cards, your caring, and your kindheartedness. You are most appreciated by all that you touched. You were an Eagle Scout, generous, and very real. Thanks for making the family proud.

Brother Rob - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CS

“ Sue, I remember your wedding day like it happened yesterday and how happy you were. You had a wonderful life with Phil, a beautiful daughter and so much to be proud of. Phil will be greatly missed. My thoughts go out to you, Jennifer, and the entire Birch family. Just know there are many people who care and love you and will be there for you in your time of need. Your cousin Cathy

Cathy Stapish - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

KE

“ Uncle Phil was a great man and will be missed dearly. His memory lives on in all of us.

Kevin - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Sue, Jennifer, and all the Birch family. May Gods peace bring you comfort.

Ron Wagner - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JM

“ Dear Birch Family, My heart and prayers go out to all of you. I loved your Dad! I have seen him so many times through the years and asked how all of you were doing. He always kept me updated and remembered me from when we were in school together. He spoke so proudly of you Jennifer graduating from U of M because he knew I was an alum. I know he loved all of you and always had something wonderful to tell me about you. I will miss him as I did so enjoy running into him and getting my hug. God bless you! Julie Marcy (class of 80)

Julie Marcy - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JW

“ My thoughts & prayers are with his family. I remember the good times I had bowling with Phil & also working with him at Ford. He was a great engineer!

Jim Wielosinski - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BP

“ Phil was a model of what an older brother should be. He always took time to spend with me when I was young. Even after he started his own family he still had time to take me places like fishing or the beach. His advice and guidance was appreciated and will be remembered. Thanks Bro

Brian & Pat - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SW

“ We are all thinking about you!

Suzie Warkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

PR

“ We heard about Phil through a group of Ford Retirees. So sorry for you and your family. We knew we could always count on Phil for help whenever we were working on Class Reunions. Again, So sorry Pat and Gary

Pat and Gary Rosenkranz - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MD

“ Your father was a very kind, sweet, loving, and honorable man. He lived a great life and made this world a happier place. Jennifer, he was so proud of you. His eyes lit up when he talked about his Jennifer. My thoughts and heart is with you. All my love, MaryBeth

Marybeth dryer - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BK

“ Dear Brother (or as you would write "Bro Phil")...you are already missed, but you will be part of us forever. At least you are at peace now. Thanks for being in our wedding and all for you did for our family. Miss your Hugs & Kisses already. Love you, Barb

Barbara and Kenneth Koster - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SF

“ I felt a great sadness when I learned Phil had passed. My deepest sympathies and heart felt sorrow go out to his family. We went back to the late 60s when Phil and I were involved with engine cooling at Ford. He was an outstanding engineer who always kept the best interests of Ford in mind. We had an excellent relationship at work and in retirement We had many good times together both at the company and on trips. He will be very much missed and remembered by all who knew him and who's lives he touched.
Steve Faulkner

Steve Faulkner - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

AP

“ Sue, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.

Ann Piper - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ Phil was an honorable man and friend. It was a pleasure to golf with him on the Ford Thunderbird golf league. His humor and kind spirit will be greatly missed. My condolences go out to the family and I will keep you all in my prayers.

Jim Spencer - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We are all thinking and praying for you each day

Meghan Launius - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

GC

“ We will miss your Dad! He was always so nice to be around and lived a great life. I remember how happy he was on your wedding day; he was ecstatic. He will be with you always.

Geoff and Christy - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

TT

“ With deepest sympathy to my loving sister and the entire Birch family. You will be missed greatly my dear brother-in-law. May you rest in peace.

Tom Krzak (Uncle Tom) - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RD

“ *Mary Dee and I are sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man.*

Richard and Mary Dee Dryer - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss; my deepest sympathy to your family.*

Jeannine Blasius - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

AL

“ *He was an exemplary man. Truly one of the most generous people I have ever met. I am very thankful to have known him.*

AJ Lytle - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SJ

“ *You are in our hearts and prayers. We wish you peace during this sad time.*

Stefanie and Joe - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss. I will continue to pray for your family xoxo*

Crissy - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jennifer Smith - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We have been thinking of you during these trying times.*

David Morris - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

OR

“ *Will miss you greatly. You are always with us*

Orlin - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM