



Phillip Lawrence Zablocki

January 26, 1959 - March 11, 2018

Zablocki, Phillip Lawrence, March 11, 2018 age 59 of Westland. Beloved son of the late Lawrence and the late Virginia Zablocki. Loving brother of Lawrence (Diane) Zablocki, MD. Proud uncle of Brittany (Charles) Kelly and Jacob Zablocki; great uncle of Benjamin and Jack. Dear brother of the late Sr. Elaine Zablocki. Memorials may be made to chadtough.org To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

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“ *Phillip Lawrence Zablocki*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Phil. My condolences to the family. I went to grade school with Phil.*

Dave Cleck - March 19, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Many prayers to be said.*

- Ken Lepczynski

Ken Lepczynski - March 19, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *Diane, Larry and family,*

Sorry to hear of your loss.

Sarah and Waldir

Sarah Desouza - March 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen. Phil was in my class at Sts Peter & Paul, graduated 8th grade 1973. Later on, he also rented (I believe not bought) my dad's old shoe repair building (Cass Modern Shoe Repair) on W. Warren & Stahelin to house a muscle car he was restoring. Might have been a Mustang but I don't recall. It seems as like many, we lose touch with our elementary school classmates, until the end. Sincere condolences to the family. JoAn Kutylowski Mende.*

JoAn Mende - March 19, 2018 at 10:09 AM

“ My family & I are saddened by the loss of Phil. He & I were pals/friends starting way back in grade school at SS. Peter & Paul, all throughout high school – and beyond. We grew up in the 60’s & 70’s – a time of innocence & fun for us. Phil had his Lemon Peeler bike & I had my Sears stingray bike – both with banana seats & monkey handlebars - - - and on those machines we covered a lot of miles, shared adventures, explored the wilds of Rouge Park, the Rouge River, different neighborhoods & of course every playground & ball field along the way. We always had our (baseball) gloves hanging on the handlebars & usually a baseball wedged into the frame bars of the bikes – just “in case” we happened upon a ball-game or a game of “strike-outs” needing a couple of players.

Phil was always able & willing to talk to people – even adults. I recall coming upon a worksite where men were digging a basement for a house to be built & we spied some green & blue clay - - - well we just really needed that clay – who wouldn’t! Phil started a conversation with some of the workmen – while I (being shier) just dug out a few handfuls of that clay. Later, we laughed at how savvy & shrewd we were at coming away with that clay.

Phil was the nicest fella – nice to me & all of my family (he even said “hi” to my sisters - - - which I sure didn’t understand - - - after-all they were girls!). We were altar boys together & teammates together. He played all sports (“all sports” back then being: football, baseball & basketball) & was good at all of them – playing CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) in all three for years. Our best athlete back then. In basketball (& this was way before the 3-point line ever came to be) Phil played a power forward position & would let it fly from the corner – hitting nothing but net. He also was a tough fighter under the boards as well.

In the early years of high school, Larry, Phil’s brother, would drive us to football practice in the early summer mornings (which for Larry & Phil meant back-tracking a couple miles just to get me). However, they did it in style since Larry drove a stick shift GTO (I think it was

a GTO) – regardless, for a couple of young guys - getting carted around to deliver us to football practice – it was neat!

And strong - - - man, Phil was strong. In high school he was built like a greyhound – lean, tough steel-like muscles. He was a quarterback on the high school football team & yet, from a bench-press point-of-view, he was stronger than any of the linemen who blocked for him (maybe with the exception of Ray! 😊). He was fun to play sports with – and fun to practice with - - - he would be saying something goofy & funny before a game while he & I warmed up together – just to break-up the nervousness. In high school track he was a shot-putter (among other things) – but a shot-putter! That was tough.

After high school, life took us in different directions & I apologize for having lost touch with Phil – though I have never lost – and will never lose - the memories of my friend: the care-free, innocent, fun time of growing up - - - the hard work effort put in for sports, the privilege of being raised as Catholics & learning to pray to our God - - - & growing into good young men. I am certain that Phil is with Our Lord in Heaven now. God Bless you Phil. Your pal, Bill O'D.

William O'Donohue - March 18, 2018 at 01:11 PM

JM

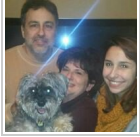
Beautifully written Bill. If someone didn't know Phil, they certainly will after reading this tribute. Memories to treasure.

JoAn Mende - March 19, 2018 at 10:03 AM

AS

I never knew my cousin was such an athlete. You shared a very nice memory of him. He will be missed.

Annet Schlosser - March 19, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Love and prayers to the Zablocki family. God bless you. I will miss running into Phil at the coffee shops and talking to him at parties and family reunions that we were blessed to be invited to. I would like to share a story about one of the first times I met Phil. It was a sunny winter day and I was with a friend at Panera. I looked up and coming toward me is this six foot tall big guy in a big parka. I am looking up but the sun is blinding me that is surrounding this tall figure like a heavenly glow and I cannot see who it is. He is walking towards me and I must have had a puzzled look on my face because when he finally blocked the sun and I could see his face he said in the most pleasant voice, "Hi Terry. I hope I didn't scare you." LOL! Rest in peace Phil. Pray for us!

Terry Falconetti-Arkelian - March 18, 2018 at 12:34 PM

DZ

“ Phillip i will miss your laugh, your birthday messages and your kindness and generous spirit to everyone ! Gone too soon! Rip ! Love you! Your sister- in law Diane **XOXO**

diane zablocki - March 18, 2018 at 11:56 AM

TD

“ Dear Larry and family, My deepest sympathy on the loss of your brother. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of sorrow. Take care, Tom Dombrowski, St. Andrew, Class of 71

Tom Dombrowski - March 18, 2018 at 10:43 AM

MM

“ Larry:
*My condolences and prayers to you and your family for the loss of your brother Phillip.
May you find peace and comfort in the days to follow.*

*Mike Momola
Clinton Twp. Mi.*

Mike Momola - March 18, 2018 at 09:36 AM

T.

Phil I would miss you going to Grand Haven to take pictures with my camera , we would have some great times ! Miss you brother!

Terry Tarnowecky

T.Tarnowecky - March 18, 2018 at 10:15 PM

KP

*God bless you Phil. A friend with a heart of gold. A friend who had a sincere and innocent way of loving his family and friends.
Kevin Pazur*

Kevin Pazur - March 18, 2018 at 10:28 PM

CP

Rest in Peace Phil. Much too young to leave us but when God calls us we have to be ready. Heaven just received another angel. Pray for us Phil as we will pray for you.

Cheryl Pazur - March 19, 2018 at 10:14 AM