



# Phillip Taylor

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Phillip Ronald Taylor, 61, died peacefully, July 12, 2010 at 9:55 p.m. at his home in Godfrey surrounded by loved ones.

Phil has been under the care of Heartland Hospice as he fought a long, courageous battle with cancer. Phil was born January 13, 1949 in Alton to Evelyn (Edwards) Taylor Campbell and the late Paul Taylor.

On June 30, 2010, Phillip and Kathleen D. (Beuttel) Taylor celebrated thirty-one happy years together. She survives. He is also survived by his daughter, Nicki and her husband William McQuillen and their children, Bailey and Aiden McQuillen of Kent, Washington. Other survivors include: his sisters, Glenda Powell of Brighton and Sue and Bob Garrison of Alton; a brother, Dennis Starkey of Alton; in-laws, Bob and Phyllis Beuttel; Ron and Pat Beuttel; and Judy and Jerry Bates, all of Brighton; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends; and Linda Johnson of Kent, Washington, his former wife and the mother of his daughter.

In addition to his father, those also preceded him in death include; a sister, Janice Starkey; brothers-in-law, Richard Powell and Kenneth Beuttel; mother and father-in-law, Harold and Idelle Beuttel; and step-father Morris Campbell. Phil was a graduate of Alton High School and then worked for Owens-Illinois Machine Manufacturing before becoming a business consultant, traveling extensively for thirty years. His occupation gave Phil and Kathy the opportunity to see much of the country and to travel abroad. Phil enjoyed cooking and was a wonderful, enthusiastic chef. The aroma of his many barbeques would often lure his nieces and friends to his home. His original culinary creations so delighted others, his niece asked that his secret baked bean recipe be a wedding present to her. Phil's early disdain of cats was eventually replaced by a deep love and respect for them. He had a natural tenderness that would heal a sick kitten or

take away the fears of an abandoned one. This was evident in the love he bestowed upon his four cats, BoBo, Betty, Dude and Gracie May. Phil will be missed dearly by all of those who knew and loved him, including his beloved cats.

A Celebration of Phil's life will be held Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Phil and Kathy's home in Godfrey. All family members and friends are invited to the open house. There will be a short service at 1:00 given by Reverend Ray Robinson. Please join us as we joyfully reminisce over our wonderful friend and loved one. Phil's body was cremated as he requested. If you have questions please contact Gent Funeral Home at 466-5544 or [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

Memorial donations can be made to either Heartland Hospice or the 5A's Animal Shelter.