



Phillip Ira "Phil" Dodson

March 9, 1953 - July 8, 2016

Phillip Ira "Phil" Dodson of Bessemer, AL passed away on July 8, 2016 at the age of 63. Phil is survived by his loving wife, Marian Hagerty Dodson; children, Kelly McGurk (Bobby) and Mallory Bradley (Chip); grandchildren, Katelyn and Trey McGurk; sisters, Linda Cruce (Richard) of Selma and Michelle Hall (Brian) of Clay. He is preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Pauline Dodson of Bessemer; and brother, Mike Dodson.

Phil was born on March 9, 1953. He enjoyed a 25 year career as a Media Specialist at UAB and was also a DJ for several local radio stations. Phil was a devoted and loving husband, happily married to Marian for 43 years. He adored his girls, Kelly, Mallory, and dog Abbey, and was the best "P. Daddy" in the world to Katelyn and Trey. Phil was a talented musician who loved the Beatles and had a weakness for Mustangs. He was a genuine jokester who never passed up an opportunity to get a laugh out of those he loved.

The family will receive friends at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home on Monday, July 18, 2016 from 4:30 – 6:00 with a memorial service to follow. Bro. Bruce McCartney will officiate. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Phil's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alabama Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org).

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
4780 Letson Farms Parkway
P.O. Box 629
McCalla, AL 35111
(205) 477-4888
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so very sad to hear about Phil. Lifting up prayers for comfort and peace for all of you. Phil was a special guy and I will never forget the many, many years we worked together at UAB. Phil and I would watch the "older" employees in the department and joke about how long they had been working in psychiatry. We wondered if one day we would be the "older" employees in the department. Sure enough, 20 plus years later, we were still there! When I started my job, Phil was the one person who took the time to "show me the ropes" and was always willing to help when I had questions. He was hilarious and always kept us laughing. I remember when he put a fake mouse under a faculty member's desk in her office (she was terrified of mice). We found her standing in her office chair and screaming so loud that I imagine the whole building heard her! Took her awhile to forgive him for that. Another time he recorded a cassette tape of himself saying my name every few minutes. He hid the recorder in my file cabinet while it was set on playback. I kept hearing my name every so often and couldn't figure out who was calling me! Never knew what practical joke he would come up with next; rest assured he never ran out of ideas!!
Rest in peace my friend - thanks for touching my life. You will be missed by all who knew you.

Carol Schaffhausen - July 15, 2016 at 09:47 AM

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“ To the family of Phil: Just wanted to express our sympathy to all of you and let you know that ya'll are in our prayers. Phil was a good friend of ours and especially of Jack's. We will be remembering all of you in our prayers today and the days to come. Just know we care and love ya'll. Jack & Gail Massey, Bessemer

Gail B Massey - July 11, 2016 at 08:33 AM