



Phillip Rodney Alexander

July 22, 1950 - December 13, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Phillip Rodney Alexander, 70, passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2020, in Olive Branch, MS. A visitation will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at Coleman Funeral Home (6815 Parkview Blvd, Olive Branch, MS) at 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a funeral service immediately after at 12:00 p.m. in the chapel. A graveside service will follow at Blocker Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Alexander was born on July 22, 1950, in Blytheville, AR. He was an Air Force Veteran and belonged to Air Force Association. He retired from the Air Force and was a Master Sergeant. Phillip was a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, TX. He received the Defense Meritorious service medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding unit award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, NCO Professional Military Education Graduation Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, and Air Force Training Ribbon. Phillip retired from Service Master and the Memphis City Schools as a programmer. He was married to the love of his life for 49 years. He loved helping people for any reason and had a huge heart. Family was his life and he loved all of them and would go to any length to keep them safe and happy. He was a hunter and fisherman and in his younger days, he was a golfer. He was a very

intellectual man with a great sense of humor and a heart of purest gold. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Phillip Alexander is survived by his wife, Elba Alexander of Olive Branch, MS; son, Phillip (Dania) Alexander, Jr of Memphis, TN, daughter, Melinda (Jimmy) Alexander-Gurley of Portland, TN; son, Noah Harris of Olive Branch, MS; grandsons, Billy Alexander; Phillip Rodney Alexander, III of Nashville, TN, granddaughters, Adeline Gurley and Ariana Gurley of Portland, TN; grandson, Aiden Alexander of Tempe, AZ, and great granddaughters, Rachel Lynett Puckett, Jaelyn Carol Faith, Lynda Nicole Puckett; daughter-in-law, Jilletta Begay of Tempe, AZ; cousins, Vikki Burdine, Nancy Burdine, Steve Wright of Collierville, TN, Gary (Cathie) Wright of Madison, AL; friends, Debra Harris of Collierville, TN, Floyd Powers and very close friend, Abdula Aziz.

Phillip Alexander was preceded in death by his parents, Julia Wright and son, Charlie Alexander.

In honor of Phillip Alexander's service to our country, the flag of the United States Air Force will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home the day of the service.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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6815 Parkview Boulevard
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Funeral Service

DEC 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Phillip Rodney Alexander



Coleman Funeral Home - December 21, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ My amazing uncle Phil I love you and will miss you. Forever you will be in my heart!



Iriana Cruz - December 20, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Phillip Rodney Alexander.



December 20, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ I love you Daddy. You're the king of my heart always and forever. I thought mom would enjoy the European plant arrangement. Always on my heart and soul forever.

Melinda Gurley - December 19, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Phillip Rodney Alexander.



December 19, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Phil was the sweet brother I never had. I will miss him forever.*

Stephanie Rich - December 18, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Phillip Rodney Alexander.



December 18, 2020 at 11:14 AM

FP

“ I first met Phil and his family shortly after they were stationed at Tinker AFB, OKC in 1980. I ran into him walking to work in his uniform. I picked him and while talking I found out that this was his first day assigned to CCPC. Funny we both worked at CCPC only to learn after his in processing that Phil would be working in the same programming shop. I gave Phil a ride home that day and found out that his car wouldn't start. I examined his car and discovered a ballast was bad. It was a common problem with that make and model. I told Phil that I would get a ballast for him and install it later that evening. We worked together on many programming debugging sessions. Phil and I went our separate ways after our Tinker assignment; however, we kept in contact with each other over the years. Phil will always be remembered as one of my best friends.
Floyd Powers

Floyd Powers - December 16, 2020 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Phil was a good neighbor and a fun person. Even though I have not seen him for a few years, I miss our discussions. RIP!

Randy Witt - December 16, 2020 at 09:47 AM

TF

“ The Burdine Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Phillip Rodney Alexander.



The Burdine Family - December 15, 2020 at 05:30 PM

TF

“ *The Burdine Family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Phillip Rodney Alexander.*



The Burdine Family - December 15, 2020 at 05:30 PM

VB

“ *You will be sorely missed Phil. You were a special man with a big heart. I know Dad was happy to see you again. I hope you two are already casting your reels. My deepest sympathy to the family. I know your hearts are lost without him. 💔*

Vikki Burdine - December 15, 2020 at 05:13 PM