



Philip W. Mason

January 23, 1955 - August 28, 2024

Philip Wayne Mason, age 69, died on August 28, 2024, after a recurrence of melanoma. He will be missed by his family, friends, and many in the Highland community, where he had made his home since 1991.

Phil was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 22, 1955, to Amos and Mary Ellen Mason. In high school, while waiting tables at Ken's, which later became Mazzio's, he fell in love with the restaurant business. He moved up to managing and opening restaurants for the corporation, and eventually became a franchisee himself. He was a hard worker, never failing to respond when asked to pitch in with community events, from helping the Optimist Club raise money for youth programs, to volunteering with the Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, his church, and youth sports.

Phil was a doer. He enjoyed playing sports, watching sports, and following sports - just about all sports, playing Over 40 Baseball for twenty years and golf his whole life. He liked to go places and do things. He was a great person to travel with because of his unabashed excitement over seeing and experiencing new things. In France, he once mistakenly ordered a dish that was later translated as "bait." In his typical, good-natured fashion, he ate half the bucket before deciding this was one piece of France he could do without and pushed it away.

Survivors include his wife Julie, who he met in Muscatine, Iowa while managing a Ken's; his children, Jeffrey Nathaniel (Meghan), Marilyn Laura, and Joel Thomas; his grandson, Jack, who gave him so much pleasure in recent years; and his brother, Bruce, of Enid, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his sister, Carol Jean Mason; and granddaughter, Magnolia Kate Mason.

A memorial service will be at 11 am on Friday, September 6, at Evangelical United Church of Christ, 2520 Poplar Street, where he regularly attended church for more than twenty years. Visitation will be before the service, at 10 am. Arrangements under the direction of Spengel-Boulanger.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a gift in Phil's memory to either the EvUCC or the Highland High School Baseball Team.

Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Philip W. Mason.



September 11, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ Greenville University Football planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip W. Mason.

Greenville University Football - September 11, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ Dynamic Campus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip W. Mason.



Dynamic Campus - September 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM



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Dynamic Campus - September 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Philip W. Mason.*



September 05, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *Love, Cliff and Stephanie Hinton purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Philip W. Mason.*



Love, Cliff and Stephanie Hinton - September 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ *Love, Cliff and Stephanie Hinton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip W. Mason.*

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“ *I'll never forget hiring Phil at Ken's Pizza when he was in high school. The minute I set eyes on him when he came to apply for a job, I said to myself "hire him now!". He was one of my favorite employees I had in my 43 years in the restaurant business. We became good friends over the years and attended many St. Louis Cardinal baseball games together. I will miss my friend.*

Craig Bothwell - September 04, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip W. Mason.*



September 04, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Craig and Patti Bothwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip W. Mason.*

Craig and Patti Bothwell - September 04, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *RIP Phil this community will definitely miss your smile and graciousness always to help. God speed to Julie and family.*

Pam & Aimee Lecerf - September 03, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Phil will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. His dedication & hard work spent running the Optimist Pizza Trailer for over 15 years will always be remembered by all his fellow Optimist.. Phil was also a great neighbor & friend- You will be missed buddy! May God watch over & keep his soul in heaven., Bill Corray*

Bill Corray - September 02, 2024 at 03:09 PM

TK

“ Trina & Kevin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip W. Mason.



Trina & Kevin - September 02, 2024 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ Dan Hobson purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Philip W. Mason.



Dan Hobson - September 01, 2024 at 09:49 PM

DH

“ Dan Hobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip W. Mason.

Dan Hobson - September 01, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BF

“ Bruce and Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Philip W. Mason.



Bruce and Family - September 01, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TK

“ I always enjoyed working with Phil. Very pleasant man to be around. my deepest condolences.

Therese Korte - August 30, 2024 at 01:07 PM

PL

“ RIP PHIL 🙏 Over the many years it was always a pleasure working together on fundraising events. But most of all just coming to Mazzio's for the tasty pizzas, awesome salad bar and nachos but most of all the friendship that arose. God speed and your family and community will miss you.

Pam and Aimee (Ulrich) Lecerf - August 30, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LC

“ So very sorry for your loss! He was a great guy!

Linda Collman - August 30, 2024 at 11:15 AM