



Phillip J. Glendye

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Phillip James Glendye, 68, of Lawrence, MA passed away peacefully at home with his family after a valiant one year battle with melanoma.

Born and raised in Lawrence, Phil was a 1969 graduate of Lawrence High School. He attended Trinidad State College, and received his Master's Degree in Special Education from Fitchburg State College. Phil went on to teach in the Lawrence Public School system for over 30 years, retiring in 2015.

He was the supervisor of the Special Olympics in Lawrence for over 25 years where he brought two separate teams to the Special Olympics World Games in North Carolina and Alaska. Phil loved the Lawrence Lancers and cheering on the athletic teams. He dedicated himself to running the concessions stand at their football games for many years.

Always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need, Phil was a well regarded member of his community, accruing 500 hours of volunteer service at the Lawrence YMCA, and being presented the Golden Deeds Award from The Exchange Club of Lawrence. In 2010 he was inducted into the Massachusetts Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

Phil loved the outdoors, starting from his childhood spent hanging out by the Merrimack River, and continuing on to summers spent deep sea fishing, many memorable camping trips with his family (including one five week cross country adventure), and helping his brother John build a cabin in Jackman Maine. He was always prepared for any situation and enjoyed the challenge and adventure that the outdoors provided.

In his retirement he continued to enjoy fishing, gardening, raising chickens, building boats, restoring cars, and coaching his Special Olympics athletes.

Phil will be deeply missed by his wife of 32 years Karen (Franks), daughter Jenna and her husband Luke Short. Predeceased by his parents James and Ellen (Hurley), his brother John, and loving



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mother-in-law Evelyn Franks. He was brother-in-law to Nancy Glendye of Salem, NH, Frada and Richard Spencer of Delray Beach, FL and Lary Franks of San Jose, CA, and a very proud uncle to many nieces and nephews. Karen and Jenna would especially like to thank his cousins and friends who showed support during this difficult time.

He rests in peace now knowing the secrets of what happened on Oak Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Phil's name to the Massachusetts Special Olympics, or to consider volunteering with your local Special Olympics teams. Condolences can be made on Sunday December 29th from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at their home on 23 Ames Street, Lawrence. To send an online condolence, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.



Events

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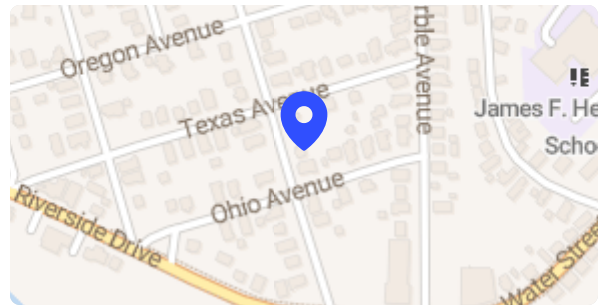
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Condolences

 **Sunday**, December 29, 2019

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Family Home**
23 Ames Street, Lawrence MA 01841





Tribute Wall

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Tom Duggan shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Every year The Valley Patriot newspaper honors Phil with a special needs scholarship in his name at our annual charity BASH. There was nobody in the Merrimack Valley who cared more for special needs students and we are happy to keep his name going with this public honor in his name.



March 17 at 6:07 PM



Jackie Franks posted:

My thoughts and prayers go to the all of the Glendye/Franks family for your loss. I have wonderful memories of "Uncle Phil". He taught Donald how to fish from the beach on one of our summer vacations at Salisbury beach. Phil had such a big heart and was so devoted to Special Olympics and his family, it so warmed my heart. Love and hugs to all of you. Jackie & Donald

January 8 at 9:49 AM



Barbara Johnson posted:

I got to know Phil fairly well through Special Olympics. I witnessed firsthand his love and dedication to his athletes, fellow coaches, and family members. His generosity of spirit was boundless. His legacy is secure. Phil made the world a better place, pure and simple. Rest easy, my friend.

December 30 at 9:28 AM



Donald Craig posted:

Hey Phil, i was the younger of my three brothers That hang together. I felt like the outcast lol, which was cool haha. My brothers Jim & Walter go back a long time with you. Nothing beats the sledding down the hill behind your house. I'm sure Jim and Walter have much more fun times I'm not privy to, lol. We had some fun times ,R.I.P. Phil.

December 27 at 4:16 PM



Jim, Walter, Donald Craig. sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Glendye family.



December 27 at 3:43 PM



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JL

Jerry Loew posted:

Karen, Frada and Larry:My deepest condolences. You were all part of my early days growing up. I hope you can find peace in the memories of Phil's wonderful life. I am a staunch supporter and volunteer for Special Olympics so I will think of Phil whenever I participate.Love,Jerry Loew

December 27 at 2:53 PM

FM

Frank Mclaughlin posted:

The Lawrence Teachers' Union mourns the passing of our brother Phil Glendye.Phil was a beloved teacher and Special Olympics coach at Lawrence High. School. He touched the lives of so many families, students, and colleagues. He was a solid educator, unionist, and LANCER.He made a difference. He will be missed.

December 27 at 2:06 PM

PB

Patrick Blanchette posted:

Mr. Glendye was a champion and a passionate voice for the children of LHS. His love and dedication to the Special Olympics was second to none and surely missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family and may he rest in peace.Patrick and Gloria Blanchette

December 27 at 10:24 AM

RG

Rick Glendye posted:

Rest in Peace my Friend and cousin. Fond memories of our summer family vacations and your visits to the "South". I admire your Life and the time spent on others. Tell everyone upstairs I got a few things left to do before I see ya'll up there. GOD Bless.Rick Glendye

December 27 at 5:07 AM

LB

Lisa Bell posted:

To Karen and the Glendye family. I am so sorry to hear about Phils passing he has lwft a wonderful legacy through all his good works i wish youpeace in knowing he was loved by many.

December 27 at 3:31 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phillip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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