



Philip R. Hepburn Jr.

May 19, 1939 - December 2, 2024

Hampton - Philip R. Hepburn, Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on December 2, 2024, comforted by his loving wife, Nancy P. Hepburn, of 59 years.

Philip was born on May 19, 1939, in Philadelphia, PA. He lived a life full of purpose, passion, and dedication to his family, his country, and his love of flying. A proud graduate of the United States Air Force Academy in 1962, Philip served his country with honor for 21 years in the United States Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His service included a tour in the Vietnam War, where his leadership and courage were exemplary. Later, Philip worked for 20 years as a corporate pilot, flying for several companies, including NetJets. His flying career led him to master aircraft from the B-47 to the Gulfstream IV. Flying was not just a career for Philip—it was his passion, and it was a significant part of his life.

Philip was an avid enthusiast in many areas. He cherished his time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and took great joy in keeping up with his granddaughters on Instagram and golfing with his grandsons. He loved skiing, photography, and exploring the world through travel, especially to the Caribbean, where he enjoyed snorkeling in the clear waters. Philip was a man who appreciated the simple pleasures—whether it was watching birds visit his feeders, chatting with neighbors during their daily walks, riding in his red Jeep

with the top down, or researching cars. He also had a penchant for keeping hard copies of anything that piqued his interest and was always known for urging his family to take "just one more" photograph.

Philip was preceded in death by his parents but is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy, and their three children: Timothy with his wife Keri and their children Nick and Lindsey; Christopher with his wife Michele and their children Charlie and Jack; and Amy Hepburn with her husband George Townsend and their children Riley, Alec, Elizabeth and Emeline. Philip is also survived by his sister, Lorraine Barse.

Philip's legacy lives on through his love of life, his deep devotion to his family, his remarkable career, and his endlessly joyful spirit and kindness. He was a man who not only served his country but who lived every day with enthusiasm, kindness, and a genuine curiosity about the world around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at St. Theresa Parish, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach. Burial with military honors will follow in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a veteran's organization of your choice in Philip's honor.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *It is so sad that in the winter of our years' journey through life, we are more frequently forced to witness the "final flights" of our beloved USAFA Class of 1962 "original" RTBs. Phil was a terrific classmate and fondly remembered. I send my sympathy to Nancy and family and have willingly contributed to the U.S.O. in joyful memory of Phil. My our loving God bless and keep you all especially during this time of grief.*

In Sympathy.

Charles (Charlie) Hale

Charles Hale - December 18, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip R. Hepburn Jr..*



December 16, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip R. Hepburn Jr..*



December 15, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip R. Hepburn Jr..

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Philip R. Hepburn Jr..



December 14, 2024 at 10:51 AM



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“ WOW! This picture is the image I will always have of Phil. It was such a Pleasure to be in his company. He always had a BIG smile, positive attitude, Always thoughtful & kind words to share, & OH, a great handshake! Phil knew how to LIVE & LOVE life—great legacy for all who were gifted to Know him! Long time friends—❤️Pete & Barbara

barbara - December 05, 2024 at 10:12 PM

TR

Phil Hepburn '58 was a big part of our Haverford School 1957 championship basketball team....my deepest sympathies to all the family. Ted Rauch, Haverford '57

Ted Rauch - December 13, 2024 at 09:29 AM

PD

*We will surely miss Phil, such a good friend, always positive, upbeat, a perfect gentleman. We are so sorry to lose him.
Peter & Barbara D*

Peter & Barbara DeFreitas - December 16, 2024 at 09:21 PM

JS

*My sincere condolences to Phil's family. He was an esteemed classmate at the Air Force Academy and a good friend.
Jerry Smith
RTB
USAFA Class of 1962*

Jerry Smith - December 17, 2024 at 02:27 PM

RH

Great memories: Phil knee deep in snow without skis taking pics of the rest of his skiing classmates; Phil on the swimming team gamely trying to compete in the butterfly and not drown (his normal event was the breaststroke); and exciting times at Pease where we learned how poorly B-47s' landed on ice. I envied Phil for finding a way to stay in New Hampshire with Nancy-God's country from spring thru fall. Condolences to Nancy and family.

*Dick Hoffert
RTB
USAFA Class of 1962*

Richard Hoffert - December 17, 2024 at 08:59 PM

AW

*Dear Nancy & Family,
In your sadness please know Phil was a gentleman with few peers. I flew with Phil at McGuire AFB, assigned to the 335th MAS as a pilot scheduler during the 70's & 80's.
Through these many years I have not known a more professional and kind person.
Thank you for sharing him with us! May God bless you and your family!*
*Andy Wasniewski
Lt. Col, USAF Retired
USAir, Capt., Retired*

Andrew Wasniewski - December 18, 2024 at 11:58 AM

JJ

Lt.Col: Hepburn flew the C-141A/B in the Reserves. He liked to fly and made trips to foreign countries or local pattern flights fun. He will be missed by all who served with him. Rest in Peace Phil.
*Lt. Col: J. McIntyre
Pilot 335th AS*

JOHN A. Mc Intyre - December 18, 2024 at 12:05 PM

PR

Spent some time with Phil at NetJets. Nice guy and good pilot.

Paul R - November 24, 2025 at 10:35 PM