



## Phillip A. "Phil" Patton

March 25, 1964 - May 15, 2021

Rye Beach – Phillip A. “Phil” Patton, 57, of Rye Beach, passed away Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital after a lengthy struggle with Parkinson’s disease. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Phil was born March 25, 1964 in Newfoundland, Canada to Robert and Patricia (Douglas) Patton. The Patton’s moved to Rye Beach, NH in the early 70s when Phil was seven years old. Phil attended Rye Elementary, Junior High and Portsmouth High School in the Class of 1982. He went on to major in business at the University of New Hampshire, where he graduated in 1986.

After college Phil began a career in the electric supply industry with Gould Electronics. His performance presented him with several opportunities for advancement in a short timeframe. These opportunities took him to Chicago and then Seattle, WA, where he lived until his diagnosis with Parkinson’s disease in 1992. After his diagnosis with Parkinson’s, Phil moved back to where he grew up in the NH seacoast to be with his family and friends and furthered his career with Plastics in Leominster, MA.

Throughout his life, Phil loved athletics and participated in and excelled at several team sports. In addition to team sports, Phil played golf and tennis at Abenaki Country Club in Rye Beach, where he won numerous titles in both sports. Even after his diagnosis with Parkinson’s, Phil remained an avid golfer

at Abeniqui Country Club, and despite the impacts of the Parkinson's, he continued to score in the 80s. Phil loved Abeniqui and provided many memorable moments at the club during golf and tennis tournaments in both singles championships and doubles championships with his perennial tennis partner, Steve Bottomley. Phil shared the passion for golf with his Dad, Bob, for which they shared many, many hours together on the golf course.

Phil, despite his physical limitations, had a zest for life and an unrelenting determination. He loved speed, action and pushing the limits illustrated perfectly by his ownership of a Harley, a Porsche, and several Jeeps. Additionally, he loved taking the helm on his buddy Matt's boat and pushing her to the limits. His determination, competitive spirit, and laid back approach helped him attack his everyday challenges with Parkinson's. He never complained or wanted any sympathy and just wanted all who loved him to treat him like regular 'ole' Phil. A true role model on how to deal with adversity.

Phil was predeceased by his parents, Bob and Pattie and brother Greg. He was loved by all that knew him and he leaves behind many friends and his remaining family members, sister Karen Washburn and her husband Tom of Scituate, MA and their children Kaitlynn, Sydney and Lexi, and his brother, Sandy Patton of Alta, CA, and his children Michelle, Andrew and Natalie.

A graveside service will be held at 11 A.M. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at the Central Cemetery in Rye, NH. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the ceremony. In lieu of traditional remembrances, the family asks that donations be made to Donation Processing, The Michael J. Fox Foundation (<https://www.michaeljfox.org/>) P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ Phillip A. "Phil" Patton

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Who knew this handsome little blonde boy would be an inspiration to me one day? My family could not have asked for better neighbors than the Patton crew! When I moved back to this area, it was great to have Phil next door. It was special to share family stories, especially the Bob and Tim adventures! If thought I could not do something, I would look at Phil playing golf, walking Major or riding his bike. Happy journey, Phil; safe travels, Major! Miss you both! XO  
– Mary-Ann

Mary-Ann Sullivan - June 02, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ Philly: you will be missed by many..... missed for your athletic talents on the Ab tennis courts and the golf course... missed for your humor, and friendship, and loyalty, missed for all the wild and crazy adventures that spiced up our younger days.

*The stoic manner in which you dealt with Parkinson's disease was a testament to your strength and character.*

*God Bless Philly..... rest easy with Bob and Patti and Greg.*

Peter Fuller - May 30, 2021 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Elaine Cosseboom, Mary Mcgoldrick, & Sue Daniello purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phillip A. "Phil" Patton.*



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**Elaine Cosseboom, Mary Mcgoldrick, & Sue Daniello** - May 28, 2021 at 08:40 AM

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“ *We lost a very good friend and I will miss Phil. We started our careers together and shared so many good times over the years. Meeting to play golf between Seattle and Portland, leaving the house in the dark. Golfing in Texas and Florida and sharing so many good times. I prayed for you often as you struggled with Parkinson's and I hope now that you are at peace my friend. Love ya Phil.*

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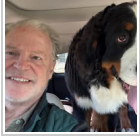
**Barry McGlew** - May 27, 2021 at 05:47 AM

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“ *Philly was "one great man" who took the adversity life dealt him and just kept on moving forward. He was a quiet but fierce competitor whether it was on the tennis courts, the golf course and certainly in the ring with Parkinson's. He left us too soon and his final years were not kind to him, but as mentioned above he took each day as it came. May he Rest In Peace!*

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**John Bottomley** - May 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ You battled Parkinson’s Disease for over 25 years and never once complained. Your class and grace was admired by many. For the tournaments we played in, for the tournaments we won, for the many good times we had, I thank you. But I thank you mostly for your friendship through good and bad times and for the example you set. You were my hero. Rest In Peace my dear friend. May God bless you.

*My deepest condolences to Karen, Sandy and Phil’s nieces & nephews*

*Love,  
Botts*

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**Stephen Bottomley** - May 24, 2021 at 08:22 PM



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**Stephen Bottomley** - May 24, 2021 at 08:11 PM

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**Remick & Gendron** - May 24, 2021 at 12:16 PM