



## Philip J. Donoghue

January 1, 1937 - June 28, 2020

Philip J. Donoghue, 83, of Syracuse, passed away Sunday at Crouse Hospital after a brief illness with the COVID-19 virus. Born in Watertown, New York, Philip graduated from LeMoyne College where he received his Bachelor's Degree and then went on to graduate from SUNY Oswego where he received his Master's Degree. He also took PHD courses at Syracuse University.

Philip taught high school at Central Tech High School through the late 60's. He then was a Professor in the school of education at the University of Vermont from 1972-1974. Phil choose to return to the classroom to teach middle school students in Williston, Vermont until 1979 when the family returned to Syracuse. Upon receiving his state certification in Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Phil worked for the Onondaga County Council on Alcoholism developing the Employee Assistance Program. In 1983, he was a counselor at the Crouse Hospital Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Program. He later worked at the Center for Community Alternatives counseling non-violent drug offenders before retiring in 1999.

He was a member of St. Lucy's Parish on Gifford Street, a parish he truly loved. Phil was a lifelong learner known for his exceptionally fine mind. His many interests included history, political science, literature, classical music, gardening, religion, and spirituality. He will be remembered for his robust laughter, his humor, and his compassion for the broken and less fortunate.

Phil was one of eight brothers who all predeceased him. Phil is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Janet (Dell) Donoghue; two sons, Brian Donoghue of Atlanta, Georgia and Christian Donoghue of Syracuse, NY; granddaughter, Amber Donoghue of Charlotte, NC; along with numerous nieces and nephews living throughout the United States.

A celebration of Phil's life will be at a future date once it is safe to gather. Donations may be made in his name to the St. Lucy's luncheon program that feeds many who are poor.

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Phil’s passing, he was such a nice man with a good sense of humor. I am so sorry for your family’s loss. I wish you peace at this time and praying for you all.

Krista Switzer

Krista Switzer - July 16 at 06:22 PM

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“ Janet, I was so sorry to hear about Phil’s passing. He was an amazing man and I always enjoyed our visits. May you find peace during this painful time and find comfort in your memories.

Bonnie Koreff-Wolf

Bonnie Koreff-Wolf - July 12 at 11:42 AM

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“ To Janet and Family  
I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and condolences to you. I remember Phil from the day back in High School OP-Cop days .Always caring and giving great advice. He will truly be missed

Sincerely,  
Tonya Latour



Tonya Latour - July 09 at 03:43 AM

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“ Great memories of those days in the halls of Central Tech. Loved listening to "Professor Phil" on any topic from Chaucer's works to Gannon's ice cream. He brought a touch of class to every classroom. Still makes me smile. All good thoughts to you, Janet, and the whole family.

Scott Shablak

scott shablak - July 07 at 09:10 AM

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“ To Uncle Phil: you were a grand Patriarch for our Clan but your time was cut short. We will miss you and your many memories you shared of our Dad, your brothers, and our family long past. I hope you were greeted by them all when you made it to Heaven.

To Aunt Janet, Chris, Brian, and Family: We are sorry for your loss. We will remember you and Uncle Phil in our prayers.

**Joe & Debbie Donoghue and Family** - July 06 at 10:32 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I saw the obit in Sunday's Post-Standard. I am pushing my childhood memory (I hope my information is accurate) but I believe Phil and my mother, Alice Donoghue Enwright who passed 30 years ago, were first cousins as Phil's father Raymond and my mother's father John were brothers. I know that Phil communicated with my father who passed 8 years ago. There is only one Donoghue family living in Oswego. Many have passed away and others moved to other states..

Marty Enwright...

**Marty Enwright** - July 06 at 02:35 PM

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“ I had Mr. Donoghue as a teacher at Central Tech. He was a great teacher who cared for his students.



**Dennis Buschle** - July 06 at 01:19 PM

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“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

**Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni** - July 06 at 10:53 AM

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“ My condolences to Phil's Family...  
Our family got to know him at Brookdale in Manlius ... He would recognize our voices when he came to visit my Mother who has since passed.  
He was the kindest man we had ever met and my Mother was comforted by his words and company !!! We will miss him .....

**James Beaulieu** - July 06 at 07:41 AM

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“ To Janet, Brian & Chris & Family,  
My sincere condolences go out to you all during this tough time. Knowing all you guys a long time ago and knowing Phil and his great smile whenever he met up with you as being Mr. Nice Guy. May Phil Rest In Peace & may God Bless him and all of you too.



**RobbieWells/LasVegas** - July 05 at 11:51 PM

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“ I knew Phil many years ago when we were both in grammar school. I lived around the corner on Mundy St and he lived on St Mary St. We had a lot of fun times, but lost touch after I left Watertown. I am Happy to see that he had a very full and good life. My condolences to the family.

Paul Martin, Naples, FL

**Paul Martin** - July 05 at 08:39 PM

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“ Dear Janet and family. I am so sorry for your loss and was so saddened to hear this. Phil was a wonderful man and I will always remember him fondly. He was a kind, caring, wonderful man who was so helpful to so many, myself included. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.  
Jen Rienhardt

**Jennifer Rienhardt** - July 05 at 08:03 PM

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“ From Kathy McDougal  
To Janet, Chris and Brian  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Phil was an extraordinary man. I know he will be deeply missed.

**Kathy McDougal** - July 05 at 04:26 PM

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“ We will always remember Phil as a huge support and resource for Janet. So glad our paths crossed. Sending love to Janet from Liverpool. Don and Gloria Card

**Gloria Card** - July 05 at 11:53 AM

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“ Phil was a friend and fellow parishioner at St. Lucys. He shared his many talents and gifts with us and was loved by all the persons he touched. Joy and Jack Sipple

**john sipple** - July 04 at 09:27 AM

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“ Phil was a loyal and dedicated teacher at Central Tech during some very difficult times. Deep regrets to the family.

**Bob Capone** - July 04 at 09:13 AM

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“ Janet, Chris and Brian,  
Greg and I are so sorry for your loss.

Greg and Joanne Pacicca

**Joanne Ridley-Pacicca** - July 02 at 08:43 PM