



Rev. Phillip Everett Chapman

July 15, 1943 - September 10, 2017

REV. PHILLIP EVERETT CHAPMAN

1943 – 2017

Rev. Phillip "Phil" Everett Chapman age 74 of Plattsmouth, NE peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the Josie Harper Hospice House in Omaha, NE.

He was born on July 15, 1943 to Everett Dean and Shirley Althea (Olson) Chapman in Franklinville, NY. Phil was raised and schooled in Franklinville and he graduated from Franklinville High School with the class of 1961. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He met Dianna Louise Rogerson and they later married on July 12, 1963 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eastmont, WA. Phil served his country during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War for twenty years. While in the Air Force, Phil and Dianna made their home and raised their family in Painfield, WA, Turkey for three years, and later in Plattsmouth, NE.

After Phil retired from the Air Force, he began working at Bellevue University. While working for the university, he attended classes and he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology and in 2006 his Master's Degree in Business. In 2002, Phil became an Episcopal Deacon and later in 2005 an Episcopal Priest.

He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Lepert Wolever V.F.W. Post #2543 both of Plattsmouth.

Phil is survived by his wife: Dianna Chapman of Plattsmouth, NE; son: Paul

Chapman of Plattsmouth, NE; four grandchildren: Ashley Rydl and husband David, Meagan Serafino and husband Danny, Phillip Byrom, and Cory Chapman; three great grandchildren: Leighton Serafino, Quintin Serafino, and Payton Byrom; brother: Herbert Chapman and wife Mary of Hamburg, NY; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Everett and Shirley Chapman and daughter: Renee Byrom.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Omaha with The Right Reverend J. Scott Barker officiating, Roger Byer and Maurie Thorstadt as readers, David Schack as organist, and military rites by the Offutt Air Force Base Military Rites Team. Memorials to the Family (A suitable charity will be chosen at a later date). Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Ave. A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. (402) 296-3123 robymemorialhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Phillip Everett Chapman*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *My heart is broken but you have enriched my life to the fullest! Infinity x infinity. God Bless you my friend!*

Ann Maupin - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ *Phil left a powerful and lasting impact on me. His voice, his manner, his gentle laughter will be carried in my mind and heart until I can shake his hand in heaven. "We have to avoid the high-high's and the low-low's," he always said. Well, losing him is one of the low-low's that can't be avoided. For you all right now, Easter is the highest of high's that I pray lifts you beyond this deep loss to our entire community. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Death no longer has any dominion.*

Rev. Dr. Dirk Reek - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ *Phil was always such a kind man. He had a smile for me every time I saw him, and I was so pleased that he was able to serve as a priest for our diocese. His gentleness and warmth will be missed.*

Sandra Squires - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ *Phil was such a good friend of Our Lord and to so many of us all. He listened so well and genuinely cared. Thank you!*

The Rev Robert Scott - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM

DH

“ *What a privilege and joy it was to know Phil. He was truly a man of God. Caring, concerned, warm and always a friend. We'll meet again, friend. Until then - rest in peace.*

Deacon Cheryl Harris - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM

PC

“ *Praying for Phil's family and wishing them God's love and support. Phil spoke often of his family. He brought his whole self to those fortunate enough to know him or work with him, as I did at Bellevue University. I'll never forget his compassion and the stories and sayings he used to illustrate calm in any storm. He had such wisdom and was so centered. The world is much poorer without Phil. But the souls and hearts he touched and enriched will hold him forever, and that is a pearl beyond any price.*

Patricia Cox - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM

RS

“ *Dianna and Paul, My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. It was so sad to hear about Phil. He was an important part of my life from the first year I taught at Bellevue University (College), as one of my students, a colleague, and a friend. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Roxanne*

Roxanne Sullivan - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM

CS

“ *Diana, I pray for you and the family to find courage, strength, and grace. Friend Phil, I love you, miss you, and ask that you save me a seat. Charley*

Charley Skill - June 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear that Phil passed away, I worked for Phil at Bellevue College back in the early 1990's. He was a great guy that will be dearly missed. Always pleasant to be around.

Judy Shook - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

HC

“ Phil and Diana have always been there for so many. Family friends, The Church, and neighbors. Phil was born to be a leader of small groups. At seven, he was getting the kids together in Machias for that exciting bike ride down to the swimming hole at Lime Lake. At nine, in Franklinville, he organized baseball games, hikes around town, and after church on Sunday's, get together at somebody's house. He was always planning the next adventure. In Sardinia, from household chores, to black berry picking, to potatoe picking, Phil lead us by looking for ways to make the task more fun and efficient. Phil worked every day of his life. Thank you Phil for a much more wonderful world.

Herb and Mary Chapman - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

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“ Phil was such a memorable man. I appreciated the chance to work with him at Bellevue University. He had such a bright smile, kind word and quick wit. He was so kind to always send birthday wishes to so many of us; even long after he left the university. I remember him as a respectful and caring individual who left his mark. He will be missed. Prayers go out to Phil and his family.

Amy Dyer (Amundson) - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

CK

“ I supervised Phil in his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). As a friend and colleague, I greatly appreciated his commitment, his caring, his calm manner, his warmth and humor

Chaplain William John ("Jack") Kouth - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

CW

“ There are not words enough to express my sense of loss

Celine Wilcox - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

DH

“ Phil, you were a rock in my life and the lives of so many others. Your calm, unassuming demeanor, wisdom, and willingness to listen will be sorely missed. Until we meet again, my friend...

Daniel Hoier - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

SE

“ I can not say enough good about Phil. He seemed to always be there with a listening ear just at the right time. When there was about to be tears his humor would create laughter. I could always count on him to listen and give advice that was needed not always wanted but was needed. His words were always kind no matter if they needed to be stern. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to have Phil as a friend and his family for allowing him to be the person he was. I will continue to pray for the healing hearts of the many that will miss Phil. He will be greatly missed by many.

Stacey Escobedo - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

KJ

“ Phil and I went through the first iteration of the Nebraska Plan for Total Ministry. He was a friend who always encouraged me when I was unsure if I was on the right path. Great friend, godly man, amazing priest. Prayers for his family.

Karen Juzenas - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Phil. My prayers and thoughts are with Dianna and the rest of his family. I met Phil while attending St. Luke's in Plattsmouth and quickly grew to admire his whole family. Phil was one of the best men I have had the pleasure of knowing and I always secretly wished I had been lucky enough to have Phil and Dianna as parents because they seemed to be the best anchors to a wonderful family. This world is a little colder without Phil Chapman in it.

Angel Garrett (Dooley) - April 29, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ Phil will be remembered for his humor, unending giving of himself and warm heart. We are so sorry for your sorrow.

September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM