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On September 21st, 2024 Philip transitioned to a different existence, one where he joined his beloved Loren Jeanne Mahon and other loved ones. We are grateful for Philip's 66 years of life and the positive impact he had on all those he loved and cared for.

Philip was born in San Mateo, California to parents Josephine Marie Sanfilippo and Philip Bernard Sanfilippo. Growing up in an Italian home instilled in Philip a love for family and good food. He often reminisced about his Sunday family dinners with his two sisters Sandra and Susan, his cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents. His father was a produce wholesaler in San Francisco and his mother was an avid cook, painter, and reader. Philip attended Bellarmine High School then went on to study Population Biology and English at UC San Diego. It was at UC San Diego where he met his wife, Loren, their friendship blooming into an enduring love story. After his undergraduate studies, Philip attended the California College of Podiatric Medicine which launched his career as a foot surgeon and podiatrist. It was in these early experiences that Philip developed and nurtured his lifelong passion for music, his calling to care for others, and his curiosity in life and spirituality.

Passion for music

Philip played the drums from a young age. In his time at Bellarmine High School, he played in the school band and a garage band with friends. In college and after college he was part of various bands that would play for weddings and small events. It was through these experiences he met some of his lifelong friends. Always keen to hone new skills as a drummer, during the pandemic Philip took up learning the Irish Bodhrán and stayed connected with friends by recording and sharing his music. Philip started playing drums at Sunday church services from a young age and continued to play as an adult at Temple Methodist Church in San Francisco and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Belmont. Playing at Sunday services became a family affair. Every



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Sunday Philip would be joined by his wife Loren singing and playing guitar, his daughter Katie Rose, singing in the choir, and his son Philip III, joining him on percussion. His love of music is passed on to his children who continue to carry this legacy.

Care for and with others

Philip always wanted to be a doctor and believed deeply in his role as a care giver. After his time at the California College of Podiatric Medicine, he took part in a residency program in Louisiana where he cared for patients with Hansen's disease. After returning to California, he began work in the Wound Care Center at Seaton Hospital in San Francisco and started his own practice in Daly City. Philip's colleagues, friends and patients always shared their appreciation for his gentle and compassionate bedside manner. He consistently dedicated time to engage with his patients, building strong connections and providing personalized care including making house calls and visiting care facilities, a practice he continued until his retirement.

His calling to care also was seen in his friendships and relationships with others. Many of his friends and family would tell stories of Philip's generosity. He would always take the time to help, whether it was assisting in fixing something that was broken (he was a great handyman) or taking the time to listen and chat. Even throughout his illness, he continued to care for others, often putting the needs of others before his own. Philip spoke about thriving with cancer, focusing on the positives, taking the time to catch-up with family and friends, and expressing deep appreciation for the care provided by his doctors and nurses. He often reflected on the opportunities that an illness gives you to understand and grapple with your own sense of mortality and spirituality. The love and care Philip shared with all who knew him will have a lasting effect on those he cared for and those who cared for him.

Curiosity and spirituality

Philip radiated a curiosity which was infectious. Throughout his life he valued education and the opportunities it allowed for growth and further understanding. His dedication to learning and expanding his knowledge was evident in his successful career as a doctor and also in his appreciation of music, nature and his own spirituality.

He grew up Catholic but continued to explore his own spirituality throughout his life. With is partner Loren, he explored and learned from different faiths and facilitated group discussions



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around issues of spirituality and social justice. During the pandemic, he joined the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Redwood City. Here he continued to grow in his understanding of his own faith and felt support and love after the loss of his wife and through his journey with a terminal illness.

Philip often spoke of “awe” seeing it as a representation of the Creator’s love. He would remind people of the little moments of awe that surrounded our daily lives – in the music we listen to and make, in the birds and flowers we encounter every day, and in the moments of connection we have with loved ones. Philip experienced awe in the many travels he took with his family. These included road trips to the national parks, trips across Europe to hear his children perform, and cruises with Loren after retirement. His sharing of his world, one filled with curiosity and awe, has inspired others to be present and recognize these special moments. It is in these moments of awe that we will continue to feel his love for us.

Philip’s legacy

Philip met his wife Loren when they were both resident advisors at UC San Diego. Their love for each other was built on a friendship they fostered in those early days. Many who knew Philip and Loren described them as soul mates. After seven years of dating, including a five-year long-distance engagement, they married and their love continued to grow for the next 35 years. That love gave birth to their children Katie Rose and Philip III.

Philip’s love lives on through his children, family, and friends. He believed that death was a transition to a place where he would be reunited with those he loved. These include his beloved friend, wife and partner, Loren Jeanne Mahon, and his parents Josephine Marie Sanfilippo and Philip Bernard Sanfilippo. His immediate family that are still with us include his loving children, daughter Katherine Rose Mahon Sanfilippo, and son Philip Bernard Sanfilippo, III; his sisters Sandra Marie Ryan and Susan Jo Sanfilippo, and husband William Bruce Meier; his sisters-in-law Linda Susan Shemenski and husband John Michael Shemenski, and Lissa Ann Perrone and husband Gerard Edward Perrone, and niece Andrea Marie Ryan and husband Seth Greeley John and their children Cecilia Marie John and Celeste Greeley John.

Philip’s legacy is profound and enduring. It is woven into the fabric of our lives, reminding us to cherish every moment of awe, to share the songs we sing, to embrace the beauty of nature, and to nurture the precious moments we share with each other.



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If you would like to express your gratitude for Philip, in lieu of flowers please consider a donation to one of the following organizations:

Pelican Harbor

<https://www.pelicanharbor.org/donate>

Or

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

<https://www.shfb.org/give-help/donate-funds/>



Events

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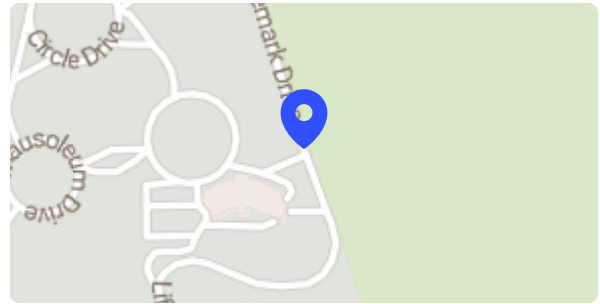
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Memorial Service

Saturday, October 19, 2024

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT

Skylawn Funeral Home and Crematory
888 LifeMark Road, Half Moon Bay CA 94019



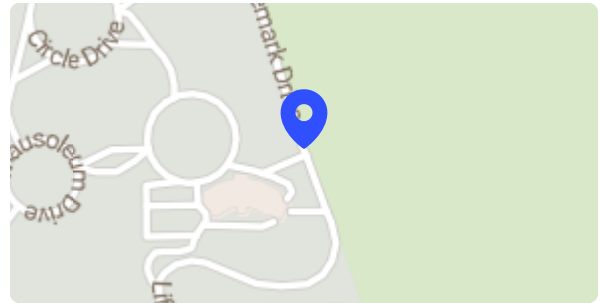
Reception following Service

Saturday, October 19, 2024

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT

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Vista Room





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Larry Pascua posted:

Gosh where do(tears) I even begin to share the generosity of these two Mentors, Dr. Phil and His partner and life- partner Loren; I start with these words: humility and passion. Whether the fun Oscar parties they through for thirty six years of my life, to some of the gorgeous drumming and singing the couple did at Temple United Methodist church (and I'm sure other churches they were a part of, and a church family of) they both seem to carry the light, love and Spark to lives they've touched. Incidentally, when I lost my job, and was between insurances Dr. Phil took me in as a day- patient looking at a stubbed toe because I confided I was diabetic and my mom and Dad are too. He said, " Larry just come in, I'll trim your toenails and take a look at that stub toe for you". From (tears) that simple, humbling act I knew he earned his Angels wings. And so did the sweet singing voice of Loren. Everytime our dear, passionate Loren would sing, it would melt our hearts and it encouraged me to play the piano more passionately. Oracle employees would also say Loren's PhD and her Ted Talks, not only transformed their lives in the tech world, but also their personal relationships with people. Her ideas shaped some of the innovations we reap now as a society, and moving towards the many advancements into our future. But most importantly the role of Mom and friend and Dad to his daughter Katie and Son Philip the third, outshone all these career achievements. At their Foster city/ San Mateo warm house, there was laughter and music, and joy, and obvious love. The Oscar parties and Award show was fun because Loren would tally the votes and give us all prizes and great candy, just for joining in to fill in or guess the most correct results of the Academy Awards. One time, I teased our great Loren, and said, " if I get an Oscar one day, I'll thank our little party watching at this house, and mention you and Dr. Philip for all your love and ways of having us so kindly every year. Thank you for hosting probably the best Academy Awards party in the World. We had great Italian and Filipino food, but the friendships are lasting a lifetime. " Loren smiled that sweet smile! And even if this wish will not ever come true, or might: I am glad I had a good sense of humour to mention it at that time. And Loren and Dr. Phil hugged me. These two also loved going to their children's events like Phil's Eagle Scout and Boy Scout events, I witnessed this as a I was Pianist and Assistant Music Director at Hillsdale United Methodist. Philip would be involved in his son's Eagle Scout and Boy Scout projects like working side by side, building homes for Habitat for Humanity. They also attend Scout Sundays at our church. It's so good to see Son and Dad bond and have that courage together, widely displayed. And gosh, for Katie, both parents were so proud when she earned her Doctorate in Music. They both beamed with pride saying it at our Oscar's party, with the love and humility that goes with being a parent seeing their children achieve Academic successes and Phil, an RN- Registered Nurse. Thank you Dr. Phil for touching my life and my mom Rosie's. (Side note: My mom, also an LVN would see Dr. Phil at the elevators, happenstance, at Seton in the 1990s when he's on his way to see his Podiatrist clients and patients. Knowing them at Temple Church Music ministry transformed and shaped my Music career, these days.) Dr. Phil- your passion and excellent dedication to medicine also encouraged me to be in Nursing and Caregiving for Dementia clients. Thank you for all the excellent drumming you did, for introducing Lisa Mahon, Loren's sister to me and husband Geri, which I will never forget I've sang my very first Wedding gig- solo at 12. The song was " Our love is here to stay". With that, I know you both are reunited now in Heaven! Loren, thank you for loving Dr. Phil with your whole heart and Phil thank you for taking care of Loren as well! In Academia we say, " Intelligence is nothing without love". These two embodied love, throughout their span of lifetime with the Music that flows through their humbleness, and dedication to their careers.



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This is also reflected to their greatest legacy: Dr. Kate and Nurse Philip. Always in our hearts Dr. Philip Sanfilippo and Loren Mahon SanFilippo! Your courage and generosity and humility lives on in our Hearts and the countless lives you've touched. ❤️

January 15 at 3:54 AM



Thomas C Gillespie posted:

In grade school Phil and I were friends and we formed a band - Phil on drums, me on trumpet, and Patrick Fitzgerald on guitar (as I recall). We practiced a lot at his house, but we were awful - not Phil, of course, he was the best player we had. In later life (last few years), Phil took up the Irish Bodhran and I had been playing the Scottish bagpipes and Irish bagpipes (Uilleann pipes) for some time. We tried playing together a few times by exchanging recordings, though my playing on the Uilleann pipes was a bit rough. But, of course, that was Phil all over - always open to new things, always exploring new avenues in life. I shall miss him dearly.Phil, rest in the peace of God. Your journey here is done, but your next journey has just begun.

December 10 at 12:37 AM



Denise L. planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Philip.



October 19 at 4:40 AM



Signe M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Philip.



October 19 at 4:26 AM



Sandra Sanfilippo Ryan sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sanfilippo family.



October 18 at 10:31 AM



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Sandra Sanfilippo Ryan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Philip.

October 18 at 10:31 AM



Susan And Bruce sent a Basket of Memories to the Sanfilippo family.

October 16 at 10:44 AM



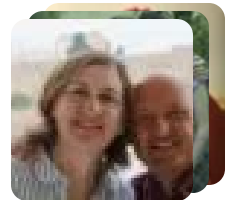
Susan And Bruce planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Philip.

October 16 at 10:44 AM



Katie Rose Sanfilippo shared 3 photos to the **Photos** album.

October 16 at 7:45 AM





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Young Philip





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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