



## Philip Flanders

January 21, 2021

Philip James Flanders January 2, 1927-January 21, 2021

Philip James Flanders passed away peacefully at home on January 21, 2021. Philip was fortunate to stay at home with Kwadjo, his caregiver of the last 4 years. Phil received regular visits from his oldest son, Jonathan Flanders, and family and daughter, Melissa Flanders.

Philip James Flanders was the oldest of three children born to Robert Charles Flanders and Anna Kendall Homrighausen in Denver, Colorado. He spent the first two years of his life in Denver where his father ran a Home for Boys. When Phil was 2, his father moved the family to a suburb of Philadelphia. During Phil's childhood, the family would drive to New Hampshire and spend summertime in the Sanbornville area by Great East Lake. The Flanders had extended family in the New Hampshire area. During the school year, Phil would work most Saturday mornings on a nearby farm to earn 10 cents, the cost of going to the movies in the 1930s to see the latest Hollywood stars. During high school, Phil worked as camp counselor at one of many New Hampshire area camps for kids. He would often hitchhike in the summers to New Hampshire. Many a time, he brought his younger brother, Bobby, along for the trip. In Phil's senior year of High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following WWII, Phil attended William and Mary College with the support of the GI Bill. After one year, he transferred to Haverford College. He completed

a Bachelors and Masters' Degrees in Physics from Haverford.

Phil met his future wife Nancy Derlin through a mutual friend. They were married in Moorestown, New Jersey in June of 1953. Nancy and Phil had 6 children. With Phil's full time job, 6 children and various hobbies, he had a full and rich life. Phil worked in physics and started his career at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. In 1964 he accepted a job with Mullards in England and the family spent the year abroad. Phil and Nancy made such deep friendships while in England that they made annual trips there for the next 40+ years. After Mullards, Phil accepted a job at the University of Pennsylvania Physics Lab. He worked there until retirement. He would take the bus from Moorestown to the center of Philadelphia and walk 2 miles to the University of Pennsylvania. He always enjoyed walks. When he was not at the lab, Phil always seems to be working on home and car repairs, or various artistic endeavors. He printed the 100 plus annual Christmas cards from a linoleum block design he carved, printed silk screen cards, and painted the family home numerous times. He researched, wrote, and published 8 non-fiction books about the history of Moorestown, Trinity Church, residents of Moorestown and family genealogy. Phil seemed to enjoy each era of his life and enjoyed the company of those around him. We will miss his kind heart and generous soul.

Phil was predeceased by his wife - Nancy, sister - Charlotte Raffensberger, and daughter - Charlotte Carver. He is survived by his younger brother - Robert Flanders (wife PJ) and children: Adrienne Flanders (husband Jerry Friedman), Stephanie Sun (Husband Eugene), Melissa Flanders, Jonathan Flanders (wife Carolyn) and Ian Flanders (Partner Tony Puseteri). He is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Rachel Friedman, Lisa Friedman (husband Matt), Caitlin Hoogland (husband Dustin), Jenna Flanders, Jasmine Flanders, Stephanie A. Sun, Elizabeth Sun, Thomas Sun, and Natasha Sun. In addition, he is survived by 3 great grandchildren: Mason Hoogland, Jax Hoogland and

Lexi Hoogland.

Due to the present Covid restrictions no services will be held at this time.

In lieu of flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the Book of Remembrance, c/o Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 W. Main St. Moorestown, NJ 08057

# Tribute Wall



“ Philip Flanders

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ Philip Flanders

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Flanders' passing. He was a colleague of my father's (William Schuele) at the Franklin Institute and they maintained a long-lasting friendship for decades after they went on to other workplaces. My dad often spoke of feeling that it was "time to call Phil"; usually within the day one would telephone the other, and the recipient would exclaim that they were just about to place the call themselves. Those two shared an unquenchable curiosity about the world around them; it led them to careers in science and lifetimes of exploring, learning, and understanding. My father died in early June 2015; I suspect those two are now exploring their new environment and discussing what they find... My condolences to Phil's children and grandchildren.

Stewart Schuele - May 11, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Phil was a wonderful man and a great mentor. I had the fortune of knowing him in the 1980's and he was always quick with a kind word and had a genuine curiosity of the world around him. He will be missed.

Joshua Ferg - March 16, 2021 at 07:22 AM

PG

“ *Very Sorry to hear. Mr and Mrs Flanders were always the kindest people to me.  
I looked forward to seeing them at Trinity church, always at the early service.  
My condolences to Adrienne and to all of the family.  
Paul Greenwood*

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**Paul Greenwood** - March 09, 2021 at 06:15 PM

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“ *Ricky and I will miss our “uncle Phil” immensely. I have memories of Phil all the way back to my childhood at trinity church. But it wasn’t until Rick and Phil struck up a wonderful friendship via coffee up town that they decided to collaborate on one of his books of Moorestown. Ricky became the artist and in that last book you will find a wonderful drawing of Phil. He was the most intelligent, nicest person we had the pleasure of knowing. We’re glad you and. Andy shared Our Christmas Eve celebrations with us.  
We will miss you and never forget you.  
Beth and Rick Baldt*

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**Elizabeth Baldt** - February 17, 2021 at 06:34 AM

WB

“ *He authored wonderful books on Moorestown.*

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**Wayne Becker** - February 06, 2021 at 09:56 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Stephanie Sun** - February 05, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JG

“ *I remember fondly talking with Phil, Nancy and Kwadjo (Joe) at the Pie Lady. They were always so upbeat and pleasant. Joe was always very attentive and truly enjoyed helping Phil and Nancy. I will miss our meetings.*

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**John Gibson** - February 05, 2021 at 03:03 PM