



## Philip E. Gosselin

June 24, 1929 - November 8, 2009

Philip E. Gosselin, of Southington, beloved husband of Sylvia Cassolino Gosselin, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, November 8, 2009 after a valiant battle with Cancer. He was 80. Born in New Britain, Philip was son of the late Joseph and Albina Belliveau Gosselin. He attended St. Mary School and graduated from New Britain High School in 1948. Phil continued his education at the Julius Hartt School of Music, majoring in the study of woodwind instruments. Phil was employed for many years by New England Aircraft in Farmington, retiring as a Quality Control Inspector in 1990. He was a longtime member of the B.P.O.E. Order of Elks and a dedicated parishioner of St. Dominic Church in Southington for more than 30 years. Phil served his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 - '54, with two years of duty in Guam. An accomplished and highly respected musician, Phil was a life member of the Musician's Union Local 400. He first performed with the Lake Compounce Band in Bristol at the age of 13 and was also a member of the United States Air Force Concert and Jazz Bands. Throughout his life, Phil performed with several big bands and was known for his keen proficiency in reading music. Phil was one of the founders of the New Vintage Band which performed regularly at the Farmington Marriott as well as throughout CT for several years.

Philip leaves his devoted wife and best friend of 46 years, Sylvia. He also leaves his dear sister and brother-in-law, Loretta and Bernie Bednarczyk of

New Britain. Uncle Phil was deeply loved and held significant place in the lives of his nieces and nephews and their families. He leaves to mourn his passing Cheri and John Robertson of New Jersey, Beth and Andrew Elersich of Ohio, Denise Colwick of Plainville, Debbie and Dr. Richard Smith of Rhode Island, Peggy Taricani of New Britain, Danny Cassolino of Wethersfield, Mary-Lynn and Fred Monsees of New Britain and Gerianne and Jim Casey of Texas. He also leaves nine great nieces and nephews, three great great nieces and many, many close friends. He was predeceased by his nephew, Geoffrey Colwick in 2004. All who knew and loved Phil were blessed by his goodness. Rest in peace, Uncle Goose.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. A Memorial Mass will be Wednesday 10 AM at St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain and all friends are invited to join the family at the church. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the George Bray Cancer Center, 100 Grand Street, New Britain, CT 06050. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Aunt Syl,  
*I am very sorry to hear about Uncle Phil. He was a wonderful and compassionate man with a heart of gold and he will be dearly missed and loved forever.  
My heart and prayers and love are always with you.*

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**Kim Hallock** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We live around the corner from you on Fieldcrest Dr. We will miss seeing Phil taking his daily walk. He always had a wave and a big smile and was always friendly to our grandchildren. Please accept our condolences.

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**Michael & Joanne Mauro** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Aunt Syl,  
  
*We're very sorry for your loss and have been keeping you and family in our prayers. Uncle Phil could light up a room and will always be remembered for being such a wonderful man. We love you very much.*

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**Katie, Kelly, Rick and Kathy Broderick** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dear Aunt Sylvia,

*Toni and I can't express how sorry we are to loose Uncle Phil. I will always remember my first saxophone teacher with the fondest of memories and will miss his infectious laugh.*

*All our love,*

*Ron, Toni and Izabella*

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**Ron, Toni and Izabella Gozzo** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Sylvia:

*Walt and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to you, Coci Gush and Uncle Bernie. Phil was wonderful man, always wearing a smile. At family gatherings we enjoyed sharing our "restaurant " news with you and Phil and meeting by chance at one of them. Again, our condolences are with you and your family.*

*Kathy and Walt*

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**Kathy Tuskowski** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Phil was such a mello man. He was always a welcome sight at family gatherings. His calm demeanor and friendliness were infectious. Our thoughts are with Sylvia and Bernie and Gush.*

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**Mark and Kris Hoffman** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Aunt Syl, words cannot begin to say how sorry we are for your loss. Uncle Phil was an amazing man, one of the finest we have ever known. We are so blessed to have known and loved someone as incredible as him. Though we will miss him dearly, his memory shall live on forever. For we may have lost someone we love, but we have gained an angel we know.

Love,  
Joe and Lauren

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**Lauren and Joe Durfee** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Sylvia  
I am so sorry for your loss, My father Frank Satalino considered Phil one of his very best friends. They shared many, many laughs together!

I am sure that they are already putting a musical band together in heaven....

With Deepest Sympathy

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**Jeanie Satalino Heyer** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM