



## Philip Gerard Wheeler

December 3, 1951 - November 3, 2016

Philip Gerard Wheeler, 64, of Bloomington, passed away on November 3, 2016 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on December 3, 1951 the son of Charles Robert and Lucille Mary (Deiningner) Wheeler.

Phil graduated from Garrett High School in 1970. He went on to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Indiana University. During his tenure working at IU, he developed a cyclotron stop that is used all over the world today. Phil enjoyed helping others in various ways. He was a math teacher, tutor and mentor to children and adults and ran his own class for homeschooled children. His work speaking for and advocating on behalf of the autism community was deeply cherished. He was the former Vice President of Autism Society of Indiana, a founding member of Autism Sertoma Club of Indiana, and was a National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalist.

Phil will be remembered by his humbled family and his deeply grateful friends as the most loving, inspirational, and caring man that has ever walked this earth. His legacy is pure love and hope, and it will never end. It will pass and flow from all his family, friends and students to their families and friends. He saw only the best in people, including strangers, and he lived every single day to help every person he could, giving every ounce of himself for others. His greatest pleasures were in seeing those around him happy. The unfathomably beautiful influence he had on his family and friends will last forever as his spirit

of love and hope will always be with all of us.

Phil is survived by his wife, Marci (Flanders), who was his personal Heaven; the luckiest people in the world, his children, Barbara Lucille (Scott) Ronnau, Jacob Patrick "Hezekiah" Wheeler, and Adam Alexander (Erika) Wheeler; and grandchildren, Gwenivere Ronnau and Aaryton Ronnau; siblings, Tom (Connie) Wheeler, Theresa (Dennis) Blaker, Janie (Rick) Ewert, Tim (Karen) Wheeler, and Rita Wheeler; sisters-in-law Paula Wheeler and Janie Elkin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Barbara Wheeler, and brother, Joe Wheeler.

A funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in Phil's memory to the Indiana Resource Center for Autism. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Phil's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Phil's death. Please accept my sincere condolences. I am glad I got to meet Phil and share a meal with Marci and Phil a couple of times when my husband and I were in the Bloomington area.

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**Christine Guth** - December 20, 2016 at 07:03 AM

DW

“ Marci, Jake, Adam, and Barb,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Uncle Phil was such a sweet guy and it was always special to be with him when we visited Indiana or when we had family reunions and holidays. He touched a lot of people's lives.  
Love,  
Doug and Sheila Wheeler

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**Doug Wheeler** - December 03, 2016 at 05:42 PM

DG

“ Dear Janie and Family,  
  
Phil was a year behind me but I too remember him as a genuinely kind, humble and special person. I'm sorry for your loss but the memories of the "good souls" provide comfort and peace.

An old friend,

Dave Gilliland

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**Dave Gilliland** - December 02, 2016 at 10:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Marci, Adam and Family, my sincere sympathies to you all on the passing of Phillip. I am sorry I never got to meet this remarkable man. He has left a wonderful legacy to us all through his advocacy work, as well as through his devoted family. I wish you all healing and peace.

Sincerely,  
Georgia Frey

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**Georgia Frey** - November 12, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Philip Gerard Wheeler.



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November 09, 2016 at 12:46 AM

AW

“ *Lots of love to all of the family.*

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**Alexis Wheeler** - November 08, 2016 at 09:05 PM

KC

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Kimberly Chasteen** - November 08, 2016 at 03:37 PM

RE

“ *I'm truly sorry for your loss, Marci. I have known Phil since our High School days and have seen first hand what a loving, caring person he was. I am proud to call him a friend and I know that I am a better person for having known him.*

*I will always remember my friend Phil with a smile.*

*Rick Elder*

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**Rick Elder** - November 08, 2016 at 02:04 PM

KC

“ 3 files added to the album *Phil with Chasteens*



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**Kimberly Chasteen** - November 08, 2016 at 02:04 PM

KC

*I apologize for duplicates. I didn't think it was working! Such fond memories.*

**Kimberly Chasteen** - November 08, 2016 at 03:38 PM

KC

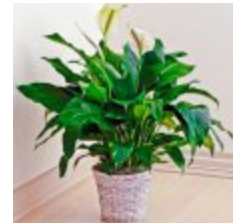
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**Kimberly Chasteen** - November 08, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Philip Gerard Wheeler.*



November 08, 2016 at 11:33 AM

JA

“ *Phil taught a math class at our local community center, and my son really enjoyed it. Now, he's looking at engineering as a possible career path, and it's because of selfless and talented people like Phil who have helped him to find a love of math and confidence as a learner. Phil gave my son a gift that I will always treasure. Thank you, Phil, and much love to the entire Wheeler family.*

**Jim Ansaldo** - November 07, 2016 at 11:26 AM

GF

“ Marci:

*So sorry for your loss. The memories of Phil are many. I remember riding around town talking, going to his house so that I could scuba dive in the lake nearby and getting help with my studies, especially in math. Recently, at Steve Rowe's music festival in Garrett, Phil talked in length to my son, Brandon, about math and how important it was to his future. Brandon remembers that conversation well and is on the right path in his education. Phil seemed to be the inspiration. Phil and I lost contact over the years, but he will always be remembered.*

*Gary Fike*

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**Gary Fike** - November 07, 2016 at 09:07 AM

KP

“ *Phil Wheeler was such a help and blessing to our family as he tutored our son during high school. My son just spoke fondly of him last week. Special since its been 8 years! He certainly made an impact in his life. We send out sympathy and prayers to your family.*

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**Kim Phillips** - November 06, 2016 at 01:55 PM

SC

“ I met Phillip while he was in the hospital at IU Health Bloomington. I only knew of this man for a short week, but he made a huge impact on my life. During our numerous interactions, I learned that he was a very sweet, caring, and God loving man. Each time I left his room, he would say "God Bless You" and then continue talking to his loving wife. One thing that I will never forget is the conversation we had about marriage. He gave great marriage advice as he knew exactly what to say. He had experienced a lot throughout his marriage to Marci and knew how to make a relationship work.

I would also like to say that I am so sorry for the pain and suffering that may accompany this man's loss from his earthly body. Fortunately for him, he is one step ahead of us as he has finally met his lord and savior. He can finally live in a world in which he is no longer suffering. I hope you are able to gain comfort from knowing that he is always with you! I will be praying for each of you all as you go through this difficult time!

-Sierra Clouse, PCT IU Health Bloomington

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**Sierra Clouse** - November 06, 2016 at 01:25 PM

 Diana Stille

“ Marci, I am so sorry for your loss!!!

*Diana stille*

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**Diana Stille** - November 05, 2016 at 11:33 PM