



Phillip Coffin

January 23, 1933 - January 21, 2012

Phillip J. Coffin, of Bloomington, died on January 21, 2012, at the Brown County Health & Living Community in Nashville, Indiana. He was born in Marion, Indiana on January 23, 1933, to Merrel and Irene (Weesner) Coffin. He was retired from Indiana University where he was a staff member at the School of Social Work for 28 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. In his earlier years, Phillip was an accomplished tenor who studied at the Jordan Conservatory of Music, Indiana University School of Music, Juilliard Conservatory, and the American Theatre Wing. While serving in the military, he won first place in an Army-sponsored worldwide vocal contest. He sang with the Robert Shaw Chorale and other musical groups in New York, including a performance at Carnegie Hall. An excellent amateur photographer, he captured many great images of family and friends over the years. His interest in genealogy led him to visit numerous old cemeteries, where he promoted improved maintenance and preservation. He is survived by one brother, Gordon (Susan) of Petoskey, Michigan, and 9 nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Mary Anabel Coffin and Marjorie Coffin Maize, and his brother, Merrel Coffin Jr. A family memorial service will take place this summer.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry to hear of Phil's passing.*

He was a kind and gentle man who cared about everyone he knew. His family was large.

He also had a great many interest. Photography allowed him to capture sports, people, music and another hobby we both shared, an interest in antique autos. Phil remembered the details. He was a joy to be around.

I will miss Phil Coffin.

Tim Lloyd

Tim Lloyd - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

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“ *Gordon and family,we are very saddened to hear of Phil's passing. He was a good man and a good friend who we cared about very much. He never told me about his singing career, which is kind of ironic since I have been playing music my whole life, we had more in common than I even knew about. One of Phil's favorite photos is hanging in the Pizzaria of Steve Alford holding the NCAA trophy after IU had beaten Syracuse at the Superdome, he was a good photographer. Phil was one of the first people I called when my son, Crosby was born and when we came home from the hospital he was one of the first people to visit Crosby and bring him a little gift which I still have and will never get rid of.Phil was a kind man and we loved him so much,he will be sadly missed, sincerely, Dave Webb*

David Webb - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Phil passing. He was a good man and a great friend to me. I enjoyed listening to his stories of childhood and his accomplishments. Jarrod and I will miss him dearly.*

Kelly Ferguson - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM