



Philip Ivy

January 9, 1949 - July 18, 2023

Philip Ivy passed away on July 18, 2023, at the age of 74 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Athel and Gladys Ivy, and his sister, Beverly Ivy Gamble.

Philip was born in Fairfield, Texas, on January 9, 1949, and was a lifetime resident of Fairfield. He graduated from Fairfield High School in 1967. Philip attended Faith Fellowship Baptist Church.

Philip has been called “Mr. Encyclopedia of All Things Sports”. This nickname applied to almost any sport and any team, but it especially pertained to his favorite one, the Fairfield Eagles. Philip loved basketball and attended every game he possibly could; however, you could also find him at the football and baseball fields, and sometimes even a track meet. Philip was not just interested in the sport but also the players themselves. Many Fairfield athletes and their families have found themselves in conversations with Mr. Ivy concerning games, stats, etc. His presence at these athletic events will be greatly missed.

Residents of Fairfield would often see Philip strolling around town. Walking was one of his favorite activities, partly because he could possibly get in a little visiting as well. Watching old westerns was also an enjoyable pastime. In the past few years, Philip was a beloved volunteer at Freestone Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Thressa Chavers Ivy, and children, Kimberly Szymanski, Blake Ivy and wife April, Felicia Von Sehrwald and husband Zac,

Justin Cross, and Corey Cross. He is also survived by his grandchildren Joseph Szymanski and wife Emily, Jacob Szymanski and wife Shekinah, Matthew Szymanski and friend Whitney Glover, Alyn Marquez, Athel Ivy, and Sophia Ivy. Great children include Harrison Szymanski, Paxton Szymanski, Rowan Szymanski, and Ella Szymanski. Philip will also be missed by numerous other family members and friends.

Visitation will be 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10:00 am Friday, July 21, 2023, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow at Fairfield Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Joseph Szymanski, Jacob Szymanski, Matthew Szymanski, Zachary Von Sehrwald, Justin Cross, and Corey Cross. Honorary pallbearers will be Roy Peterson, Keith Whitaker, Mark Chavers, Gene Chavers, Oscar Lott, and Billy Patterson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fairfield Little Dribblers, American Heart Association, Leatha Parker Memorial Scholarship.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

500 East Reunion
Fairfield, TX 75840

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Fairfield
450 East Main Street
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Funeral Service

JUL 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip Ivy



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 21, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Philip Ivy

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ I am so sad to learn about Philip's passing. I was one year older than Philip and we grew up in Fairfield during the 50's and 60's. In 66, Philip was left tackle on our football team and I was quarterback (I was very grateful that he kept defensive lineman off me as I was trying to run a play in the backfield). I left Fairfield after high school, but would regularly return to visit my family and would sometimes visit with Philip. My whole Stripling family thought very, very highly of Philip! He was very kind and giving, just a wonderful person. Philip was special! Sometimes Philip and I would discuss growing up in Fairfield, and how very grateful we were to have had the opportunity to live in Fairfield. I know for sure that Philip loved Fairfield and its citizens very much. For sure, Philip is now in Heaven and I hope to have the opportunity to visit him again some day. God bless Philip's family and friends, and I hope everyone can find comfort in the fact Philip is at rest in Heaven

Travis Stripling - July 24, 2023 at 11:07 AM

WM

“ Phillip and I went to school together in Fairfield from the first grade until we graduated in '67. We were in the Cub Scouts together and his mom was our Den Mother. We played football together, which we both loved and we did all the normal things folks did back then; like hanging out together, "make the drag" in Fairfield and in Teague, singing along with the radio, talking about what we would do when we grew up, etc. After graduation, like so often happens, we went off in different directions and lost contact. I would see him when I came home on leaves from the military or when I came back to Fairfield to visit with my parents. Most of the time we would meet at the grocery store, the bank or Sam's Restaurant and meet later to "catch up" on what was happening to each other. Even when he would meet my mom around town, he would always ask her how I was doing. Phillip was a "laid back guy" and he never let things bother him much; just took life as it came and carried on. But the best thing about him that I liked so much was the fact that if he told you something, you could take it to the bank. That says a lot about a person in my book. It is not easy for me to think that the next time I come to Fairfield, we won't have the chance to visit anymore and that makes me sad. I will miss you, Ol' Buddy.
William "Billy" Moeglin

William "Billy" Moeglin - July 21, 2023 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ I first met Philip when I was 8 years old. It’s hard to believe that was over 50 years ago and it seems like last year. Even though I knew who Philip was, it would take two more years before our friendship really began.

It was my 5th grade year that Philip drafted me to play on his Little Dribbler’s basketball team. His encouragement and loose coaching style was just what I needed. Some criticized him for letting me have free reign on the court but that didn’t change his philosophy. He coached like he lived.

Although our time as coach and player only lasted two years, our friendship continued. Philip always included me in his trips to the state tournament and even took me to my first professional basketball game. His generosity was unmatched, not just with me, but with other young people as well.

He just treated us like his friends.

As time went by, we communicated less and less. Sometimes life does that to you. But, I never will forget what he did for me and meant to me.

My personal philosophy is that the scorecard for a successful earthly life comes down to three things ... The Person You Become, The Memories You Create and The Difference You Make. Philip lived out this philosophy effortlessly.

He was a good person. He created memories not only for himself but for others. He made a difference in this world.

Philip is a champion in my book. And to all he met, he was a friend. I couldn’t think of a better song to describe him than the one in this video. In Philip Ivy ... we all had a friend.

<https://vimeo.com/847142269>

Dave Davlin - July 20, 2023 at 06:02 PM

RR

“ To the family of Philip Ivy, please accept our heartfelt condolences. Mr. Ivy was one of the sweetest, he always took the time to ask about my son with school and basketball. He would come to the Fairfield Boys Little Dribblers game. He and my husband Ren would go to lunch and talk about sports the whole time. It was always nice to see such a friendly face when I went to have my labs done. Mr. Ivy you will be GREATLY missed!

Ren & Tonya Roberts

Ren & Tonya Roberts - July 20, 2023 at 03:30 PM

RR

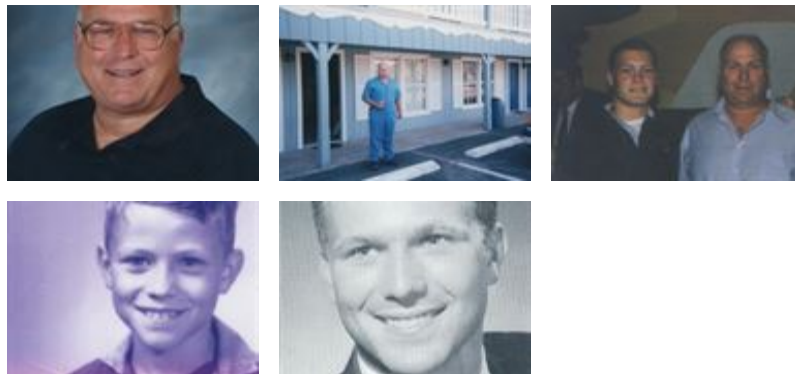
“ Ren Tonya Roberts lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy



Ren & Tonya Roberts - July 20, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 20, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Philip Ivy.



July 20, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip Ivy.

July 20, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I Love you Phillip! You were the Brother I never had and my Best Friend. You were my Best Friend for 69 yrs. You thought of others before yourself. You would give your shirt off your back to someone in need. I will always remember all our antics as kids, our deep conversion on God and sports. You were always loving and showed people your Christian Heart. I love you Brother you will be missed and will always be in my Heart. See you on a playfield on the other side! Love always Mike Daniel*

Mike. Daniel - July 20, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Philip Ivy.



July 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM

GS

“ Phillip was a friend which I met at HCJC college in 1968. We had lost touch for years until recently. We would call each other on Sunday nights to catch up. I know Phillip loved God from our conversations.

I want to send my condolences to the Ivy family in their loss of their loved one.

*God Bless,
Grady Smith*

Grady Smith - July 20, 2023 at 06:23 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 19, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Philip Ivy.



July 19, 2023 at 06:57 PM

SE

“ Susan Turner & Randy Ellison lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy



Susan Turner & Randy Ellison - July 19, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Ivy.



July 19, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip Ivy.

July 19, 2023 at 04:39 PM

SM

“ Sherrie Minze lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy



Sherrie Minze - July 19, 2023 at 03:54 PM

MF

“ *Melissa & family lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy*



Melissa Ferguson & family - July 19, 2023 at 03:07 PM

MS

“ *Madie Ivy Head and sons purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Philip Ivy.*



Madie Ivy Head and sons - July 19, 2023 at 02:56 PM

TA

“ *I met Philip through a mutual friend of mine when I was 10-11 years old. We would spend the summer swimming at his house. He took my mom and I to my first haunted house I was so scared! I remember there was zombies coming up out of the floors so I jumped on Phillips back and with a shocked look on his face he turned to my mom and asked “What do I do🙄” she replied with “She’s scared just hold her” so he did. This was just ONE of the many memories I had with him growing up! The best memory though had to be when my baby sister (Felicia) was born. We will miss you Philip!*



Tabitha - July 19, 2023 at 01:56 PM

AN

“ *Ann Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy*



Ann Nicholson - July 19, 2023 at 12:23 PM

RM

“ *RENEE' MCBAY lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy*



RENEE' MCBAY - July 19, 2023 at 12:16 PM

MT

“ *Mary Thornton lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy*



Mary Sue Thornton - July 19, 2023 at 11:25 AM

CS

“ *Carol Stanley lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy*



Carol Stanley - July 19, 2023 at 11:10 AM

PS

“ Patsy Stark lit a candle in memory of Philip Ivy



Patsy Stark - July 18, 2023 at 05:35 PM

WM

Phillip and I went to school from first grade through graduation in '67. We played sports together, especially football that we both liked so much. We did all the things guys did back then; shooting the breeze, "making the drag" in Fairfield and in Teague, talking about the future and wondering what we would do as adults and we definitely had our share of laughs. After graduation, we went different directions, as is so often the case and lost track of each other. We would see each other when I came home on leaves from the Air Force or later when I would come back to visit my folks. We would run into each other at the grocery store, the bank or at Sam's Restaurant and we would "catch up" with each other. He would always ask about me when he would see my Mom around town. Phillip was "laid back" and never got upset when things did not go well. But there was one thing about him you could always count on: He was good for his word. That says a lot about him. Hard to believe we won't be seeing each other again. I will miss our visits, Ol' Buddy - - -

William "Billy" Moeglin - July 21, 2023 at 10:06 AM