



Philip "Butch" Daniel Harper

August 23, 1960 - December 9, 2021

Phil "Butch" Harper, age 61, of Merrillville, formerly Schneider, IN., passed away December 9, 2021. He was a graduate of Lowell Senior High School, class of 1978. Phil was a Senior Estimator at Vortex Enterprises in Addison Illinois for 25 years along with his partner in crime, Shawn Lyons. Beyond work, Phil was a simple man, making sure our children and their education came first and foremost. His Passions were his 1978 Camaro and 1987 Corvette, and of course his boats. There was never a weekend when our family and friends were not out on his favorite Pontoon so he could just be himself "Entertainer and life of the party" He had a heart of gold and if you had a nickname, he was quite fond of you (he probably forgot your first name). He loved his friends and family in many ways, more than he showed.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Hilda Harper, sister Brenda, brother Paul and nephew Rocky.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Sharyl (nee Donahue-Deerwester); children, Caitlin (Joe) Howe, Emma (Seth) Kitchens, Rachel (Mike) Escoe and son Philip Daniel II. Phil also leaves behind his beautiful grandchildren, Gabriel, Chase, Eden, and Micah.

He is also survived by siblings, Freida Szutenbach, Victor Harper and Cathy Wagner, and numerous nieces and nephews; David Szutenbach, Kasey Harper, Andrea Szutenbach , Cody Harper, Victoria Harper and Amanda Mendenhall, and Courtney Van Sessen.

Visitation will be held from on Friday, December 17, 2021 from 2 – 6 p.m. at

Burns Funeral home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307. In lieu of flowers donations would be appreciated to his immediate family to offset medical and burial expenses. www.burnsfuneral.com

~Super Sexy Man~

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

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Crown Point, IN 46307

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ We Are So Sorry For Your Loss, Your Family Is In Our Thoughts And Prayers At This Sad Time , May You Find Comfort In The Many Good Memories Of Butch. The Brackin Family

Carol Brackin - December 17, 2021 at 07:45 PM

DC

“ One of my fondest memories is walking back to the estimating office at Vortex and chatting with the cast of characters that resided there. Phil you were the master of ceremonies and the star of the show. Thanks for all your hard work. Rest In Peace

Del Church - December 17, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Philip "Butch" Daniel Harper.



December 16, 2021 at 09:08 PM

DK

“ I am truly sorry for the loss of you. From the day I met you, you welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like I belonged. You are a class act and you will be truly missed. Please watch over Sharyl and the family (which I know you will). Rest in peace my friend,
Debbie AKA Connie

Debbie Kimczak - December 16, 2021 at 04:23 PM

SL

“ *First and foremost, my deepest condolences to the Harper family. As a coworker, Phil was selfless. Even on days he struggled with his health, he was always there, making the trek to Addison, making sure he didn't let his fellow estimators down. He was a workhorse, and as dependable as they come. But Phil was not just a coworker, he was a dear friend. I trusted him, knew I could count on him, and I loved him. He was a constant stream of laughs, pranks, entertainment, stories, and jokes. After 17 years of working with him, I loved when we would have a new hire- just so we could get Phil to tell his crazy stories to a new victim, and hear them all over again. He was a family man. Anyone that had the pleasure of knowing him, could tell how important his family was to him, and how much he loved them. Harp- you have no idea how much you are going to be missed. It hurts my heart to know I have years to wait before we share a drink and laugh about old times, and to hear your stories once again. Rest easy my friend, you've earned your wings.*

Shawn Lyons - December 16, 2021 at 11:54 AM

SH

Thank you Shawn, he thought the world of you to...

Sharyl Harper - January 15, 2022 at 08:15 PM

TF

“ *The Gronli Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Philip "Butch" Daniel Harper.*



The Gronli Family - December 15, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Philip "Butch" Daniel Harper.*



December 14, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *Phil, aka Phyllis to many here at Vortex/Consolidated. I will miss your sense of humor, never a dull moment with you around. You always made things better. It was a joy knowing/working with you for 17years. I will miss you, but never forget you.*



Love Heidi Reed.

Heidi Reed - December 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Oh, Butch, what I wouldn't give to have another day with you...my love for you was beyond what you realized...We raised amazing children, enjoyed our grandchildren and just life in general. Olive Juice <3*

Sharyl Herper - December 13, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ *Vitamin T purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip "Butch" Daniel Harper.*



Vitamin T - December 13, 2021 at 01:55 PM