



## Philip J McAley

July 29, 1950 - January 13, 2022

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Philip J. McAley, age 71, of Merrillville, IN, on January 13, 2022. He was born in Chicago, IL to Patrick and Marjorie McAley. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 51 years — Theresa (Scott) McAley; his children — Deborah Jelinek (Scott), James McAley (Sarah), Jennifer James (Robert), Anthony McAley, Victoria Lopez (Cesar) and Joseph McAley (Allyssa); 11 grandchildren — Daniel, Joseph, Michael, Jonathon, Samantha and Thomas James; Edward, Madelyn and Kathryn Jelinek; Lily and Miles McAley; brothers Dennis and Tom, sisters Teri and Janet and preceded in death by his brother Patrick. Philip dedicated his life to his Roman Catholic faith, and spending time with his family and grandchildren. At his request no public service will be held. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I remember when I was in elementary school we would always have a grandparents day. One year I had a lead role in our performance and when my grandpa found out he was beyond excited for me. When the day came my grandpa was in the third row with a big, bright smile on his face as he watched me. He told me afterwards that I was amazing, had such a great voice, and that I could be a singer one day. He was always so supportive of me and its memories like this that I will never forget. Love and miss you Grandpa.

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**Samantha James** - January 24, 2022 at 11:47 AM

TJ

“ I remember one time in 2nd grade I had to write my "hero" on something for class. I decided to write Grandpa and immediately started asking my mom to go to my Grandma and Grandpa's to show him. When I finally showed him, I remember him saying "Oh you didn't have to do that!" Looking back and seeing how selfless he was is always going to be a real inspiration to me.

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**Tommy James** - January 23, 2022 at 04:34 PM

MJ

“ I remember when I was younger I received a DIY birdhouse kit as a gift. Knowing how much my grandpa loved birds, I asked him if he wanted to make it with me, and the sheer excitement he showed in that moment is something I will never forget. We finished the birdhouse, painted it, and put it on a post in the backyard. A few weeks later it fell off and broke during a thunderstorm. My grandpa knew I would be upset about this, so the next time I came over, we made another one completely from scratch using materials he had laying around the garage. I will miss him always, but it is the memories like these that will remind me for the rest of my life that he was, and always will be, The Nice Grandpa.

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**Mikey James** - January 22, 2022 at 07:59 PM

DJ

“ My dad would do anything for anybody. From catching a chipmunk infestation to a immediate sump pump replacement late at night. He would drop what he was doing and be there for you. We have learned so much from him. We will miss his smiles, his hugs, his compliments, his silliness and his love, forever. Thank you for your abundance of love and help to us. I love you Dad.

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**Debbie Jelinek** - January 22, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Philip J McAley.



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“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Philip J McAley.*



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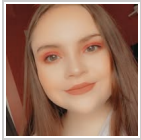
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“ *The best Dad a kid could ask for. Thank you for always teaching us and helping us. You were a great role model to us all. A loving husband and father, we were so lucky to have you in our lives.*

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**Victoria Lopez** - January 22, 2022 at 12:13 AM



“ *I always remember grandpa making jokes every time I saw him. He probably is cracking jokes and singing random song up in heaven as I write this. He was always interested in the stuff I was doing, especially with school. I loved this because he actually seemed interested in the things I was doing. I will miss him greatly. You were the best grandpa I had, I love and miss you so much.*

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**Maddie Jelinek** - January 21, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ *I will always remember the tractor rides my grandpa would always take me and my cousins on, or when he would do the “what’s that spot on your shirt” joke everytime i see him, up until the last. These are such great memories from my childhood. Life is so different without him, but I know he’s in a better place. Love you grandpa ❤️*

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**Katie Jelinek** - January 21, 2022 at 07:53 PM

BG

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of the family. I had a lot of fun with Phil, always a laugh and an infectious smile. He was definitely one of a kind and will be missed by all. All the good memories keep us going, till we meet again my brother. Brother Bill G. 🥰

Bill Guendling - January 18, 2022 at 10:27 PM

AW

“ When I learned of Phil's passing, I was stunned to say the least. The times we were together he was always a kind person. He was a man of faith, devout in his love for Jesus Christ, and unashamed of his beliefs. His faith was such, I was almost envious of his fervor. Phil impressed from his willingness to help others. I met Phil many years ago. I was visiting him and Teresa while in the Chicago area. All of us were in the back yard when something flew into my eye. It felt as big as a rock and hurt just as much. It was on a weekend. Nothing open. He had a friend, an optician whom he called. We met this optician at his place of business, we went in, and the object was removed. It was such a relief. The gentleman told me if left in would have caused damage to my eye. All I knew was that it was out, and no more pain. I never forgot that. Mine and my wife's heartfelt condolences to Teresa, his children, and grandchildren. RIP Phil, as you will be doing as you walk with the Lord through the hallways of eternity...

Alfred Wilson - January 17, 2022 at 03:29 PM

MS

“ I was very sorry to hear of Phil's passing. My deepest condolences to Theresa Jean and their children and grandchildren. May he Rest In Peace.

The William Scott Family



Margaret Scott - January 17, 2022 at 02:52 PM