



Phillip Aaron Speer

July 5, 1934 - February 4, 2025

Phillip Aaron Speer, 90, of Hobart, Indiana passed away peacefully on February 4, 2025. Phil was born on July 5, 1934, in Paoli, Indiana to Ferrell and Lucille (Farley) Speer. He spent his early years in southern Indiana. The family moved to Hobart when Phil was a freshman in high school. He attended Hobart High School ('52), and it was there that he met his beloved bride of almost 69 years, Marcia (Peck) Speer.

Phil attended Purdue University and received a BS in Metallurgical Engineering ('56). While at Purdue, he participated in the ROTC program and graduated with a commission to second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed in Aberdeen, Maryland. He served on active duty for a brief time until the completion of the Korean War. He completed his service with the rank of Captain and continued to serve as an officer in the reserve unit for 15 years. After returning from military duty, he accepted employment at Inland Steel where he worked in a variety of leadership positions. Most of his time at Inland was spent at the main office in downtown Chicago. In 1975, he received a MA Degree from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business – Executive Program. In 1977, he was appointed to the US delegation for ISO where he wrote international trade specifications for steel sheets and plates. He retired in 1995 and continued working full-time for over 30 years as an international consultant specializing in ASTM and ISO steel standards organizations. Phil served on the board of directors of the Hobart Industrial Economic Development Corporation which led to the development of the Hobart

Lakefront. His family proudly referred to the lake front as “Papa’s park”. He was a 32nd degree Mason and served in good standing for over 50 years and was an active member of the Hobart Kiwanis. He was also the former scout master of Hobart Boy Scouts of America Troop 42.

Phil and Marcia’s love story began in high school and continued for over 70 years. They married in 1954 while students at Purdue and returned to Hobart where they raised their family. They shared a passion for travel that took them to all corners of the world. In 1976, Phil famously tried to drive his young family into East Germany to show them the other side of the Iron Curtain. Although together they had favorites, no place was more special to Phil than the annual trips to Walt Disney World with the grandchildren. He and Marcia placed special emphasis on family and loved spending as much time as possible being together. Phil was an avid Purdue fan. He would tell you he bled black and gold. For years, he and Marcia held season tickets for both football and basketball and until recently, he attended almost every home game as well as traveled to bowl games and tournaments. Despite his declining condition, we are confident he particularly enjoyed the most recent Purdue-IU basketball game.

Phil was devoted to his faith. He was a member of the Hobart First Christian Church and was a church elder for over 40 years. He faithfully served as Chairman of the Church Board and Board of Elders. He taught by example and was a strong testament to what it means to teach by example.

Phil will be dearly missed by so many. Family left to cherish his memory include his daughter Kathryn Speer and son Kevin (Kim) Speer; his grandchildren Stephanie Smith, Eric (Jennifer) Speer and Cole Speer; nephew Curtis (Sharon) Metz; niece Shelley (Tim) Brockway; and their children Alexis, Cameron, Sydney and Claire.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Ferrell and Lucille (Farley) Speer; his wife Marcia (Peck) Speer; his sister Jennie (Speer) Metz and brother-in-law, Dr. Clyde Metz.

Visitation for Phil will be Friday, February 7, 2025, from 3:00pm – 7:00pm at

Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, IN 46342. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home (Hobart). Pastor Steve Campbell officiating. Interment at Hobart Cemetery, 621 E Cleveland Ave, Hobart, IN 46342. www.BurnsFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Hobart Cemetery

Front Street
Hobart, IN 46342

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 8 (CT)

Hobart Cemetery
621 E Cleveland Ave
Hobart, IN 46342

Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 08, 2025 at 06:48 AM



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

February 08, 2025 at 06:48 AM



“ Izzy and Kathy Rivas purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Izzy and Kathy Rivas - February 07, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 07, 2025 at 01:03 PM



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

February 07, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ David & Natalie Bojrab DG & Betty Bojrab purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



David & Natalie Bojrab DG & Betty Bojrab - February 07, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ Dan & Beth Elsener & The Marian University Community purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Dan & Beth Elsener & The Marian University Community - February 07, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 07, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 07, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 07, 2025 at 09:52 AM



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

February 07, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Parveen and Dianne Chand purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Parveen and Dianne Chand - February 07, 2025 at 09:27 AM

PC

“ Parveen and Dianne Chand planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Parveen and Dianne Chand - February 07, 2025 at 09:27 AM

MT

“ Marion Teixeira purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Marion Teixeira - February 06, 2025 at 10:01 PM

MT

“ Marion Teixeira planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Marion Teixeira - February 06, 2025 at 10:01 PM

CL

“ Christine and Fred Lockley purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Christine and Fred Lockley - February 06, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CD

“ Chad & Carrie Dilley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Chad & Carrie Dilley - February 06, 2025 at 09:25 PM

CD

“ Chad & Carrie Dilley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Chad & Carrie Dilley - February 06, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 08:41 PM

AL

“ Allison and Liza purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Allison and Liza - February 06, 2025 at 07:57 PM

AL

“ Allison and Liza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Allison and Liza - February 06, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 07:49 PM



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

February 06, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 04:25 PM



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

February 06, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Dr. Michael & Nancy Busk and Staff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Dr. Michael & Nancy Busk and Staff - February 06, 2025 at 04:17 PM

DS

“ Dr. Michael & Nancy Busk and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Dr. Michael & Nancy Busk and Staff - February 06, 2025 at 04:17 PM

RD

“ Rich Goeman & Gerri Darroca purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



Rich Goeman & Gerri Darroca - February 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM

EC

“ Eduardo C. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Eduardo C. - February 06, 2025 at 03:52 PM

BB

“ Bruce&joan B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.

Bruce&joan B. - February 06, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



February 06, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



February 06, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.*

February 06, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



February 06, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phillip Aaron Speer.*

February 06, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 01:39 PM



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

February 06, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 01:12 PM



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

February 06, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 06, 2025 at 10:23 AM



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

February 06, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



February 06, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ *Christopher Mowan & Region 2 MCEO Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



Christopher Mowan & Region 2 MCEO Team - February 06, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Chad and Allison Sukurs purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



Chad and Allison Sukurs - February 06, 2025 at 05:48 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



February 05, 2025 at 04:41 PM



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

February 05, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.



February 05, 2025 at 02:10 PM



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

February 05, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *Love, Papau, Dad, Auntie Beth & PJ purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



Love, Papau, Dad, Auntie Beth & PJ - February 05, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phillip Aaron Speer.*



February 05, 2025 at 11:14 AM