



Phillip Joseph Selaty

February 25, 1951 - March 30, 2024

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Phillip passed away at his home while doing what he loved the best, decorating a cake for his family to share for the Easter holiday. Phillip was retired from decades of service as a Family Independence Specialist at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Through his career, he became an advocate for families and children from all walks of life. He loved spending time with family and friends, cooking, baking, karaoke, traveling the world, and collecting antiques. He enjoyed sharing his passions, including his extensive knowledge of jewelry, automobiles, anthropology, and Old Hollywood. Always ready to belt a showtune or lead you in a dance at a moment's notice, he was known affectionately to those closest to him as "Uncle Floppy." His unique and whimsical persona allowed him to make friends everywhere he went.

He was predeceased by his life partner Charles Frazho, his late parents Rose and George Selaty, and his late siblings George (Leesa), Lawrence, and Kenneth Selaty.

He is survived by his siblings Carolyn Kowalski, Gail Selaty, Mary Ann Jenó (Michael) and Johnny Selaty. He was a beloved figure in the lives of his nieces and nephews across multiple generations. Later in life, he found joy in

spending his time with Alyse (Robert) Campion, Caitlin Jenó (Kevin Rosenbrook), and Kenneth B. Selaty. He would come to be cherished by his great nieces and great nephews.

In his final act, Uncle Floppy could be found having dinner dates, game nights, and piano sing-a-longs with Mariella and Leo Campion.

“The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.”

—Felix Adler

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the following charities which aligned with Phillip’s life and passions:

Ruth Ellis Center – which works to create a supportive environment and community with LGBTQ+ young people.

Ruth Ellis Center Inc - Ruth Ellis Center <https://www.ruthelliscenter.org/>

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit – which inspires and empowers youth to be leaders and life-long learners.

Donate to MOSAIC Youth Theater of Detroit <https://mosaicdetroit.org/>

Visitation will be held Saturday, April 6th from 1pm – 8pm at Rudy Funeral Home, 25650 Van Dyke, in Center Line. Funeral service Monday, April 8th at 11am at the funeral home. Burial at St. Clement Cemetery in Center Line. Please visit www.rudyfuneral.com to share a memory or light a candle.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

8326 Engleman
Center Line , MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rudy Funeral Home
25650 Van Dyke Ave.
Center Line, MI 48015
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Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Phillip Selaty



Susan - September 23, 2024 at 02:39 AM

SU

“ Im so sorry for the loss of Phillip. I loved our little car drives just to talk and dinner a couple of times he was a good brother in law. If I may share I was getting mail to my home it said Phillip Selaty at least 5 pieces I thought it was so strange. I actually thought I wonder if he's ok? But I moved and didn't know where to reach him. It's been many years. God bless the family. Grief is horrible. But know he is with the angels now. Rest in peace Phillip

Susan - September 23, 2024 at 02:39 AM

CI

“ My condolences to you and your family. So heart breaking 💔
Such a wonderful soul inside and out. The positivity he brought with such warm, his smile contagious, playing his guitar gave inspiration to all. Though, so many great memories that will be shared. Much love ❤️



Connie Irvin - April 05, 2024 at 11:27 PM

DM

“ Our deepest condolences to the family and friends. He sounds like a world of fun, joy and compassion. May he now rest peacefully in the loving arms of Our Lord.

Dorie Meltsner - April 03, 2024 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ The Rosenbrook Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phillip Joseph Selaty.



The Rosenbrook Family - April 03, 2024 at 09:19 AM

DR

“ Diane Radford lit a candle in memory of Phillip Selaty



Diane L Radford - April 03, 2024 at 04:58 AM

DR

“ Dear Phi, You're the Sunshine in my life. The solitude to my soul has been such a blessing and a rewarding experience. When we became neighbors and I spoke to You and Charles for the first time I felt so welcomed by your company and companionship. The years of Love and memories we shared will always remain in my heart and soul. God Bless you Phil as You are with your loved ones with peace in heaven. Love, Diane

Diane L Radford - April 03, 2024 at 04:56 AM

SS

“ Christmas 10 years ago? 💕💕



Sylvanna Shreves - April 02, 2024 at 02:56 PM

CA

“ Phil lived next door to my mother and father in law. He would come over often when we were there and visit. He always had a story to tell or would bring over his guitar and sing a song with my daughters when they were younger. He always had a little gift for them as well on christmas. Phil was a wonderful person and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was always so much fun to be around

Carrie - April 02, 2024 at 12:57 PM

DR

Those memories will never be forgotten. I know how much your family and ours loved him. The girls would run outside and give him a big hug and called him Uncle Phi.

Diane L Radford - April 03, 2024 at 05:30 AM

SK

“ Rest in peace Uncle Phil. I'll always remember you as a kind and caring person. You had a great sense of humor. Even though I never stuck to it, you inspired me to lift weights when I was kid. I can still picture your yellow work out shirt and gray sweat pants along with that huge weight lifting belt. Mostly, I remember how you always smiled.

Steve K - April 02, 2024 at 12:13 PM

MP

“ *Maryanne and Johnny, There are no words kind enough to describe Phillip. Phillip was the sweetest person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. In my 60 plus years of knowing him never a bad word was spoken from this beautiful soul. If Phillip was around you would always feel welcome and loved. Phillip made the world a better place. I am so sorry for your loss but how blessed truly blessed you guys are to be able to call him brother!* 🙏

Martha Ptak - April 02, 2024 at 10:39 AM

SH

“ *Phillip was always kind to everyone. He loved spending time with Mary's family and we saw him often at her house. Rest in Peace.*
Sharon Pomber

sharon - April 02, 2024 at 10:33 AM

KA

“ *Phillip was a warm and caring man. I just saw him during Christmas. Mary and Mike always have both sides of the family together. Phillip always took extra time with my parents . You will be missed! Karen*

Karen - April 02, 2024 at 10:14 AM