



Philip Bell Jaffe

February 17, 1934 - February 19, 2019

PHILIP BELL JAFFE

(2/17/34 – 2/19/19)

Phil was born in New York City to Ben and Glenrose Jaffe. After the family relocated to Beverly Hills, CA he attended Beverly Hills High School where he studied journalism and printing. In 1951 he graduated from Beverly High and entered the University of Southern California (USC). At USC he continued to study journalism and business administration. He was a member of the Coast Guard Reserve and was activated to full time duty in 1953. After fourteen weeks of boot camp, Phil was assigned to the icebreaker Northwind, the first ship to cross the North Arctic. Phil was proud to be aboard the Northwind for the historic opening of the Northwest Passage in 1954. In 1955 he completed his tour of duty and returned to USC where he continued his education.

In 1956 Philip Jaffe wed Marilyn Jean Lauts in Los Angeles, CA. They had two sons, Robert (Bob), in 1957, and Scot, in 1959. They divorced in 1985 and in 1987 Phil married Susanne Rusnak in Lake Arrowhead, CA. Phil and Susanne shared their lives together, traveling extensively, until his death in Redlands, CA.

Phil's publishing and printing career extended over 40 years. In the 1960s and 70s Phil owned a printing and publishing company in Los Angeles where he produced a variety of magazines, books and travel guides. One of his clients was Jack Kent Cooke's Inglewood Forum, home of the Los Angeles Lakers and Kings. During this time Phil had the opportunity to write and publish books with and about Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West. Phil also assisted in publishing a book written by John Wooden and Bill Sharman called A Guide to Winning Basketball. His friend Jerry West once told Phil that one of his best assets was that "he helped make things happen." After selling Jaffe Printing, Phil worked briefly for Cashbox magazine before founding Inside 12x12, a music industry fulfillment center, and Retail Record Report, a journal of pop music sales trends. The last 15 years of his career Phil published the Mountain News newspaper in Lake Arrowhead, CA. He retired in 1998 and in 2000 he and Susanne moved to Port Ludlow, WA for several years.

They also lived in Casa Grande, Arizona before returning to Southern California. During their years in WA and AZ, Phil and Susanne enjoyed many adventures exploring the western Pacific coast by boat and also the north and southwest states by coach. Phil was also an active community leader, engaging in many civic activities including the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, as well as various fund-raising projects. He served for 10 years as an officer on the board of the Printing Industries Association of Southern California.

Mr. Philip Bell Jaffe passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, February 19, 2019 just two days after his 85th birthday. He is survived by wife, Susanne, sons, Bob (Monica Woolwine Jaffe) and Scot (Synthia Malina), grandchildren Daniel, Marielle (TK) McKamy, Hannah, and Harriet, and one great grandchild, Maverick McKamy. Phil also shared his love with two step daughters, Elizabeth (Andrew Arizmendi) Rusnak, and Victoria Rusnak. Phil was preceded in death by step daughter, Katherine Rusnak. He also leaves behind his sister, Joan Lewis. His sense of humor and love of adventure will be missed by all, including his two adoring pets, J.J. and Samy.

A remembrance service, with Color Guard, will be held Saturday, March 30, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Kendall House, 120 East Palm Avenue, Redlands, CA, 92373. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Events

MAR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Kendall House

120 E. Palm Avenue , Redlands, CA, US, 92373

Comments



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Bob Jaffe - March 26 at 04:25 PM



“ Marilyn Symons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip Bell Jaffe.



Marilyn Symons - March 23 at 06:42 PM



“ What a gem this photo is!! Grandpa loving on his granddaughters



Marielle McKamy - March 23 at 12:36 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Philip Bell Jaffe.



March 23 at 12:11 PM



“ Love Dan and Lindsay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip Bell Jaffe.



Love Dan and Lindsay - March 15 at 01:31 AM



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Scot Jaffe - March 15 at 01:20 AM



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Scot Jaffe - March 12 at 12:22 AM



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Scot Jaffe - February 26 at 11:48 PM



“ Scott,
You truly captured your father in those 2 photos. He was a very good man and a dear friend. He will be deeply missed.

Donna Pierson

Donna Pierson - March 03 at 03:54 PM



“ Jaffe family, Phil my Junior by 18 days, lots of good memories golfing together and boating at Lake Arrowhead, he will truly be missed.

Paul Rusnak

Paul Rusnak - March 03 at 04:02 PM



“ Phil was always a man of warmth, humor and generosity, and a man of many accomplishments. I loved him from the time I was a boy, and love him still. He will be missed ~

Bob Smith

Robert Smith - March 11 at 11:33 PM



“ I have some wonderful memories of our 27 years together. He was always ready for fun, friendships, Laker and USC sports, travel, and of course, our sons, Bob and Scot. We remained friends and I was happy that he had found happiness in his life with Susanne. He loved our sons and grandchildren and it was so wonderful that he was able to meet his beautiful great granddaughter. He lived a very full life and will be missed by many.

Marilyn Symons

Marilyn Symons - March 19 at 07:06 PM

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Victoria Rusnak - February 25 at 10:31 PM



“ Great Grandpa

Victoria - February 27 at 12:37 AM



“ So wonderful to see him with his great granddaughter. So glad you were able to see him and say what needed to be said, Scot.

Brian Archibald - March 16 at 06:40 PM



“ Dear Susanne, Just read about your loss. I know only too well the pain and hurt with the loss of a loved one. I remarried about 17 year ago and mu dear Jim died about 2 years ago. So pleased that you had a long and happy life together. My prayers and thoughts of comfort are with you. Barbara Valenzuela Hurt

Barbara Valenzuela Hurt - March 20 at 07:23 PM



“ Phil and I were friends during our 4 years together at Beverly Hills High School. Following graduation, our paths diverged, buy our friendship grew as we continued to keep in touch through high school reunions and other events.

Phil was a true friend -- considerate, giving and always interested in the lives of others. He was a very special guy and we will all miss his kindness and love of his fellow man

Art Stauffer - March 21 r 8:42 PM

Art Stauffer - March 21 at 11:43 PM



“ Phil and I go back to the 4th or 5th grade. We lived close by when at El Rodeo grammar school in Beverly Hills. Later, in high school I lived 3 doors from the Lauts family. We have kept in touch over the years and had lunch every year for the last several. Also for the last several years we have bet \$5 or \$10 on the Stanford v. USC football games. I'm sorry I'll never have a chance to see him recoup his losses. He was not a good loser. That was one of his few faults. I have many fond memories of our relationship. He was a special friend.

Daryl Snyder

Daryl Snyder - March 23 at 02:10 PM