



Philip Taliaferro McManus

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Obituary

Philip Taliaferro “Phil” McManus, 61, died peacefully at his home in Frederick, MD on Saturday, December 4th. Phil was born in Orleans, France on May 2, 1960. As a member of an Army family, he attended primary and secondary schools in Columbus, OH, Petersburg, VA, Munich and Berlin, Germany, and Fayetteville, NC. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1985 and went on to play professional basketball around the globe in Ireland, Portugal, Mexico and Belgium.

After retiring from professional basketball, Phil began his career with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington in December 1990 as the Education Director at the Montana Terrace Boys & Girls Club, Washington, D.C. In succession, Phil served as the Program Director at the Rockville Club and was promoted to the Branch Director. Phil went on to establish a site in Silver Spring at the Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School in 1999 where he served as the Branch Director and in 2002 made a home at the new Germantown Club.

Key initiatives developed under Phil’s leadership at the Germantown Club include SMART Moves (teen character development), Passport to Manhood (boys’ rites of passage), and Keystone Club (teen leadership). Phil also developed key partnerships with Boys & Girls Club Board Members, Montgomery County government officials, and local businesses as a part of successfully raising the profile of and funds for the Germantown Club.

He is remembered by family members, friends and co-workers for his great sense of humor, his tremendous generosity of spirit, and his tireless work ethic in supporting and mentoring friends and family. He is survived by his beloved wife Sherrye; son Christian; granddaughter Cheyenne; brother Kenneth; nephews Michael and David; Uncle Abraham; mother-in-law Annie Bland; sister-in-law Ava Robinson; and numerous cherished cousins. He was predeceased by his parents COL (Ret) Booker and Mary McManus, and father-in-law SFC (Ret) Loyd Fowler, Sr.



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A memorial service will be held at Resthaven Funeral Home, 9501 Catoctin Mtn. Hwy. (U.S. Route 15 North), Frederick, MD 21701 on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the ALS Association (www.als.org) or the Germantown Branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington (<https://bgcgw.org/germantown-club/>). A livestream of Mr. McManus' service may be viewed from his obituary at www.resthaven.us.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



Tribute Wall

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MN

Makini Nyanteh posted:

A little bit of sunshine was purchased for the family of Philip Taliaferro McManus by Makini Nyanteh. Send Flowers Sherrye and McManus family. Phil was a humble servant, a terrific leader, a role model, a hero to many, and he was also my friend. May he rest easy, he has earned his reward. God bless you all Makini Nyanteh

September 28 at 6:10 AM

AS

Alexis Seminario posted:

A tranquil light was purchased for the family of Philip Taliaferro McManus by Alexis Seminario. Send Flowers

September 28 at 6:10 AM

AD

Aidan Doyle posted:

Oh lord where do I start , my name is Aidan Doyle and I am from Ireland and to say my heart is broken would be an understatement . I first met Phil when he came to Ireland as a professional basketball player , when he was introduced to me by my friend who was ironically called big Lar as both of them were of equal height. We trained in the same hall but my sport was boxing . I remember the first time I saw Phil train , wow !!! he was unbelievably talented and we all knew straight away what he was going to bring to our town and he did when he lined out with the Prtarlington Hawks , and brought us out of the lower divisions and right to the top. Anyway myself and Phil just instantly clicked even though he was 6 years older than me and we became really good friends, we partied together along with big Lar and wherever you saw one of the 3 of us you saw us all . PHIL MC MANUS left so many memories with me that I could probably write a book , and shaped my life going forward I never forgot our friendship and chats . I had the pleasure of meeting Phil in Georgetown DC 2017 when I was doing a music tour . We hadn't met for 26yrs and we sat and talked for hours until Phil had to leave , on leaving he told me he was to play a basketball final the next day , what a guy . So to Phils wife sherry and his family I am so sorry to hear this news . Phil my friend thank you for all the memories you will never be forgotten on this side of the world , and in my native Irish language I say , ar dhéis dá go raibh on anam dílis . Meaning at the right hand side of the lord may his soul rest.

December 31 at 4:46 PM



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IP

Ira Patterson posted:

I was the Service Manager at Oakmill Apartments when the boys and girls club was built. I had the opportunity to be a basketball teammate of Phil's in the intramural leagues. One of the most energetic, athletic, and funny guys I ever played with. My surprise was when I visited the boys and girls club and found out Phil was working there. We enjoyed several lunch moments together talking basketball and life. Rest in Heavenly glory my friend. We will meet again someday. Prayers of comfort for the family.

December 19 at 6:02 PM

PB

Priscilla Borchardt posted:

I was the school counselor at Daly Elementary School for 25 years, and I truly enjoyed my friendship with Mr. Phil through the years. He cared so very much for the well-being of the kids who attended B&GC, and sometimes he and I would discuss concerns and make plans to support a child in need. He had such a calming manner that put all near him at ease. After the Boys and Girls Club moved to their building, I went there sometimes for various reasons; Mr. Phil was always so welcoming to me. I have to say that he was truly one of the nicest, kindest people I have ever known. He had a beautiful soul! I am so very, very sorry for your loss, and I share your deep sadness. I'm sending love and prayers to you all.

December 16 at 1:44 PM

AB

Audrey Bryant posted:

Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family. Mr. Phil was a big part of BGCG and my daughter Tiana spoke fondly of him, Im sure their both in heaven smiling down on us.

December 15 at 5:24 PM

MM

Monique Moore (Moe) posted:

The BGCGW Family will never be the same. Phil left a legacy behind that can never be matched. This former Boys & Girls Club Kid will forever miss your presence. Sherrye, thank you for sharing Phil and enduring our shenanigans at the club. You are and will always be BGCGW Family.

December 13 at 8:51 AM



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EH

Evelyn Kyere Hanson posted:

May the Lord comfort you, Sherrye, family, and friends. There are not enough words. Mr. Phil was an angel on earth. The indelible mark that he made in the lives of the children, youth, families and staff of the Germantown Boys and Girls Club is undeniable. He was a mentor to children, but he was a mentor and friend to many of us even as adults. May you rest in perfect peace Mr. Phil. You will forever be missed here on earth, but your legacy lives forever.

December 13 at 8:31 AM

EC

Ebony S. Chicago posted:

A 'Dove' gesture was posted

December 13 at 7:50 AM

EC

Ebony S. Chicago posted:

Phil was my guy. I remember asking Phil if he had a girlfriend because I think my friend Sheree would be perfect for him, his spirit just drew me in, he was tall, Brown, handsome, nice smile, intelligent. I knew in my gut that he would be good for my girlfriend. She was pretty, sweet, intelligent, and she deserved a good dude in her life. Lord and behold they met and gelled from the beginning and stayed until the last breath. A fairytale love story to me Phil used to look at Sheree and you see his soul through his eyes. He loved her so much. I'm so glad that I was able to witness true love. It's rare now and days. I shed a tear for my friend and for the family. But I try not to question God because he knows best. Love you Sheree RIH Phil

December 13 at 7:07 AM

DW

D.J. Ward posted:

I met Phil back when i was young man at the age of 24 I am now 44 so with that being said we had a good relationship. We met plying basketball as he was the elder statesman to the crew and played harder than anybody I had ever me before. We always found ourselves have conversations about more things than basketball. He always would share his life lessons with me which I never took for granite. Even though I didn't get to have a conversation or see him before his passing that smile and wisdom will never be forgotten. Big Fella I will see you again I love you man and my condolences to the family and all friends.

December 13 at 6:35 AM



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SS

Scott Shulman posted:

I served on the B & G Club Board of Directors for over a decade and had many interactions with Phil. He was always an advocate for the kids and had their best interests at heart. He worked tirelessly to make the clubs a great place for the kids. As a Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, Phil is now face to face with his Lord and Savior, in a place of no more sorrow, tears, pain or death. He will surely be missed, but Christians will see him again in heaven! Scott Shulman

December 12 at 6:12 PM

CO

Colin Ojo posted:

Mr. Phil was a really good guy and funny also. Always smiling and friendly. Very nice to my kids and gave them basketballs to take home to play with. Miss hooping with him at the boys and girls club. Those were some fun times. I remember on the last times I saw him was at the Boys and girls club right before the pandemic hit. Thank you for inviting me and the kids to the events you held. I could see what an impact you were making in the community. I was looking for to hooping with you again once this pandemic ended. But now I will just remember all the good moments I had there with you. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. You will be missed.

December 11 at 8:11 AM

SL

Sigsbey Laurie posted:

So tremendously sorry for your loss. Philip was sure a wonderful kind & generous man. He will truly be missed. Laurie Sigsbey

December 10 at 2:17 PM



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RC

Reinaldo Picón-Colón posted:

Mr. Phil was a man of integrity, kindness, committed to the youth development, and a gentle soul to those that were able to experience his presence. All my three young children went to the Boys & Girls Club at Germantown, and I have countless of good stories to tell about Mr. Phil's leadership. His patience with the kids was unique, but his understanding to me as a single father was remarkable. I owe this guy a profound debt of gratitude for all the times that he dedicated a bit more time to my kids while they were at the center. In difficult situations he always found moment to gather deep thoughts in simple words. When I told my 9 year old son about the loss of Mr. Phil, he responded with teary eyes: Dad, I don't know where I will be today without him when I was younger he always guided me. Indeed, Mr. Phil always guided my children, and me. I will miss his enormous handshake, his smile at the right time, and the positive emotional impact he traced at the core of my family. Thank you Mr. Phil for so much to so many families of Boys & Girls Club.

December 10 at 1:38 PM

AL

Annie Lecointe posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. Words cannot describe this loss. Mr. Phil touched so many lives in so many ways. My family and I are very grateful for the many times he took time to talk and provide assistance. He was certainly a guiding light who will be missed. May your memories bring you comfort and calm through this difficult time. Annie, Raheem and Brianna.

December 10 at 7:54 AM

CP

Chloe Potts posted:

I send condolences to the McManus family. Thoughts & Prayers.

December 9 at 2:21 PM

KA

Kim Adams posted:

Condolences to the McManus Family. God scooped up one of the best guys on Earth. He will be missed. Prayers from the Adams Family. Kim, Juanita and Keion.

December 9 at 10:54 AM



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TJ

Terri Johnson posted:

Dear Sherrye and family, please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of dear Phil. He was a wonderful friend and coworker and will be sorely missed. He made such a huge, positive impact on so many especially our young people. Praying for peace and loving memories to comfort you during this time. May God bless you all. Warmly, Terri Johnson

December 9 at 10:27 AM

RP

Rosemary Payne posted:

My sincere sympathies are extended to Sherrye, family, and friends during this time. Even though I did not have the pleasure to meet Phil in-person, the obituary eloquently describes a man of deep integrity and commitment to his family and the community, shown through his love of mentoring, humor, and athleticism. May the family and everyone who knew him personally continue his legacy and remember his spirit. May peace and comfort remain with, far beyond the coming days. Sherrye I am always here for you. Rosemary12/09/2021

December 9 at 7:12 AM

CD

Clarence Duckett posted:

Prayers and condolences

December 9 at 6:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Philip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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