

PHILIP V. PHILIPS

Philip V. Philips (also lovingly known as Kunjumon) was born in Kerala, India on December 18th, 1942. He was the eldest child and only son of the late K.P. Philip and Annamma Thomas of Edalil House in Kurianoor. In his youth, he attended Mar Thoma High School Kurianoor. After graduation, he joined the Indian Air Force where he served for 9 years. On February 10th, 1972, he married Rachel Thomas of Manacheril house in Kurianoor. Philip emigrated to the U.S. to be with his wife in 1974. They lived in Bronx, NY and eventually the family settled in Bergenfield, NJ in 1982.

Philip was an active member in the religious, social, and political community. He was a founding member of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, where he devoted much of his time in various positions. He played a major role in establishing and growing many local Indian organizations, including Bergen County Malayalee Christian Fellowship and the Indian American Political Awareness Council. Philip had a real passion for serving his community and was a vital force in making positive changes in the positions he held.

Philip also was very involved with local organizations within Bergenfield. As a strong supporter for the Republican Party, Philip developed relationships with key local political figures. He was appointed by the mayor to be on the Bergenfield Planning Board Committee, a role he relished serving in.

His passion for people really came through in his 26 years as a life insurance agent and financial planner for New York Life. Philip had a hardworking nature and was driven by his desire to gain knowledge. As a result, he obtained many certifications and degrees, culminating in the completion of his MBA. In addition, Philip was an enthusiastic member of Toastmasters, where he developed his public speaking skills.

Philip was a kind, compassionate and giving person, always willing to go out of his way to help others. His love was easily seen in the many ways he touched all of our lives, from spoiling his grandchildren and children to his numerous selfless acts for his family and friends. He had a unique personality with many distinctive qualities. His sense of humor made all those that knew him laugh; his strong will led to many lively debates; his culinary skills were enjoyed through many holidays and family get togethers.

Philip is survived by his devoted wife, Rachel, his daughter Sheena and son-in-law Shaji and his daughter, Liza. He was the grandfather of Sarah Rachel and Caleb. He is also survived by his three sisters: Mariamma Jacob, Rachel Samuel, Annamma Philip and a host of relatives and friends.



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