



## Philip Grosvenor Benoit

November 2, 2024

Philip “Phil” Grosvenor Benoit, a proud veteran of the United States Army, passed away on November 2, 2024, at the age of 80. Born in Syracuse, NY, the son of the late Paul Benoit and Doris Pond Benoit, Philip leaves a legacy of personal character, a love of family, and a gift for communicating the wonder of the human experience.

Please use the link to watch the live stream at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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Phil is remembered as a man compelled to put his values and ideas into word and deed. His love of country led him to join the United States Army, where he proudly and honorably served as a Captain in Vietnam.

His instinct for sharing his experiences with others fueled his interest in writing, storytelling, and broadcasting. In a few short years following his Army service, Phil’s work ethic and writing abilities led him to become a university professor, published author, and accomplished broadcaster.

One of Phil’s defining characteristics was his intellectual curiosity. He always followed it. Early in his career, Phil transitioned to work in public relations at colleges and universities. Soon he achieved a leadership position at

Middlebury College, and his articles were being published in the likes of the New York Times and other national publications.

Phil remains an example that putting your talents into action has its own intrinsic reward, and good things inevitably spring from the effort. He was a renaissance man... well-read, quick-witted, a compelling writer, orator, professor, marathon runner, podcaster, blogger, outdoorsman, carpenter, among his many talents. He leaves this world with much accomplished and little undone.

His professional accomplishments pale in comparison to the impact he made on family and friends. For those who knew him well, Phil was patient, gentle, wise, and young-at-heart. A doting grandfather who celebrated every milestone, he was a tender husband always by Candace's side, a faithful brother who relished pilgrimages back to New York to share time with his family in the Adirondacks, and a father with a moral compass. He was the consummate family man, friend, neighbor, citizen, and Army veteran. Phil was the epitome of an exemplary American. He shall be missed.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Candace Blohm Benoit; daughters Kimberly Brite (Tony) and Marie Dillon (Paul); and his adored grandchildren, Ion and Karina (Kimberly), and Alice and Mae (Marie).

Phil is also survived by his brother Doug Benoit; and sisters Judy Cole (Frank) and Sue Benoit Miller.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke St, Lancaster, PA 17603. Friends are invited to greet the family at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Interment will immediately follow at St. James in the Memorial Garden.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church  
119 N. Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Funeral Mass

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Grosvenor Benoit.*



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November 11, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *I was very saddened to hear the news of Phil's passing. I was fortunate enough to study under him in the late 70's. He was always very nurturing and I took much of what he taught me into my career later on. He left a lasting impression. May he RIP.*

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**Lisa Sangalli Mulzoff** - November 09, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ *Dr. Benoit was one of my first broadcasting professors at SUNY Oswego. I was a scared city kid away from home for the first time; no friends of consequence. 8 am classes on frigid mornings . He was a warm accepting presence with an east personality and a quick wit. Helped me adjust. My condolences to all and may his gentle soul rest in peace.*

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**Steve LEBLANG** - November 09, 2024 at 09:50 PM

FM

“ I was terribly saddened to learn of Phil's passing. I have known Phil since the early 70's and have been privileged to work with him as a co-author on numerous editions of textbooks on media. Phil was a gifted writer, had a wonderful sense of humor and was a great announcer. In the last few years I've enjoyed reading his monthly reflection *Curmudgeonry Light*. I'll miss our email exchanges, our work on the latest book update. My condolences to Candy and the entire family.

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**fritz messere** - November 09, 2024 at 04:35 PM

MG

“ Sending prayers of condolence to Candy, Marie and Paul, Alice and Mae, and all who were lucky enough to call him "friend." To be counted among Phil's friends was to feel the warmth of his kindness, delight in his wit, marvel at his resilience, applaud his endurance, be inspired by his curiosity, and occasionally enjoy the best smoked brisket outside of Katz's deli.

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**Meg Graham** - November 06, 2024 at 11:03 AM

JL

Our hearts and thoughts are with you and your family Candy as we were shocked and surprised to hear of Phil's passing. Always enjoyed Phil's wit and gentle manner and both of your and Phil's hospitality when hosting the backyard steak dinner at your N. Shippen St. home. Hopefully the love and fond happy memories of Phil will help guide your path to recovery from this profound loss! Love, Jeff & Stephanie

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**Jeff LeFevre** - November 07, 2024 at 10:11 AM