



## Philip S. French

January 23, 1951 - February 27, 2017

### Obituary of Philip French

Philip S. French, 66, of the Villages, Florida and formerly of Centerville, MA passed away unexpectedly in Florida on Monday, February 27, 2017 with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Denise Veilleux French; his daughter, Cheryl (Hayden) Jones; and grandchildren Eli and Olivia Jones. He also leaves behind his sister, Patricia French Dore and brother, Robert French of Centerville, MA. He is predeceased by his parents, Maurice and Helen Buckler French. In addition to his immediate family he will be deeply missed by his large extended family and many dear friends. Phil was born and raised on Cape Cod. He graduated from Barnstable High School in 1969. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and graduated top of his class from Parris Island, SC. He proudly served 24 years in the Air National Guard and retired in 2003 as a Lt. Colonel. This past fall he volunteered for an Honor Flight taking veterans to Washington DC. Phil lived his life to the fullest. He and Denise rode their bikes across the country in 1976, and on that same bike he also participated in the Last Gasp on Cape Cod and most recently again with Denise in a 30 mile bike-a-thon in the Villages. Phil was an amazing runner completing many marathons and triathlons proudly finishing the Boston Marathon in 3hr 25min. He loved living on the Cape, sailing, fishing, and taking his boat to Sandy Neck. In addition to skiing, and playing golf he enjoyed driving his golf cart around the villages, playing Pickle ball and

Dragon Boat racing. He was an amazing man who meant so much to so many people.

#### Celebration of Life

A celebration of life will be held March 9, 2017 at 1pm at the Savannah Center in The Villages, FL and on Cape Cod, MA on May 19, 2017. Inurnment will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

# Tribute Wall

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**Mary Pat Clayton** - April 06, 2017 at 12:34 PM

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MG

“ Dear Denise, I am so very sad for the loss of your beloved Phil. Yes, what an amazing life you two have shared! My thoughts and prayers are with you and Cheryl. May love serve to guide you on the road ahead until you are all once again reunited. Peace Denise, M.E.



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**Mary Ellen St. George** - March 10, 2017 at 10:51 AM

SD

“ Denise, Cheryl and family, I was saddened to hear of Phil's recent passing. I had just seen him not too long ago at Cape Cod Mall and am glad I was able to have a nice chat with him. He was a great friend of my brother, Steve and always looked out for me in high school and even after when we would run into each other. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I will always have very fond memories of Phil. Sue, Tod and Matt Drew

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**Sue Bates Drew** - March 08, 2017 at 11:24 AM

RG

“ Denise and family: My deepest condolences on the passing of Phil. It was a great honor for me to have served with Phil in the Air National Guard. Phil was always a man of principle and earned the respect of all those who served with him. I will never forget how you and Phil lent us your bike bugger for several years for our your children and my late wife Nanci when we visited the cape. May Phil rest in peace.. Love Dick Goguen

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**Richard Goguen** - March 07, 2017 at 06:45 AM

MM

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies. Hearing of your loss has deeply sadden me, but I know this is far from what you are going through right now. Phil was a special friend I am so glad he touched my life. As he touched so many others. I will miss Phil. I have many great memories with Phil down on Cape Cod in our younger years. My hope is that the heartfelt pain you are feeling now will someday make room for warm and loving memories.

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**Michael McCourt** - March 06, 2017 at 11:15 PM

LF

“ Dear Denise, So sorry to hear about Phil. He was a good man and good friend. You and Phil always opened your home to me and the rest of the gang and it was greatly appreciated. Will always remember the fun times on the Cape. Louie

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**Lou Fronduto** - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Denise, we were saddened to hear you'd lost your beloved Phil. He was a terrific guy and will be dearly missed. Our sincere condolences. Donna and Bill

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**Donna Mack / Bill Murphy** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. May he rest in peace. Tony Baptista, T/Sgt. USAF, RET,

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**Anthony Baptista** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

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We regret we never had the chance to get to know Phil more. He was such a sweet person and we would have liked to share more of our lives together. Please know that you, Phil and your family are in our hearts and prayers. With heartfelt sympathy and love, Jim and Dana McGee

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Jim and Dana McGee - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Denise and Family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you from Cape Cod especially from this house on Riverview where Phil was secretly and affectionately called "Mr. Perfect." His attention to every detail, most visible in lawn care where, I swear, he snipped the smallest offending blade with manicure scissors in the dark of night, held every household to higher standards. This minute, if there is justice in eternity, Phil, scissors in hand, is trimming God's garden. Love from 260

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Thom and Maureen McNulty - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**Jim and Dana McGee** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We wish to extend our very deepest condolences to the family of our very dear friend. Please rely on us for any support you need during this difficult time.

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**Joseph & Catherine DiMauro** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Denise, So sad to read about Phil this morning. I remember your bicycle adventure across the USA when you lived across the street from us on South Sea Ave. I know you had a long wonderful life together. Love to you and Cheryl, Ann (Morris) Harries

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**Ann-Louise Harries** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Denise Completely taken aback hearing of his passing. Worked closely with Phil for many years and never regretted a moment of it. A great guy and his friendship was extremely appreciated. Kath and I have you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Walter Kliche** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“Denise and family.....I was with Jessica last evening and stunned to hear of Phil's untimely passing. Reading his obit in the CC Times this morning brought back fond memories of rounds of golf at Otis and grilling and chilling on your deck or the Fone's. He was truly one of the really good guys you meet in life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family and I look forward to seeing you at services on the Cape in May.

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**Jim McEvoy** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LM

“I was saddened to hear of Philip's unexpected death. As a fellow classmate at BHS we were in many of the same classes. I send my deepest sympathy to his family. Best, Leezie Clarke Magruder

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**Leezie Clarke Magruder** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PN

“Denise and Cheryl and Family, We send our heartfelt condolences to you on the passing of your dear husband and father. We will never forget the life that we shared with Phil and his contribution to the many lives that he touched. His handsome smile and his great laugh will stay with us always. We wish you strength and peace. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers over the next several weeks. Best regards, Peter and Iren

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**Peter and Iren Nelson** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Hi Denise, We read about Phil's passing in today's Cape Cod Times. We, The Cape Cod Road Runners, had so many wonderful times both while running and just hanging out! The emails are flying around here about how great a person he was! A day doesn't go by when we don't talk about 'Fast Phil'! He had a nice calming effect on the group! His smile would light up the sky at 5am when we met him for our daily run in Pocasset. When I was growing up the greatest compliment we could pay someone was to say that person was 'Good people' Denise, he truly was "Great People"

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**J Bill Henry** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Hi Denise, I was very sorry to hear of Phil's passing. We are still running every day and talk about him often. He was a great great guy and a terrific runner. I always looked forward to seeing him every morning as he was a cherished member of our group. He also made me a better runner. I hope to see you soon and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Tom Cahir

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**Tom Cahir** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ It was with great sadness that Beth and I learned of Phil's passing. We send our love Denise to you, Cheryl and all in Phil's extended family. Phil was a very special person to every person who was fortunate enough to know him. I was a lucky enough person to call him one of my closest friends and to be able to share his warm smile, wonderful sense of humor, caring nature and ability to make every day in life more fun. Love, Bates and Beth

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**Steve Bates and Beth Vallee** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Denise I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Phil. He was a kind and caring person... I wish you and your family all the best. You will all be in my prayers.*

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**Sandeep Patel** - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Philips passing, and will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tom & Jane Gunnery** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My sincere sympathy to the whole family. I know how much Phil will be truly missed. He was a wonderful man . My love to all.*

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**Kath Davies Bruce** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Denise and Cheryl, I'm sending you many hugs and love at this time. What a loving guy. I was so shocked to see this! Know you are my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Nancy W. Dugan** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Thinking of you all. Such a loss.*

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**Dee Dee Beckwith** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Denise and family, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Claudette & Rene Bessette** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Denise, So sorry for your loss.*

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**Renee LaBonte** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *So sorry for your loss, Denise. Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family.*

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**Louise Boutin** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *We are so sorry to learn of Phil's passing. He was an extraordinary man and enjoyed spending his time actively. We will always remember him sailing on the Cape waters, cooking hot dogs on the side of his boat on the 4th of July,... and his big smile. Our deepest sympathies to Denise and the rest of the family.*

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**Deb and Peter Ryder** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Denise, I am so sorry to hear of Phillip's passing. My deepest sympathies to you and Cheryl and your families. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

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**Pauline Lesmerises** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Denise and Cheryl, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dennis and Mary*

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**Dennis and Mary Moynihan** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Denise I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sorry that your time together was cut far too short...*  
*Kristin*

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**Kristin Simpson** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *So very sorry for your loss, Denise. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.*

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**Lesley Swaylik** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My family and I wish to express our sincere sympathy. I do not have words to explain my personal feelings. Your family has been a part of my life since the early 70's. My prayers and thoughts are with you always.*

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**Jan Hall-Edwards** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *We are so saddened by the loss of a dear friend. Our condolences to Denise, Cheryl, and their families. We know this is a heartbreaking loss for so many who were fortunate, as we were, to know Philip as a friend. We have a lifetime of happy memories of good times with a very good man. Such good friends are rare indeed. Philip was that kind of a friend to so many. He found a perfect mate, was blessed with a beautiful daughter and two grandchildren he adored, and was loved by many. A great life. We love you Phil.*

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**Mary, Jennifer, Erin and Jim Dow** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Phil's passing is such a great loss for so many. Although he was my brother-in-law, Phil was also a brother to me. I will be forever grateful for his presence in my life.*

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**Doris Veilleux** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *In Norwegian society, the highest compliment one can receive is to be called 'the finest kind'. It's a simple, but in my view a crystal clear comment about the quality of a human being. Phil was 'the finest kind' in our view! We will miss him on the water on Cape Cod and we'll raise a glass in his honor while sailing Nantucket Sound this Summer. Dana and Carole Ann Brackett*

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**Dana and Carole Brackett** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *On behalf of my Wife Kam, (nee Riordan), witnessing the grief she felt upon hearing of this news I want to give my condolences to a man and his family I never met only because she spoke so highly of him and how much he affected her career in the Air Force. Semper Fi and good travels.*

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**Douglas Spottiswood** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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