



## Phil Dorholt

August 13, 1938 - February 7, 2024

Phil Dorholt, 85 years young, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, in Edina, MN.

Phil's dream came true when he, alongside his son, built his lake home on Trout Lake in Bovey, MN. He was handy and could fix anything. Phil and his wife, Kay, loved travel, skiing, nature, and sunsets at the lake with an ice-cold Coors Light.

Skiing was a passion of Phil's life. He taught his children to ski at a young age and they spent many great times together on the slopes. To Phil's delight, they all became accomplished skiers. Phil served on the National Ski Patrol at Trollhaugen Ski Area for 54 years where he was the Patrol Director for 35 years. He was always the first to volunteer to help anyone or help with anything.

Phil's career was in the grocery industry working his way to National Sales manager at Dakota Growers Pasta Company. Phil always said he had a fun job. He made connections easily due to his kind, outgoing personality, and friendly smile. Phil could talk to anyone.

Phil loved and was proud of his family. He is survived by his wife, Kay Zuccaro, and his three children: Guy Dorholt, Dana Fox (Kevin), and Kari

Malo (Todd). Along with his four grandchildren: Barret, Cale, Burke, and Campbell Fox, former wife Audrey Dorholt, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and beloved ski buddies.

Phil is preceded in death by his parents, Forrest and Helen, and his sister and brother-in-law, Sharon, and Ron Pearson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 22nd from 5-7 pm at Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th Street and Highway 100, Edina.

Funeral service will be held at 11 am, Friday, February 23rd with visitation 90 minutes prior at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 7540 Penn Avenue, Richfield.

In lieu of flowers, Phil and his family request you kindly donate to St. Jude Children's Research hospital in his honor. [stjude.org](http://stjude.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Richard's Catholic Church  
7540 Penn Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423

## Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Richard's Catholic Church  
7540 Penn Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423

# Tribute Wall

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“ I served on our Homeowners Association with Phil. I especially appreciated his knowledge and common sense he exhibited in our meetings. One thing I never knew was we shared a passion for skiing. I'm hoping we can discuss this when we meet again!  
Jon Schmidt

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**Jon Schmidt** - February 22, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of having Phil on both the Creamette and Dakota Growers Pasta sales team. He was always positive. Well-liked by the customers and well regarded. Our success was enhanced by his knowledge and his close relationships with our customers. He was a classic salesman back when customers could become good friends. Traveling together on sales calls and conventions we also became good friends and had some real challenging, interesting and fun experiences together. Phil had the ability to remain calm and positive even with a few really difficult and disagreeable customers. Always positive. He will be missed.

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**Jack Bursma Hasper** - February 16, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ Dear Family,

*The Western Region/Central Division of the National Ski Patrol would like to express sympathy for your loss.*

*Phil Dorholt was an active, enthusiastic member of the National Ski Patrol for 56 years (joined 1/1/1968). He was a member of the Trollhaugen Ski Patrol. Phil served as the Patrol Director at Trollhaugen for 20 years (1992 – 2022.)*

*Phil obtained his Alpine Senior Certification and was honored by the National Ski Patrol with National Appointment Number 8344 in 1996.*

*Phil received other honors from the National Ski Patrol, including a Yellow Merit Star in 1994 and a Western Region Outstanding Service Award in 2018 for his service as an Instructor, Assistant Patrol Representative and Patrol Representative.*

*Phil was recognized for 50 years of service in 2019.*

*We will join you in mourning the loss of our dear friend and fellow patroller.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeff Olsen  
Region Director  
Western Region/Central Division*

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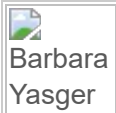
**Jeff Olsen** - February 15, 2024 at 01:37 PM

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“ I met Phil 40+ years ago at Troll Mountain skiing on weekends, and he was one of my favorite patrollers. He was so pleasant t, helpful, friendly, caring, and would always take time to say hello and take time to visit. He was a salesman and he sold many of my old skis as well as selling me several pairs of Volkls. He was a fabulous skier. His personality would light up the ski hill. I made him many bags of my 'Buckeye treats', which he loved. My nickname for him was 'Door Handle', and he would just give me that beautiful smile and laugh. Phil definitely made an impact on my life, and I will always cherish those memories. Will miss him. My heart is heavy, and I pray for comfort for Kay and the family. Sue Petryk

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**Sue Petryk** - February 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM



Barbara  
Yasger

We met Phil when we moved to Minnetonka in 1977. We had been neighbors for many years. Our condolences to his family. Jim and Barbara Yasger

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**Barbara Yasger** - February 20, 2024 at 10:18 AM