



Phillip Edman Staley

October 7, 1970 - February 6, 2019

Phillip Edman Staley, 48, of Dix, was born October 7, 1970, in Evansville, Indiana, to Jerry and Mary Margaret Staley. On the evening of February 6, 2019, he lost his battle here on Earth.

Phillip is survived by his Beloved, Linda Montgomery of Illinois; his children, Taylor Staley and wife Jolaine, and their children, and Peyton Staley, both serving in the U.S. Army, and Barrett Staley and Jade Staley of California; his mother, Mary Margaret Staley of Dix; one sister, Khalia Staley-Crandell, and her children, of Missouri; one brother, Daniel Staley and wife Nanci Bezeck-Staley, and their children, of Oregon; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

Phillip served in the United States Air Force as an F-16 Journeyman, at McDill Air Force Base. He spent most of his career in maintenance. His love of the outdoors and compassion for animals brought him great joy. His compassion for others prompted him to be an organ donor. Phillip was blessed with a forever friend and neighbor, Bobby Turner, to whom we are forever grateful, and who will never be forgotten. God Bless You, Bobby.

Phillip was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Staley; grandparents, Elmer and Evelyn Staley and Ralph and Phyllis Karch; and one brother-in-law, Robert Crandell.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded, and no public services will be held. A gathering of family and friends will be held for him and his father, at a later date, on the family farm. Memorial gifts may be

made to the Wounded Warrior Project, or the Gary Sinise Foundation, which were both very special to him, and will be accepted by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was Phils roommate at MacDill. He always checked in from time to time and haven't heard from him and decided to look him up. My heart is broken. You are missed. Tim Madura

Timothy Madura - January 26, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ You will be missed, my friend! I remember your smile and kindness. Rest in peace. Mark and Trisha Kirkbride class of '89

Trisha Kirkbride - December 02, 2019 at 08:06 PM

JD

“ I met Phil about five years ago when he started work in Pinckneyville. We became friends immediately. When he moved on to another job, we stayed in contact with phone calls and texts. He always made me laugh and smile! Even know I only known him for a short time, I sure will miss him!

John Davis - February 17, 2019 at 04:05 AM

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He spoke of you often John. Always would say, "I'm going to send that to John!" Knowing you would find it as funny as he did.

Linda - February 17, 2019 at 11:23 AM

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I knew phillip back when he was in high school. I spoke to him not too long before he passed it seems like. He talked about his family and I talked about my kids. I had no idea he was sick. I miss seeing his smiling face. We just drove by his old house in Dexter, MO and my husband and I were just talking about him and the past. Rest in peace phillip. I miss you!!

Crystal Keating - September 20, 2025 at 02:05 PM

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“ *I am reminded of Phillip's love today as I just received a dozen red roses for Valentine's Day and a personal message he wrote prior to his passing. He was a truly amazing person.*

Prayers to his wonderful family.

Linda

Linda Montgomery - February 13, 2019 at 01:28 PM