



Philip Michael Nord

December 29, 1947 - July 5, 2024

Philip Michael Nord, aged 77, of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, passed away on July 5, 2024. Born in San Louis Obispo, California on December 29, 1947, he was the son of the late Elmer and Charmin Nord.

Philip pursued a life of intellectual curiosity and academic achievement, earning a bachelor's degree in Archaeology from Oregon State University in 1972. He furthered his education at the Brooks Institute of Photography and the University of Pennsylvania, which informed his distinguished career.

A patriot at heart, Philip was drafted into the Air Force and served his country with distinction as a medic. His time in the military imbued him with a profound sense of responsibility and honor that he carried forward into his civilian life.

Philip was a respected business owner, operating a camera shop in Bryn Mawr, PA, from 1987 till 1994. He later channeled his passion for history into his work as a museum director and archaeologist, most notably at Rockwood Mansion in New Castle, Delaware, where he worked tirelessly to preserve and share the region's heritage. During his years, he volunteered at the American Swedish Museum as a guide and worked as a docent at the Morton Homestead. Phillip demonstrated a steadfast commitment to upholding his Swedish heritage throughout his life. This was manifested through his ongoing efforts to research and educate himself about his family and relatives, as well

as his travels to visit his family in Sweden.

Philip's life was enriched by his marriage to Elizabeth Ann Strawbridge, with whom he raised three children: Andrew Lars, William Tefft, and Elizabeth Ann. He found great joy as a grandfather to Madison, Hailey, Peyton, William, Cassidy, Ryan and Olivia.

An avid reader, writer, and photographer, Philip's interests reflected his love for history and the arts. His legacy as a storyteller and historian is captured in the many lives he touched through his work and hobbies.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Elizabeth, children, grandchildren, and brother David.

Philip Michael Nord will be remembered as a man of integrity, dedication, and passion. All who knew him will cherish his unwavering commitment to preserving the past for future generations. His family and friends will miss him greatly, but take comfort in the rich memories he leaves behind.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Phillip's passing. I worked with Phillip at the Peter Wentz Farmstead in the early 2000's. He was a charming, funny man and I remember the great conversations we would share. The summer that I met my wife, one of our first "unofficial" dates was to Rockwood where Phil served as a most gracious host. My heart goes out to Elizabeth and his family in this time of grief. I send my love and sympathy and I will pray for him.

James Ryan - May 22, 2025 at 07:53 AM

EE

“ Ellen E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Michael Nord.

Ellen E. - August 07, 2024 at 09:05 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Phillip's passing. We worked together for New Castle County and enjoyed some fun times together at the events. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

- Suzy Casey

Suzanne M Casey - August 05, 2024 at 02:20 PM

AL

“ I started as a volunteer giving tours in Rockwood Mansion for Philip in 2014, later due to Philip's strong influence and gracious referral. I became one of the NCC staff members of Rockwood Mansion. Philip had gotten together approximately a group of 20 volunteers (myself being one), to do research to place " Rockwood Estate on the Historical Nation Register of Historical Places." Rockwood is now on the Register of Historical Places! It is my honor and pleasure to have known and worked for Philip. A very kind, caring gentleman. My sincere condolences to Nancy and family. ~Alice

Alice Loveless - August 02, 2024 at 01:30 PM

JR

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Philip's family from his friends and co-workers at New Castle County Department of Community Services.

Jane Rattenni - August 01, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Taya Shepard Dianna - August 01, 2024 at 04:28 PM



Just a handful of pix I found from Philip's years at Rockwood. I'm SURE there are many more...

Taya Shepard Dianna - August 01, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JF

“ *I spent many hours with Philip at Rockwood, planning tours, sharing information and just plain enjoying a conversation. I am sending my love to all of his family. Judy Filipkowski, Rockwood Docent*

Judy Filipkowski - August 01, 2024 at 01:34 PM

EE

“ *Philip, soar with the spirits. Rest in Peace* 💖

Ellen Ellis - August 01, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Philip was the director of Rockwood when I began my volunteer stint 13 years ago. I always enjoyed working with him. May he rest in peace!*

Deborah Philips - August 01, 2024 at 12:03 PM

PA

“ *I shall always remember Philip as director of Rockwood Park. I was fond of his quiet gentle manner. Such a gentleman! Rest in peace, Philip.*

Peggy Alderson - August 01, 2024 at 08:55 AM

BB

“ *Bob Barry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Michael Nord.*

Bob Barry - August 01, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip Michael Nord.*



August 01, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *We love you, P-Pop* ❤️



beth nord - July 11, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *The Bumbera Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Michael Nord.*

The Bumbera Family - July 10, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Michael Nord.*



July 10, 2024 at 08:19 PM

DN

“ *Rest in peace, Phil. You will be missed.* ”



Donna Nord - July 10, 2024 at 12:37 AM