



Dr. William Philip Kennedy

October 24, 1939 - October 16, 2022

Dr. William Philip Kennedy, aka Phil, 82, has chased Iris once again to be by her side. His service will be held at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 E. College Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550. The Rev. Tony Adams will officiate, and the family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Roper Hospice Cottage, 676 Wando Park Blvd., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, or Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 E. College Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Phil was born October 24, 1939, in New Zion, SC, the son of William Talbert Kennedy and Coline Gibbons Kennedy.

Phil grew up in Manning, SC, and excelled in academics and athletics, leading teams and setting records. He graduated from Clemson College in 1961 and from Virginia Commonwealth University Dental College before marrying Iris, the love of his life. They moved to Munich, Germany, in 1964, where Phil served as Captain in the United States Army.

In 1968, they settled in Hartsville, SC, where they happily raised three children. Phil loved his family, friends, church, community, Clemson, the United States, and the world and dedicated his life to all.

Among many honors, Phil served on the Board of Visitors at Clemson, received the Distinguished Service Award from Clemson, and served as President of the South Carolina Dental Association. Phil built a successful dentist practice in Hartsville, South Carolina, and cared for thousands of patients during his time as a dentist. He, Iris, and their friends traveled the world and enjoyed generations of Clemson games in Death Valley.

Phil will be remembered for his patience and kindness as a devoted husband and father, and friend.

Phil is survived by his brother Wayne Kennedy, of Turbeville, SC; daughter, Barbara Kennedy Lehnhoff (Richard), of Charleston, SC; sons, William Philip Kennedy, Jr of Switzerland and Peter Usher Kennedy (Haven) of Asheville, NC; and grandchildren, Lizzie and Caitlin Lehnhoff, Philip and Lily Kennedy and Ava Mae and Clara Kennedy; and his daughter-in-law, Kelly Kennedy.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church
145 E. College Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Robert Andrews - December 24, 2025 at 05:00 AM

MN

“ *Mike Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Mike Brenda Northcutt - October 24, 2022 at 02:31 PM

PW

“ *Len and I send our love and prayers to your family. Phil and Iris were wonderful, thoughtful neighbors and friends over the years. We so miss seeing them and having them stop by to talk and share a good laugh!! Phil and I enjoyed conversing about our beloved Clemson Tigers as fellow alums. Our entire community will always miss their love and support!!*

Phyllis & Len Watson - October 24, 2022 at 12:59 PM

PG

“ Phillip Gandy lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Phillip Gandy - October 21, 2022 at 12:16 PM

KC

“ Kim Griggs Clanton lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Kim Griggs Clanton - October 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Lynn Hamrick Boles lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Lynn Hamrick Boles - October 20, 2022 at 11:54 PM

AF

“ Ann Fulcher lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Ann Fulcher - October 20, 2022 at 12:37 AM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Crystal Minnehan - October 19, 2022 at 08:00 PM

AK

“ *Ann King lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Ann King - October 19, 2022 at 06:00 PM

CC

“ *Sending my Deepest Condolences to the family, all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers, Phil will be missed, he was a great man.*

Carolyna Privette Childress



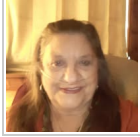
Carolyna Privette Childress - October 19, 2022 at 12:19 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Mark and Scarlet Shealy - October 19, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Dr Phil Kennedys passing



Elaine Carpenter - October 19, 2022 at 10:29 AM

RH

“ Even though we grew up in Bishopville, our Mama who was from Hartsville took us to Dr. Kennedy as our Dentist. He was a wonderful person. We send our condolences to the Family, God Bless.

Ronnie Houser - October 19, 2022 at 08:37 AM

JC

“ Jim And Jeri Cox lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Jim and Jeri Cox - October 19, 2022 at 08:08 AM

MH

“ Maxine Howle lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Maxine Howle - October 19, 2022 at 08:05 AM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



carol elmore bryant - October 19, 2022 at 07:10 AM

LW

“ *Lisa O'Tuel Williamson lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Lisa O'Tuel Williamson - October 18, 2022 at 07:57 PM

LR

“ *Lester And Lori Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Lester and Lori Reynolds - October 18, 2022 at 07:53 PM

RM

“ *Ronnie And Tanya McDonald lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Ronnie and Tanya McDonald - October 18, 2022 at 07:22 PM

LT

“ I’m so sorry to hear this. Dr. Kennedy was my dentist from when I was four years old, 1968, until he retired. I always looked forward to seeing him. Praying for all of his family. 🙏

Loretta Tiller - October 18, 2022 at 07:07 PM

JT

“ Jayne Tyner lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



jayne Tyner - October 18, 2022 at 05:52 PM

VP

“ Von & Linda Parker lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Von & Linda Parker - October 18, 2022 at 04:27 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Al & Melinda Sansbury - October 18, 2022 at 02:12 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Deborah Gandy - October 18, 2022 at 01:51 PM

SJ

“ *Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Sheila Johnson - October 18, 2022 at 01:14 PM

BS

“ *Billy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Billy Stanley - October 18, 2022 at 01:06 PM

RR

“ *My condolences to Pete and all his family.*

Richard Renck - October 18, 2022 at 12:54 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Judy Bryant - October 18, 2022 at 11:15 AM

TW

“ *So sadden to hear of the passing of Phil...he was a kind and gentle man..Terri*

Terri Northcutt Woodham - October 18, 2022 at 11:03 AM

RM

“ *Rodney And Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Rodney and Kathy McFarland - October 18, 2022 at 10:25 AM

DN

“ *Dan And Kathy Newsome lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Dan and Kathy Newsome - October 18, 2022 at 10:19 AM

JN

“ In losing Phil and Iris we have lost “two pillars of community” and two devoted servants in our State. We are a much better people because God placed them among us. Pam and I convey our sadness in their passing and celebrate their wonderful lives and contributions which we so admired and respect. John John L. Napier

john L. Napier - October 18, 2022 at 09:53 AM

JG

“ Jerry & Cathy Guy lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Jerry & Cathy Guy - October 18, 2022 at 09:14 AM

JG

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Jerry & Cathy Guy - October 18, 2022 at 09:15 AM

GG

“ Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Gene and Teresa Gibson - October 18, 2022 at 09:06 AM

PJ

“ *He was such a nice man . RIP Dr. Phil.*



Pat James - October 18, 2022 at 09:01 AM

RB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Phil touched the lives of so many and he will be greatly missed.*
Renee and Wally Bock

Renee Bock - October 18, 2022 at 08:30 AM

JG

“ *Jeff Galloway lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Jeff Galloway - October 18, 2022 at 08:22 AM

SA

“ *Sharon Autry lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Sharon Autry - October 18, 2022 at 08:18 AM

RW

“ Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Ron Wall - October 18, 2022 at 08:18 AM

PC

“ Paul And Carole Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Paul and Carole Cannarella - October 18, 2022 at 08:17 AM

BH

“ Bil Howle lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Bil Howle - October 18, 2022 at 08:13 AM

VJ

“ Von Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy



Von Johnson - October 18, 2022 at 08:08 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Kennedy was my dentist since I was old enough to see a dentist he was also my friend. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He has now reunited with his beautiful bride. My sincerest condolences to his family.*



Dana Stone - October 17, 2022 at 10:55 PM

WM

“ *Wanda Moore lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Wanda Moore - October 17, 2022 at 10:11 PM

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Amy Blackburn - October 17, 2022 at 10:11 PM

AK

“ *Ann King lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Ann King - October 17, 2022 at 10:04 PM

KL

“ *Special friend and neighbor to the Lawhon's. So sad to hear of your loss. I pray God's love to Hold you tight during this time. Hugs, Kathy Lawhon*

Kathy Lawhon - October 17, 2022 at 09:45 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Lavonde Smith - October 17, 2022 at 07:09 PM

BW

“ *So very sorry to hear this! Much love and prayers to you Barbara, Will and Pete and all your family! Barbara and Jack Windham*

Barbara Windham - October 17, 2022 at 06:36 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Philip Kennedy*



Kathy Mcfarland - October 17, 2022 at 05:41 PM

VB

“ So sorry to hear of Phil's demise. He was such a special person. I have a picture of him and Iris that was taken recently, which I dearly love. Such a beautiful love story, first the death of Iris and shortly thereafter the death of Phil. They were so devoted to each other that it is no surprise. Prayers for the family as you go through this period of grief. You have such wonderful memories, so focus on those.

vernion G boyd - October 17, 2022 at 05:40 PM

CB

“ Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. Phil was a wonderful man, husband, father, and dentist. He will be greatly missed by his many friends, colleagues, patients and certainly by his family. All of you have our deepest sympathy and are in our prayers. Love, Tom & Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - October 17, 2022 at 05:29 PM

TK

“ I am so sorry to hear this!! I loved Dr. Kennedy and Mrs. Iris, I enjoyed seeing them when they can into the bank. I will miss them both 🥺❤️

Terry C King - October 17, 2022 at 04:36 PM

LD

“ So sorry to see this, but indeed he didn't want to be away from Iris too long. He was the epitome of a Southern gentleman. Prayers to his family.



Laura Decker - October 17, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ So sorry to hear about this. Praying for your family.

Fran Langley - October 17, 2022 at 03:36 PM