

Phillip Russell Finch

August 15, 1944 - February 24, 2021

Informal memorial with the family present from 3-7 pm on Wednesday, March 10th, at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE. Please dress as you are comfortable, however, masks will be required. Phill's long-standing request was for cremation, so there will be no viewing.

Phillip R. Finch, 76, of Waterloo passed away in Harlingen, TX on February 24, 2021.

Phill was born to Kenneth Finch and June Brown Finch on August 15, 1944 at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and spent his childhood in Fraser and Boone, IA. He graduated from Elkhorn High School in 1962 and joined the Navy where he was stationed at the North Pole on an ice breaker.

Phill met Karen Everingham on an outing with friends, and they were married September 24, 1966. They were blessed with three children, Jodi, Kristi and Russell.

After leaving the Navy, Phill worked briefly for the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1972 he began working at Industrial Electric Motors until he retired in 2001. He was a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 22. Throughout his life, he was a member of Bensonvale Covenant Church, Overland Hills Baptist Church, Westwood Church, and Bethany Lutheran

Church. Most recently, he and Karen attended Cowboy Church of the Valley when they were in Texas, and online during the summers.

Phill and Karen moved to Timberlodge Lake in 1994, where their family and friends built many great memories on and around the water. In 2015, after Karen retired, they bought their first motor home and began spending their winters traveling, one year to Arizona, and then throwing the proverbial dart at a map, ending up in LaFeria, TX at LaFeria West RV Park for the past five winters. They made many close friends at LaFeria, who are deeply loved. Left to cherish Phill's memory are his wife of 54 years, Karen, their children Jodi (Shane) Freeman, Kristi (Scott) Jones, Russ (Shawn) Finch; eight grandchildren Travis (Jenelle) Finch, Kyla Finch (Terrence Mullen), Madi Hall (Jordin Wendelin); Matthew (Kylie Cole), Ben (Emily Karmazin) and Jack Jones; and Amanda and Abby Finch; brother Ken (Judy) Finch, brother-in-law Ken (Pat) Everingham, nephews and niece Eric (Emily) Everingham and Gracelyn and Landon, Sara (Shane) Noble and Megan Jenkins, Josi, Dalton & Misty, and Joe (Nicole) Everingham and Kenzie, Cade and Ryan. We would be remiss not to mention his little dog Lucy. Preceding him were his parents, his brother Tony Finch, and his in laws, Paul and Norma Everingham.

Phill was a man of few words, but those who knew him knew that he cherished his family (especially the grandkids) and his dogs, especially Lucy.

Memorials may be made to Cowboy Church of the Valley/Western Outreach Center in LaFeria or DreamCatchers, a nonprofit youth support program founded by daughter Jodi.

Cowboy Church: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/778306;
11235 Swift Ln, Santa Rosa, TX 78593

DreamCatchers: www.facebook.com/DreamCatchersRide; 6640 Adams Street, Lincoln, NE 68507

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Gathering of family and friends

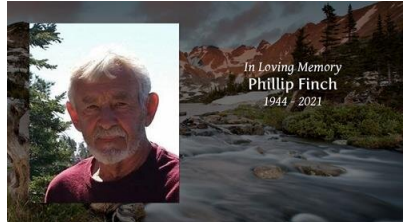
MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phillip Russell Finch*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 10, 2021 at 05:01 PM

KN

Beautifully done. Peace be to Phill's memory.

Kathy Nelson - March 19, 2021 at 05:18 AM



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Phillip Russell Finch*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 10, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Phillip Russell Finch*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SG

“ I just heard that Phil had passed. I am sadden to hear that ! I worked with Phil @ Industrial Electric for many years. He was a good person to ask for help at any time you needed it. Quiet and soft spoken guy that was easy to like. I don't have many picture's of us at work but I do have one I found of a Christmas party one year at Casio . This picture was taken before I starting working with him. I saved it from loss when IND ELEC. moved out west. I have many fond memories working with him. My condolences to the family at this time of great loss.! Phil is easy to find in the picture he is right in the middle with the mustache



Steven Grant - March 10, 2021 at 01:53 PM

SG

Picture was taken around the late 70's I believe.

Steven Grant - March 10, 2021 at 01:58 PM

JF

What a great picture, Steve! Thanks for sharing

Jodi Freeman - March 10, 2021 at 02:46 PM

CD

“ Denny and I have such fond memories of Phill as our classmate and friend at Elkhorn High. We have great memories as young parents and as we bowled together as The Mamas and The Papas. May Phill Rest In Peace and Gods blessings to you, Karen and family.

Denny and Carmen Dau

Carmen & Denny Dau - March 10, 2021 at 09:31 AM

JF

Thank you Carmen, he had great memories with you and Denny.

Jodi Freeman - March 11, 2021 at 07:04 PM

DC

“ *Phill was my teacher when I was an apprentice in the Union. I have always been thankful that he was! We worked together in the single phase department for 8 years or so. He was always there to help me when I needed it. Very intelligent man, a great instructor and a lot of fun to be around! I am forever in debt! Rest well friend!*

Dan Casebeer

Dan Casebeer - March 09, 2021 at 10:51 PM

JF

Thanks for your kind words, Dan. He always spoke so highly of you.

Jodi Freeman - March 11, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Russell Finch.*



March 09, 2021 at 08:09 PM

BE

“ *It has been said that we are to make new friends, but keep the old. Some are silver, the others gold! What golden memories Gene & I have of our many years of friendship with Phill, Karen, and the kids (& dogs)!*

Barb Ericson - March 09, 2021 at 07:23 PM

JF

I was just telling the kids that for literally all our lives, there are very few memories that don't include the Ericsons!

Jodi Freeman - March 11, 2021 at 07:04 PM

LR

“ *I worked with Phil at Armature & Electric and also at Industrial Electric. He was a great guy to work with and a good friend. He helped me a lot when I needed advice on a job I was having trouble with. Back in the late 1990's we worked a job in Norfolk for two weeks and really got to know each other well. When I retired in 2005 Phil was my last weekend duty partner. RIP old friend, Lyle Rebhuhn*

Lyle Rebhuhn - March 09, 2021 at 02:51 PM

JF

Thank you for your kind words, Lyle. Dad sure enjoyed working with you. -- Jodi

Jodi Freeman - March 09, 2021 at 07:08 PM