



## Philip W. Comfort

October 28, 1950 - December 31, 2022

Philip Wesley Comfort went home to be with Jesus December 31, 2022. Phil was born on October 28, 1950, in Sewickly, Pennsylvania and was known as Husband, Father, Brother, Teacher, Scholar, Author, Editor, Poet and Surfer.

He was married to Georgia for 50 years before she passed away. Phil and Georgia had seen God move many times in their life and most notably in Georgia's diagnosis with stage four breast cancer. The doctors gave her one year to live but we are so grateful that God had other plans!

Phil was well known and respected in New Testament circles as a Bible Scholar's Scholar. He has a doctorate in Literary Interpretation from the University of South Africa. He dedicated 33 years of his life as senior editor with Tyndale House Publishers in Chicago, where he and Georgia raised their sons. He was coordinating editor/translator of the New Testament of the New Living Translation of the Bible. He authored over fifteen academic books and six books of poetry. One of his books was nominated for the Push Cart Award.

Phil and Georgia retired to Pawleys Island, South Carolina for the warmer weather and to fulfilled Phil's dream to surf. Phil began surfing at the age of 47. Phil was an avid soccer fan, but being a proud papa brought him his greatest joy.

He taught English, New Testament and Greek at several colleges including Trinity Seminary and Wheaton College and Coastal Carolina University. Most recently he taught a bible class at Pawleys Island Community Church for 20 years. The impact of his writing and teaching has made an untold impact on the Christian Community world-wide.

Mostly though, Phil loved Jesus. While he had an amazing intellect, it is his heart that set him apart. He would spend each morning on the beach in worship of God's creation and talking to Jesus.

Phil will be dearly missed by his family, his church family and by the countless pastors and teachers he inspired through his writing.

Phil was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years Georgia Comfort, parents Richard and Dorothy Comfort, father-in-law George Riser and sister-in-law Robin Comfort. Phil is survived by his three sons Jeremy Comfort, John Comfort (Angela) and Peter Comfort; four grandsons Sage Cross, Jonah Comfort, Reid Comfort and Drake Comfort; brothers Richard Comfort Jr. (Carolyn) and Gregory Comfort (Maureen); mother-in-law, Joan Algeo Riser; sister-in-law Sally Nachamkin; brothers in law Bob Riser and Ted Riser as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Gifts can be made to Phil Comfort Fund.

Any condolences and/or donations can be sent to:

Phil Comfort Family

c/o Pawleys Island Community Church

PO Box 777, Pawleys Island, South Carolina 29585

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, January 30, 2023 at Pawleys Island Community Church.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

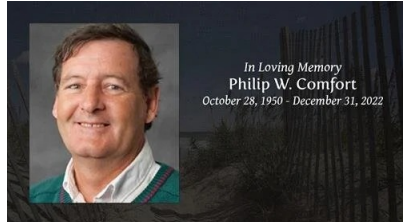
JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pawleys Island Community Church  
10304 Ocean Hwy  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
(843) 237-4449

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip W. Comfort*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - January 27, 2023 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ *Always and forever in my heart. My precious brother-in-law, brother to me, Philip. May he forever watch over his loved ones and give them strength to live with hope and love in their hearts, with joy and kindness. To his beautiful children and grandchildren, a wish for them to forever walk in his footsteps. Lovingly, Sally*

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**Sarah Nachamkin, sister** - March 14, 2025 at 10:37 AM

AO

“ *I was lucky enough to share many memories with Philip as well as Georgia. They both were awesome Grandparents to my sons Reid and Drake. Both Georgia and Phil loved my boys unconditionally and made sure they knew that by their loving actions. My memories with Phil were watching him interact with my sons, surf , soccer and all of his books... Georgia and Phil were always supportive of their sons, Jeremy, John and peter.. They helped out our families when we need them. I will miss them.*

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**Alanna Overholt** - August 22, 2023 at 05:21 PM

JD

“ Thinking of everyone with the memorial today.  
My life is richer for having known and worked with Phil while at Tyndale.  
He is now meeting up again with Georgia and many others--some after a long time, like fellow editor J. D. Douglas.  
A line from one of Phil's own poems seems appropriate--similar emotions, different context:  
"Glad for your journey. Sad for our parting. It's death--each exodus."  
("38. surfing Hawaii," in Phil's little collection called Oceanic.)  
May God bless the whole family with peace and with vivid memories of Phil at his best.

Jason Driesbach

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Jason Driesbach - January 30, 2023 at 12:44 PM

EC

“ On behalf of the Upper Arlington High School Class of 1969, I would like to express our deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved family member and our friend, Phil, who will be missed by those of us who grew up with him in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

During our 55-year reunion in 2024, we will honor all our classmates who have gone before us, and if someone from the family can contact Ellen Isaly Clark at [ellenclark@gmail.com](mailto:ellenclark@gmail.com), we would like to send you an invitation when the time comes. Our ceremony is a very meaningful and inspirational event that we hold every five years.

Please know that our class held Phil in high regard, and that our warm memories of him will keep us close. Thank you.

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Ellen Clark - January 17, 2023 at 06:06 PM

AC

*Thank you*

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**Angela Comfort** - January 28, 2023 at 06:03 PM

SN

*We were blessed to have Philip as a wonderful and inspirational part of our family for so many years. As his sister-in-law, we became close and shared so many special memories as the years passed. His devotion to God was a precious gift to our family, which he always shared when we gathered. We will deeply miss his smile, his gentle spirit, his sense of humor, his life with us. Rest in peace Philip and know how much we will forever keep you in our hearts. We know you and Georgia are now together and our guardian angels.  
Lovingly,*

*The Nachamkin and Riser families*

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**Sarah Nachamkin** - January 30, 2023 at 06:09 AM

AC

“ *Phil was my father in law.*

*He was a proud papa to our sons Sage and Jonah. He always tried to make it down to watch their games growing up.*

*He was always full of joy when we could get together.*

*I'm so thankful that he was able to see Jonah graduate high school this last May.*

*He and Georgia would drop everything and be at our sides in times when we needed them most.*

*I am grateful to have had such loving in-laws.*

*John and I just celebrated our 20th anniversary on Dec.28.*

*I know he and Georgia are watching over us.*

*We miss you both dearly.*

*Angela Comfort*



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**Angela Comfort** - January 08, 2023 at 11:29 AM