



Philip "Phil" Dagato

September 18, 1948 - February 20, 2025

Philip "Phil" Dagato, age 76 lost his battle with ALS in his wife's arms on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Phil was born in Jersey City, NJ on September 18, 1948, to the late Joseph and Lola Ortense, Dagato.

Capturing the essence of a life that left an indelible mark on the world is challenging in just a few words. Serving with pride in the US Army during the Vietnam War, he embodied love and gentleness, was never a stranger to anyone. He was a Fireman from 1975 to 2001, and he retired as a fire captain from Jersey City Fire Department.

Phil is survived by his wife and best friend of 27 years, Joanne (Traola) Dagato; sons Joseph Dagato and his wife Nicole Vasile, Jason Dagato and his wife Danielle Corsillo; stepdaughters Christine Concepcion and her husband Ronnie and Elinor Cappadonna; grandchildren Joseph, Owen, Colton and Kiara; step grandchildren Aidan, Jaxon, Catherine, Audrey and Blaise, Jr. and his wife Deissey; step great-grandchildren Eliana and Anthony; brother Craig Jakubowski and his wife Donna Jakubowski; nephew Anthony and he has a daughter Genevieve. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Refreshments and a remembrance of Phil will be held from 10:00–11:00 AM on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Goldfinch Funeral Home Celebration Center, before meeting at Florence National Cemetery for his inurnment with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Phil's memory to The ALS Association at <https://www.als.org>.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Phil and I go back to grammar school. I spent many a day in his house with his mother and Tony. Sorry to hear of his passing. Take Care Joe Hannon*

Joe Hannon - May 29, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip "Phil" Dagato.*



March 04, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip "Phil" Dagato.*

March 04, 2025 at 09:37 AM

MJ

“ *The members of Engine 17 and Ladder 11 want to send our deepest condolences to your family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in peace Captain Degato*



Mario Rivera Jr - March 03, 2025 at 07:33 PM

CW

“ *Cornelia (Connie) Warren lit a candle in memory of Philip "Phil" Dagato*



Cornelia (Connie) Warren - February 28, 2025 at 05:39 PM

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“ *I met Phil as a fellow volunteer with the local American Red Cross Chapter in Myrtle Beach. Over the years I learned Phil loved and treasured his wife Joanne, was a retired foreman from the New York area and would stand on the Conway bridge every year to honor his fallen comrades during the terrorist attack and retired from the military (not sure which branch). It was an honor to know Phil and pleasure to work beside him as an Red Cross Volunteer. My thoughts and prayers go to Joanne and the family..*

Cornelia (Connie) Warren - February 28, 2025 at 05:38 PM