



Philip L. Morley

October 4, 1947 - April 8, 2014

(Philip Lyons Morley obituary for Adrian Daily Telegram. Date of death: April 8, 2014)

Philip Lyons Morley, 66, a resident of the River Wilderness community in Parrish and developer of a new line of insurance for golf courses, died Tuesday at home.

An avid golfer, he played youth baseball and was on the Fletcher High track team at Jacksonville Beach, FL. Mr. Morley graduated from the University of Florida in 1969 with a degree in business management and began his career in Jacksonville with Commercial Union Insurance Co. He earned the CPCU (commercial property casualty underwriter) designation. He moved to the Boston area before taking a position with Kapnick Insurance Group, of Adrian, helping develop the agency into one of the nation's largest insurance brokers and becoming senior vice president at the company.

His interests in insurance and golf led him to spot an underserved niche in property insurance. He created a program to provide coverage that meets the special needs of golf courses and country clubs.

A gregarious, friendly man who most called Phil, he was a devoted husband, proud father, enthusiastic about sports, and interested in community. He

collected many friends with his humor and smile. In Adrian, he was a member of the Lenawee Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. Two of his favorite songs, “Wonderful World” and “Danny Boy” expressed his passion for life and his Irish heritage.

Mr. Morley was born in Norwich, CT, and moved to Jacksonville with his family when he was in 6th grade. They settled at Jacksonville Beach. At a teenage dance, he took notice of a young lady wearing a dress with a big bow and immediately took a liking to her. They married in 1968, pledging a mutual devotion that never waned.

In addition to his wife, Shirley, Mr. Morley leaves two daughters, Catherine Morley, of Venice Beach, CA, and Jennifer Morley, of Chatsworth, CA; a son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Viviana Morley, of Adrian, MI; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Henry Stokes, of Germantown, TN; a sister-in-law, Katherine Park, of Kansas City; and a brother-in-law, Patrick Park, of Covington, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Carolyn McCormick Morley, and his grandfather, Daniel McCormick (all who came to Jacksonville from Norwich), and by a brother-in-law, Micheal Park..

A celebration of Mr. Morley’s life will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the River Wilderness Golf & Country Club, 2250 Wilderness Blvd. West, Parrish, FL. 34219. (941) 776-2691.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the River Wilderness Club fund to purchase automatic defibrillators and CPR training for the community. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian, Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Philip L. Morley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Shirley, I am so saddened to hear of Phil's passing and your loss. He was always so congenial and positive at the LCC and played such a great game of golf. Larry never came home without a story or a mention of a good time when they played together. My heart is with you and your family. Cindy Opelt*

Cynthia Opelt - April 27, 2014 at 04:43 PM



“ *Shirley, So very sorry for your loss of your dear husband Phil, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Pam Lacey Guistino*



Pam Lacey Guistino - April 16, 2014 at 03:32 PM



“ *Condolences to the Morley family. May God be with you and may loving memories fill your heart with peace and joy. Turning to God in prayer can be a source of true comfort. Please be assured of God's love (1 Peter 5:7).*

Williams Family - April 16, 2014 at 01:41 PM

JF

“ *Dear Shirley and Family,
We were saddened to hear of Phil's passing. You're in our prayers
and may you sense The Lord's arms around you and His perfect
peace. All the best to you.
Dave and Judy Fooks*

Judy Fooks - April 15, 2014 at 08:40 PM

EH

“ *Shirley, Cathy and Family,
I am so very sad to hear about Phil. I remember how much he loved
all his kids and how Cathy always made him laugh. He had a kind
and gentle smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Elizabeth Herr-Chier - April 15, 2014 at 06:44 AM

AP

“ *Aunt Shirley and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep all of
you in my prayers and thoughts. Wish I had a chance to meet Phil
sounds like he was a wonderful person. Love, Allison*

Allison Park - April 14, 2014 at 05:57 PM

JN

“ Shirley and Family:

So sorry to hear of Phil's passing. Many great memories of him not only in the office but also on the golf course. He was a great mentor. He taught me a lot of insurance knowledge but also more importantly how to treat people. I will think about his smooth swing every time I play. 220 yards down the middle with a little draw. He will be missed.

Jim and Jayne Near



James Near - April 14, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ Dear Shirley, I can't tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I'm sure you've heard lots of wonderful thoughts about Phil already. In my mind they are all true. I remember so many wonderful times with you both and with the Scott's and Bunkes and many others who loved calling you friends. Phil was one of those rare people who never thought ill of anyone and who always had a smile on his face. The world is a less beautiful without him. May God give you peace and comfort now and always. Nancy Teets

Nancy Teets - April 13, 2014 at 03:42 PM

PC

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all the Morley family.

Phil and Barb Covell - April 13, 2014 at 11:16 AM

NP

“ *Nancy Purnell lit a candle in memory of Philip L. Morley*



Nancy Purnell - April 12, 2014 at 07:10 PM

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“ *Shirley and family,*

We were shocked to hear about Phil's passing. We are with you in thoughts and prayers. He was such a wonderful man and a joy to work with-we will remember him always.

Doug and Alice Miller

Alice Miller - April 12, 2014 at 05:11 PM