



# Philip Drew

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## **Philip Drew**

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**P**hilip Drew, 88, of Liverpool, passed away Wednesday at home with his family by his side. Philip was born in Syracuse and served with the U.S. Army during WWII. He was employed by the City of Syracuse Water Department for 38 years, retiring in 1988. Philip was an avid NY Yankees fan and Syracuse University sports fan. Philip was an all around "great person" who was loved by all who met him. He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor Drew in 1999. Philip is survived by his daughter, Susan Drew and her partner, Tracy Foster and their son, Benjamin Drew Foster, who is Philip's grandson; his sister, Marjorie "Peggy" Allegrini of MA and his beloved dog, "Jeter". Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday at 8:00 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME and 9:00 am in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church. Burial will follow in Onondaga Valley Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY on Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Contributions in Philip's memory may be made to the SPCA.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Friday**, January 13, 2012

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



## Service

**Saturday**, January 14, 2012

8:00 AM ET

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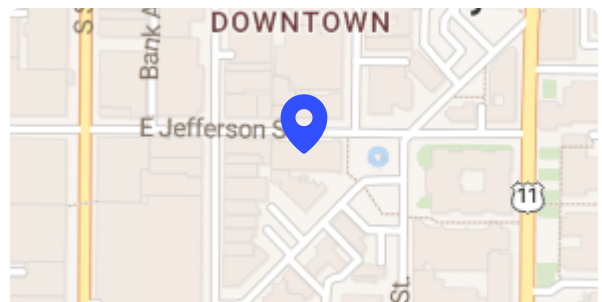


## Funeral Mass

**Saturday**, January 14, 2012

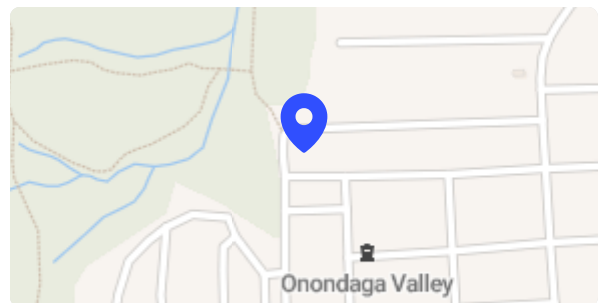
9:00 AM ET

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**  
259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13202



## Cemetery Details

**Onondaga Valley Cemetery**  
2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse NY 13205





## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



January 10 at 8:00 PM



**Jamie E. Stowell** posted:

Dear Sue, Tracy, and Ben, The best of us is gone! His passing is an incalculable loss to all who knew him. Uncle Phil was the greatest single man I've ever known and I'm so thankful I was lucky enough to have been part of his family. He will never be forgotten. Love, Jamie

January 21 at 6:00 PM



**Stephen Driscoll** posted:

Dear Sue & Family I am sorry to read about your loss of your Dad. I knew him to be a gentle man and a gentleman; such a nice guy. I enjoyed our visits so much; it was clear how much he loved you and how proud he was of you. I wish you and yours all the best... Steve Driscoll

January 16 at 11:41 AM



**Kathleen Gaffney-Babb** posted:

Sue, Tracy And Ben, I'm sorry I missed the calling hours tonight. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Dad will always be a part of you. In time, his memories will bring more comfort than sorrow and loss. You gave him a great life! You gave him a grandson! He will live on in all of you.

January 13 at 4:39 PM



**Elaine A Nd Terry Allegrini** posted:

Terry has fond memories of Phil dating back to the day he arrived home from the war and the day he married Eleanor. He remembers Phil teaching him to drive even before he was 16. As our family grew, we would travel to Syracuse each summer where a visit with Uncle Phil was always a highlight. He was indeed a great guy. Love Terry and Elaine

January 13 at 1:55 PM



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**Heidi Minihkeim** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Philip's passing. I groomed Jeter and the dog before him for many years. I always enjoyed his and Eleanor's company. They would always stay and visit, we had many good chats! Heidi Minihkeim

January 13 at 9:26 AM



**Kelly Mahar** posted:

Sue, Tracy, and Ben, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's/granfather's passing. He was the best neighbor and friend anyone could ask for. We will always have fond memories of Mr. Drew working out in his yard or on his house, and stopping whatever he was doing to say hello. He was a wonderful man and will forever be in our memories. Love, Dan, Kelly (Moran), DJ, Patrick & Alanna Mahar

January 12 at 2:49 PM



**Jack Allegrini** posted:

Uncle Phil as he was known to me, was my surrogate father whenever we were together during our trips to "grammas". He was both kind and generous with his time and on my 10th birthday he provided me with the most wonderful toy racing boat that I had ever seen. As I grew into adulthood he could always be relied on for a good laugh and a kind word. His only fault was that he was a Yankee fan and we discussed this on many occasions. The problem with being a really terrific person is that when you pass you leave a hole in the hearts of many people and you can count me among them....thanks for being there for me.....To Sue Tracy and Ben I would like to express my sincere sorrow for your loss.....Jack Allegrini

January 12 at 8:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Light to the Drew family.



January 12 at 7:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Drew family.



January 12 at 6:43 AM



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**Maureen Dowd** posted:

SUE, TRACY AND BEN,I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I HAVE ALOT OF GREAT MEMORIES OF PHIL.I KNOW THERE WERE TIMES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT BUT BELIEVE ME YOU WILL BE SO GLAD THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO BE THERE AND TAKE CARE OFYOUR DAD IN HIS FINAL YEARS.LOVE MO AND AL

January 12 at 5:01 AM



**Emily Stowell** January 13 at 1:25 PM

Dear Sue and Family,I am so, so sorry for your loss. This is incredibly sad news. I remember Uncle Phil as the kindest of of men. He was always so welcoming, offering me a treat and laugh. He shared with me stories about my grandmother and Eleanor when they were young, and once gave me a trove of old pictures that I still treasure. We'll be thinking of you and remembering Uncle Phil.Love,Emily Stowell



**Charmaine Sobolowski** lit a candle in honor of Philip .



January 11 at 2:32 PM



**Charmaine Sobolowski** January 11 at 2:38 PM

Sue, Tracy and Ben,I am so sorry for your loss. Phil was honestly one of the nicest people I have ever known. I truly enjoyed my stays with him, he was so kind, appreciative and truly a gentlemen. He will be missed.My sincerest sympathy,Love, Aunt Char



**Catherine M Smith** lit a candle in honor of Philip .



Sue,Tracy and Ben,Let us be the first to offer our sincerest sympathy to each of you. Uncle Phil was a very special guy who has left each person in our family with very special memories. We will never forget the wonderful times we have shared with him. We are fortunate to have walked this earth the same time that he did and he will always remain in our hearts.Love,Peggy, Smitty, Cathy, Caitlin and Chris

January 11 at 1:08 PM



## Media

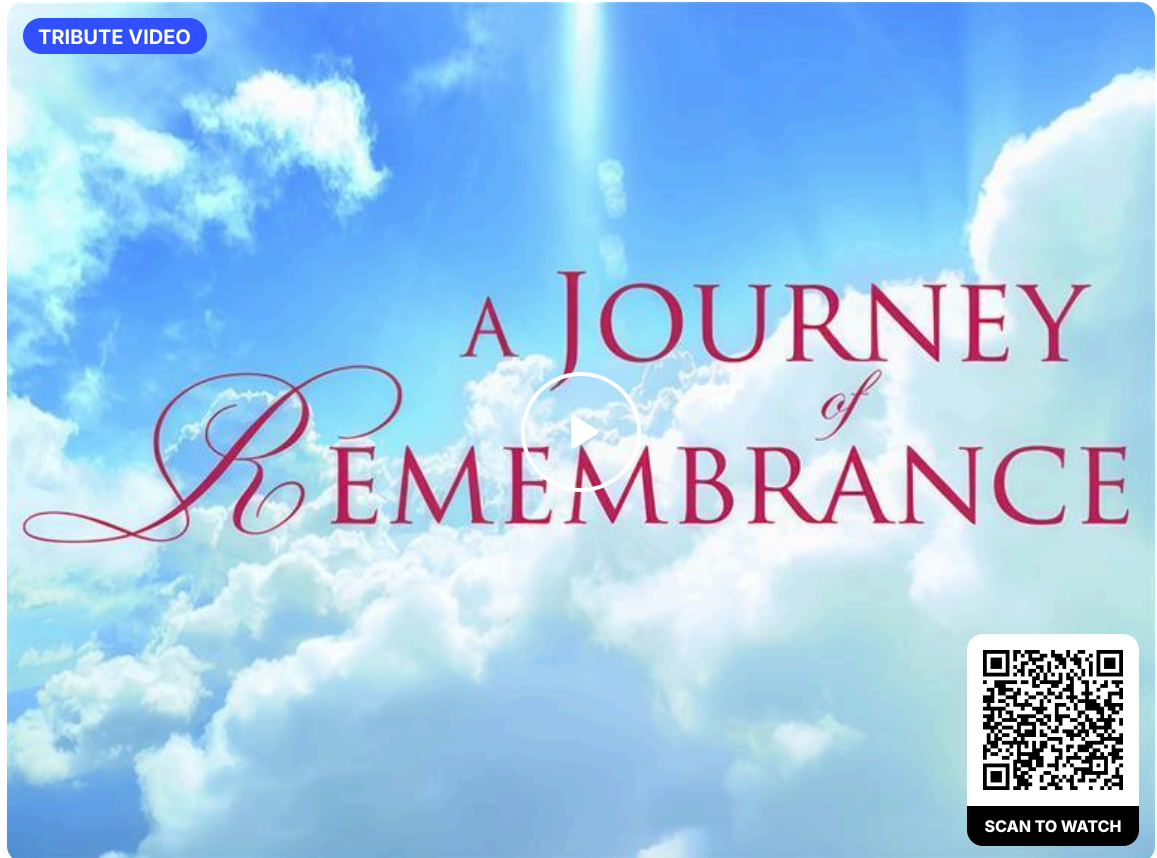
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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Philip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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