



## Mr. Phillip J. "Phil" Perry

July 16, 1973 - December 3, 2021

CLINTON/UTICA - Phillip J. "Phil" Perry, age 48, passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021 with his brother, family, and his personal healthcare aide by his side.

Born in Utica on July 16, 1973, Phillip was the son of the late William "Billy" Perry Jr. and Mary Lou (Barkett) Perry. He was a graduate of Utica Senior Academy at Proctor/Class of 1991. He continued his education at MVCC where he concentrated his studies in Computer Science.

Phil began his work career at the Bank of America Call Center. He also held a position at Human Technology Corporation, and lastly, was a graphic website designer, a skill and calling he truly enjoyed. Although Phil was wheelchair bound from birth and faced life with physical limitations, he was courageous and conveyed great strength throughout his lifetime. As a youngster, he loved to swim and was fortunate to have a pool of his own in his back yard. A kind-hearted young man, he supported anyone who was an "underdog". His big brother Billy, who has many friends, always included Phil in their circle. Phil was a jokester, and he was downright funny! He was social, and a bit quiet, but his dry humor was always hysterical, and entertaining. Phil favored the sport of hockey, and the Richardson Ave crew always positioned him as goalie because it was so tough getting the puck by him! He also followed local softball leagues, always cheering for his favorite teams and was an avid pool player. Best of all, Phil and his posse of friends always enjoyed hanging out and having a good time.

Fiercely independent, Phil always faced his difficulties with fortitude and optimism. He was blessed with a mother who raised him as a single mom and he loved her dearly for all that she could do for him. His brother Billy was a big support to him, and they shared a special, unbreakable bond. His uncle and aunt, John and Patt, were not only family, but they were his godparents who helped in his upbringing as well. Phil enjoyed a great relationship with them and it was one of his greatest blessings. He was also graced with the friendship of his longtime caregiver and aide, Patty, who watched over him with great devotion. But above all, he cherished his childhood in spite of his physical limitations because it was full of fun times and crazy adventures, ...a life well-lived with hope and laughter.

Phillip is survived by his brother, William P. "Billy" Perry III. His life was enriched with the love of his uncle and aunt, John and Patricia Barkett and their children Barbara Barkett, and her daughter Gabriella; and John and Lisa Barkett and their children Grace, and Jack Barkett; and Anthony Barkett; as well as additional cousins. He is also survived by his caregiver, Patty Stoffle; and his late Mom's husband, Leon "Red" Wittig. There were many fond memories shared with his longtime friends, Emile Charbel, and Chris Johnson. He was predeceased by his mom, Mary Lou (Barkett) Wittig; his dad, William "Billy" Perry Jr.; maternal grandparents, George and Susan (Lewis) Barkett; paternal grandparents, William and Elvira (DeRoberts) Perry; and his several aunts and uncles, including George F. "Sonny" Barkett, Richard "Dick" Barkett, and Barbara Spinella.

The family extends their appreciation to the MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare ICU nurses and staff who were outstanding and compassionate; and Fr. Boutros El Hachem who offered his presence bedside with comforting prayers.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed which will be celebrated on Friday morning, December 17, 2021 at 10:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger Street, Utica. Regardless of vaccination status, face masks are required in church, to

remain in compliance with the state and county mask order.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-6019

# Tribute Wall

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“ MESSAGE FROM THE SEA SNIPERS:

*Philip was known to us as Skinny -- short for [SS]Skinman -- which was his nickname when gaming online.*

*Skinny applied for the team in 2009 but we our roster full. And he applied again in 2010, but we were full. Using his tenacity that we all knew and loved, in 2012 he reapplied and was accepted into the recruitment process for our gaming clan.*

*Our recruitment process is grueling. More than 50 able-bodied men had tried and failed, but not Skinny. Even with his unique issues, he found a way to complete all of the tasks necessary to become a full-fledged member of the Sea Snipers.*

*Over the course of 8 years, Skinny also became our brother. He was always there for practices and matches and went from being OK at gaming, to one of our best players. Highly decorated by his peers and infinitely dedicated to the team, he was a selfless tough guy with a heart of gold.*

*He came to us in awe of who we were and what we'd done, and he left us as a tougher-than-nails warrior.*

*[SS]Skinman exemplified what it meant to be a Sea Sniper. We were lucky to have met and served with him. With all of his issues he never complained and helped others in need.*

*He was a Sea Sniper, and he was what is best in men. He was also our friend and our brother -- and he will be missed.*

*SEMPER FRATRES - Always Brothers*

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[SS]Shooter - December 16, 2021 at 03:58 PM

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*Skinman Forever - Forever Skinman!*

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**[SS]Shooter** - December 16, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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*Rest easy Skinny, we've got it from here brother.*

*Semper Fratres*

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**[SS] Tuefel Hunden** - December 16, 2021 at 04:34 PM

BB

*Dearest Sea Snipers, We cannot begin to thank you for these beautiful tributes. If anyone is local we would love for you to join us for Phil's, aka Skinny's, service tomorrow. Please comment again. Xoxo Phil's family*

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**Barbara Barkett** - December 16, 2021 at 07:13 PM

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*Rest in peace brother, you will be missed!*

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**[SS] Snakebite** - December 17, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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*Rest In Peace Skinny, my friend, my brother. Semper Fratres!*

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**[SS]SportoFu** - December 17, 2021 at 08:16 PM



*Skinny, you've been a brother for years and this last year you really lived up to it.*

*When Jillian was going through her surgery, you were there for me, any time of day. You would see me log on and would join to chat - even if you didn't like the game.*

*You shared a lot of what you went through, you were there to listen to me scream and cry in frustration and helped me pick my ass off the ground.*

*My girls always asked if Skinny was playing so they could say Hi to you, I regret all the times I told them 'not now'. You were a part of family and I hope you knew how much you meant to all of us, and how much I appreciated your support.*

*Forever my friend, forever my brother! Semper Frates!*

**Ryan Beagley** - December 23, 2021 at 04:51 PM



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**[SS]Shooter** - December 16, 2021 at 03:52 PM



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**[SS]Shooter** - December 16, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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[SS]Shooter - December 16, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JB

“ I'll always remember Phillip coming to the Little League games to watch his brother Billy play. He was a funny, boisterous fan-who so enjoyed cheering on his team. Prayers to Billy and all of the family and friends who will miss this courageous man. Joyce Burke

Joyce Burke - December 15, 2021 at 02:57 PM

SR

“ Susan E Rahauiser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip J. "Phil" Perry



Susan E Rahauiser - December 14, 2021 at 10:05 PM

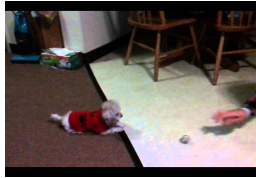
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R.I.P LOVE AND GOD BLESS YOU.

Susan E Rahauiser - December 14, 2021 at 10:07 PM

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[SS]Shooter - December 14, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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A video Skinny sent us of his beloved toy poodle, Cotton!

[SS]Shooter - December 16, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip J. "Phil" Perry.



December 14, 2021 at 12:16 PM

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[SS]Shooter - December 14, 2021 at 12:13 PM

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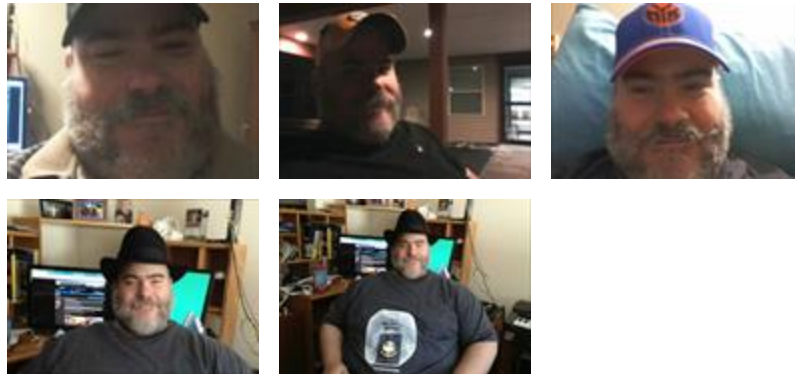


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[SS]Shooter - December 14, 2021 at 11:07 AM

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[SS]Shooter - December 14, 2021 at 11:05 AM

AC

“ Billy

*I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Philip. My best memories was the fun we all had swimming in your pool. Couldn't get Philip out he lived it so much. You are in my prayers*

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A. Mark Cavalier - December 14, 2021 at 06:52 AM

HK

“ My son Richard and I lived in an apartment floor which was right next to his apartment! He always had a special greeting for us, always so cheerful! He then moved downstairs in the apartment complex, but we always made it a point to go return all the his greetings now to him! God rest his soul. 🙏🕊️

Helen A. Koury - December 13, 2021 at 06:23 AM

PC

“ I was Phillips babysitter when he was younger always a beautiful smile he would light up a room! I will miss you baby cousin! Fly pain free! 💔🙏❤️



Patty Cittadino - December 12, 2021 at 08:45 PM

RB

“ Rest In Peace Philip . Fly high with the Angels .

Rosemary Brown - December 11, 2021 at 05:59 PM

RB

“ Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip J. "Phil" Perry



Rosemary Brown - December 11, 2021 at 05:57 PM

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Teacher assistant from HR Jones .

Rosemary Brown - December 11, 2021 at 06:00 PM

TM

*I worked with Philip as a volunteer with the Cerebral Palsy center, many, many years ago. Philip was such a delight to work with, we had many good times. God bless you buddy!*

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**Thomas Mazza** - December 14, 2021 at 11:41 AM