



Philip Myron Phemister

September 30, 1947 - March 15, 2026

Philip Myron Phemister passed away March 15, 2026, at the Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver. He was 78.

Phil was born to Prentice and Claudine Phemister in Port Angeles, Washington on September 30, 1947. He lived there until graduation from high school in 1966 when he began his active duty in the Navy, having already served 2 years in the Naval Reserve while still in school. During his active duty, he was proud to be stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, serving in the Southeast Asia arena.

After leaving the Navy, he attended Seattle Central Community College training to be a Dental Technician, followed by attending Central Washington State College in Ellensburg, earning his bachelor's degree while practicing in the dental field. Later, he took additional classes at Portland State University becoming an elementary teacher, working in the Vancouver School District, first at Fruit Valley Elementary, and later at Felida Elementary. He retired after 30 years.

Retirement gave him more time to focus on his new passion: taking care of the 5 acres of land in Battle Ground, Washington on which he and his wife, Peggy, were living. He, and his tractor, were often seen working on his property, or helping a neighbor to do some job on their property.

He also enjoyed viewing vintage movies from many different genres. His favorites were science fiction, westerns, and musicals.

Phil was on a first name basis with all the pets in the neighborhood whether

dogs, pigs, ducks, or chickens.

Phil is survived by his wife of 53 years, Peggy; his brother David and sister-in-law Linda; his cousin Pam Alleman and her husband Tony; a niece, Mary; nephews Steven, Jared, Brent, and Nathan; and in-laws Deb and Lyle Cushman and Barbara and Mark Mendiola. He was preceded in death by his parents and three cousins.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 9, at 12:30 PM at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the amazing caregivers at AAA Adult Family Home, and those at the Ray Hickey Hospice House.

Tribute Wall

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“ Fred and Tina Moorehead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Myron Phemister.

Fred and Tina Moorehead - April 04 at 09:35 PM

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“ Fred and Tina Moorehead purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Philip Myron Phemister.



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“ We moved to Battle Ground in 2012 and felt right at home next to all the great neighbors but especially to Phil and Peggy. Phil was always a kind and gentle man and always working. Always a generous and friendly soul, he helped us out many times with his trusty tractor! I found that I had much in common with Phil - his love of music from the 60's and 70's, his affection for Disney animated films, and his embrace of science fiction. I considered him like an older brother. Fred and I will miss him dearly. Fred and Tina Moorehead

Tina and Fred Moorehead - April 04 at 09:27 PM