



## Philip W. Santa Barbara

March 4, 1931 - July 4, 2005

Mr. Philip Santa Barbara, age 74, died suddenly on July 4, 2005 at Underwood Memorial Hospital. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and was a resident of South Jersey for 46 years. Beloved and devoted husband of 50 years to Gerradine Santa Barbara. (Simmonds) Loving father to Bill & Sandy Santa Barbara and Gail Capelli & fiancé Scott Spurlock. The most wonderful grandfather to Alisa and Lauren Capelli. Brother to Marie Santa Barbara. Phil was best known for his bright smile, constant laughter, funny jokes and Korean War stories. His favorite past time was spending time with his family. He will be missed by many and will forever live on in our hearts!

Services were private at Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery. A beautiful graveside memorial for family and friends was held on Friday, July 8, 2005. Donations on behalf of Philip can be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Miss and love you so much Dad!  
Give Mommy and Billy a huge hug for me!  
xoxo*

Gail M Spurlock - December 06, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ *Philip W. Santa Barbara*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM

GS

“ *Happy Birthday Dad! Wish we could all be together to celebrate your special day. You would just love Al and Jordan! And they would have loved you! Wish they had gotten to know the great man that you are! I know you're looking down on them and smiling. Enjoying them from heaven. They truly are the sunshine in my life! Love and miss all of you so much! xoxo*

Gail Spurlock - March 04, 2018 at 10:29 AM

GS

“ *Dad, please take care of Mommy for me. I know my job is done but I still feel like I should be taking care of her. It's so hard not having her here. I miss you both so very much! Love and miss you! Love, Gail xoxo*



Gail Spurlock - November 25, 2017 at 06:06 PM



GS

“ I always know you're there Dad! You have no idea how much that means to me! And the signs you're leaving for me... I have never felt your presence as much as I do now! Keep working your magic! AI needs it. So does your granddaughter! Watch over her. She needs your guidance..now more than ever! I miss you so very much! Xoxo

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Gail Spurlock - October 15, 2014 at 10:18 PM

GS

“ July 4th, 2005...Hard to believe you're gone 9 yrs! Miss your smile, your laugh, your voice and the way you always started your phone messages...Gail, this is your dad.. Like I wouldn't know who you were! Luckily...I still have one recorded message from you to listen to whenever I miss you. Wish you were here to see AI grow up. You would just love him to pieces! And he would love and adore you just like we do! Continue to watch over us! Love & miss you Daddy! XOXO

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Gail Spurlock - July 02, 2014 at 10:22 PM

GS

“ Happy Birthday Dad! I really do miss you so much. Wish you were here to enjoy AI. You would have had so much fun with him and he would have loved you to pieces. I know I had my doubts that you were watching over us but when we needed you the most and when the timing was right, you were right there standing beside me and made sure that the world was finally made right & safe for our little guy! I knew 100% it was you that took care of him! You answered my prayers! Continue to watch over us and keep him safe with us always! Love you Dad!

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Gail Spurlock - March 03, 2014 at 10:50 PM

GS

“ *Love and Miss You Dad!!!*

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**Gail Spurlock** - August 06, 2013 at 01:18 PM

GS

“ *Thinking about you Dad... Miss you so very much! Keep us all safe!  
xoxo*

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**Gail Spurlock** - October 10, 2012 at 09:50 PM

GS

“ *Happy Father's Day Dad. Remembering all the good times we had  
together! Love & Miss You!*

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**Gail Spurlock** - June 19, 2011 at 07:25 PM

GA

“ *Missing you on this Memorial Day weekend.... Love, Gail xoxoxox*

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**Gail** - May 27, 2011 at 04:24 PM

GA

“ *Happy Birthday Dad! Love you lots and miss you even more! Love,  
Gail*

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**Gail** - March 03, 2011 at 10:28 PM

GS

“ *Happy Christmas Billy... You are very much loved and missed! I feel  
such an emptiness now that your gone... Mommy misses you so  
much! Hope you and Daddy are having fun times up in Heaven...  
Love from Mommy & Gail XO XO*

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**Gail Spurlock** - December 14, 2010 at 06:16 PM

GS

“ Happy Thanksgiving Dad & Billy... Love, Gail XOXOXO

Gail Spurlock - November 25, 2010 at 09:31 PM

GA

“ To my favorite Veteran.. Love & Miss you Dad!!! Love, Gail XOXOXOXOX

Gail - November 11, 2010 at 05:25 PM

GA

“ Hard to believe it's been 5 yrs since you left us. And a year since we saw Billy for the last time... Love and miss both of you more than you could ever know!!! XOXOXO Love, Mommy & Gail

Gail - July 01, 2010 at 12:21 PM

GS

“ Happy Father's Day Dad! Happy Birthday Billy! (June 20th) Love You! Mommy & Gail XOXOXOXOXOXOX

Gail Spurlock - June 18, 2010 at 06:46 AM

GS

“ Happy Memorial Day to my favorite Korean War Veteran! Love You Dad!

Gail Spurlock - May 28, 2010 at 06:38 AM



GA

“ I'm at a loss Dad...what should I wish for? I just don't know... Please look over Billy...decide what's best. And give Mommy and I the strength to get through it.... We need you to wrap your arms around all of us right now... We need you so much! Love and miss you..LOTS!

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**Gail** - December 10, 2009 at 05:31 PM

GS

“ My mother in law Carolyn is joining you in heaven..Introduce yourself, she is a wonderful lady...and she'll enjoy your jokes! Love you dad... Gail

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**Gail Spurlock** - November 29, 2009 at 09:22 PM

GS

“ Happy Veterans Day to my favorite and most loved soldier! Love and Miss you Dad!!! xoxoxoxoxoxoxo Love, Gail

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**Gail Spurlock** - November 11, 2009 at 02:17 PM

GS

“ We all miss you so much dad. Four years have come and gone and I wish so much that you were here to see Lauren graduate college and your great grandson grow. You would love him and he would love you! I miss your smile, sense of humor and hearing your voice. They say it gets easier as the years go by. It doesn't. It just gets different. Continue to watch over us dad. You will forever be in our hearts and memories. Love you... Gail

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**Gail Spurlock** - July 03, 2009 at 06:58 PM

GA

“ Happy early Father's Day Dad! Boy do I miss you! I think you sent us another gift today! (besides, your great grandson and your name sake) Your granddaughter was offered a job at a Veteran's Facility and she accepted! You would be proud of her dad! She is going to help Vets! Who would have thought! Wish you would have seen her finish college and then grad school. You were her light in life. Mine too! Love & Miss you....Gail

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Gail - June 19, 2009 at 04:05 PM

GA

“ Happy Memorial Day Dad! I wish you were still here to tell your great grandson, Alijah Philip all your Korean war stories! I will keep your memory alive and will tell him stories about what a great dad and pop you were. Miss you soooo much! Love You...Gail

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Gail - May 23, 2009 at 11:02 AM

GA

“ Let's be a little more original this year... Happy Birthday Dad. Wish you were here to enjoy your name sake and great grandson Alijah Philip. He is a cutie and brings me worlds of happiness! Even at the worst of times! I only hope I can be the kind of grandparent that you were to Alisa and Lauren. Watch over him and send all great things his way. Love You... Your Favorite Daughter, Gail

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Gail - March 04, 2009 at 10:55 AM

GA

“ Happy Birthday Dad... Love and miss you very much!!! Love, Mommy & Gail

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Gail - March 04, 2009 at 10:39 AM

GA

“ Happy Birthday Dad! I love and miss you very, very much! Love, Gail

Gail - March 04, 2008 at 09:01 AM

GS

“ Wish you were here Dad!!!

Gail Spurlock - July 04, 2007 at 10:16 AM

GS

“ Two years... I know I don't have to say what I'm feeling dad. I know you know! Love & Miss You! Love, Gail

Gail Spurlock - July 03, 2007 at 07:44 PM

GS

“ Dad, Take care of Linda now! She's a lot of fun and I will truly miss her!!! Love, Gail

Gail Spurlock - April 16, 2007 at 09:15 PM

GA

“ Dad, Please welcome Linda when her time comes. Take her soon. Don't let her suffer anymore. When she gets there, please take care of her and tell her I love her and will miss her very much. Love you dad!! Love, Gail

Gail - April 14, 2007 at 11:29 PM

GS

“ March 4th  
Happy Birthday Dad... I love and miss you, very, very, much. Love, Gail

Gail Spurlock - March 04, 2007 at 10:44 AM



GA

“ You know what I'm thinking and how I'm feeling. No need to write it for you to know. That's a bond we've always shared. We'll keep it in our hearts, where it belongs! Keep smiling. I love you dad!!!

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**Gail** - May 26, 2006 at 05:07 PM

GA

“ Hard to believe your gone 10 months already! How we all miss you! I wish I could see your face, hear the sound of your voice and laughter just one more time. Even if it was only in a dream! Mommy misses you soooo much! Please look down on her and give her the strength to get through my wedding day without you! I've got lots of special things planned for her. I know nothing I do will replace the feelings she's feeling for you that day but I'm just hoping it eases her pain, even if just for a moment or two. Keep watching over us daddy and always know that you are never forgotten and very much loved and missed! Love you... Gail XOXOOXOXOXOO

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**Gail** - May 04, 2006 at 01:26 PM

GA

“ Happy Birtday Dad! (March 4th) God how I miss you!!! Twice cheated, 1st your 50th wedding anniversary and now your 75th birthday! But we'll be there for you tomorrow, by your graveside, to help you celebrate. If that's what you call it.... And we will surprise mommy with a heart charm with your picture etched into it so that you will forever be close to her heart! Love & Miss You.. Love, Gail

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**Gail** - March 03, 2006 at 06:19 AM



MB

“ Dear Phil, You were loved by many people. You were always there for me. Now I feel an emptiness that no one else can fill. My consolation is that I know there are others who feel this way too. I am not alone with my feelings. I miss you! Always, Your Baby Sister

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**Marie Santa Barbara** - December 21, 2005 at 06:01 AM

TS

“ Dear Phil, In this crazy, fast moving world along comes a person with an easy manner, a quick smile and an infectious laugh to remind us all how wonderful life can be. You had a way of bringing a little magic to our everyday world. God gave you the gift of laughter Phil. Thanks for sharing that gift so generously. Can't think about you without smiling. Thank you for the memories.  
God Bless You! Love, Thom & Eileen

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**Thom & Eileen Simmonds** - November 24, 2005 at 09:54 AM

GC

“ It's been 4 months since you passed Dad. I can't even begin to tell you how much I miss you. It took me this long to actually write my feelings down! You were the VERY BEST Dad any daughter could have ever asked for! I miss your smile, laugh, sense of humor, jokes, our breakfast's together and most of all, the love you gave me all through my life. I could always count on you to be there for me and the girls! I will NEVER forget your loving ways! Alisa and Lauren got the most wonderful grandfather that life could have ever given them. And Mommy was blessed to have had you as a husband for the 50 years you were together! I am trying really hard to fill your shoes and take care of her the way you would want me to. I hope you are looking down from above and see the bond that has grown between me and mommy! You would be proud of her! She is stronger than I could ever imagine! Watch over all of us Dad and keep us safe & strong! Love & Miss You With All My Heart!  
Love, Gail

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**Gail Capelli** - November 04, 2005 at 04:53 PM

SB

“ To the beautiful Italian father of my beautiful Italian husband. I love you, Sandy

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**Sandra Santa Barbara** - October 31, 2005 at 08:56 PM

JK

“ Phil will always be in our hearts and prayers. We will always remember Phil doing the Mexican hat dance.  
Love Flossie & Johnnie

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**Johnnie & Flossie Keller** - October 27, 2005 at 05:02 PM

BY

“ Phil, I will never forget the smile on your face that day when you passed us going in the other direction with my truck load with furniture. You are greatly missed by everyone. Bill

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**Bill Yike** - September 17, 2005 at 12:58 PM

EL

“ The time that I had the honor of knowing you, was way too short. But the memories of our Sunday breakfasts, your war stories and your wonderful grin will be with me for a lifetime. I so loved hearing the stories of how Gail was your shadow when she was younger, and all the many great family stories you shared with me. Thanks so so much for our last Dad's Day Sunday, it meant more to me than anyone could ever know. You had no greater love than that for your family. Thank you so much for allowing me the pleasure of feeling a part of your family and for being my other dad, during a time in my life when I needed you the most. You touched my heart and will be a part of it always.

*I will love and miss you forever, Elaine*

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**Elaine Liszewski** - September 17, 2005 at 12:24 PM

LA

“ No words could ever explain how much I miss my Pop. He meant more to me than anyone could ever know. He was a fun, goofy, and caring grandfather. He was always happy and had a smile on his face. He did more for me and my family than anyone ever could. No man has ever taken so much pride in being a grandfather. His family was his life! I will miss our breakfast and lunch dates the most. My Pop is my hero and my inspiration.

*Pop, I love you and miss you dearly. You will live on in my heart forever. I hope I make you proud. Love forever and always, Lauren*

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**Lauren** - September 16, 2005 at 04:30 PM

AL

“ My grandfather was a great guy who was loved by EVERYBODY. He had a great sense of humor, always was smiling, and told the best war stories from when he fought in Korea. My favorite was the one with the guy in the brown suit. I loved my grandfather dearly and was lucky to be as close with him as I was. He use to take care of Lauren and I when we were sick, he use to let us get away with murder when we were kids, and over all he was just a really fun guy. I will miss going to breakfast with him and spending holidays with him and my grandmom. What hurts me the most is he will never get to see me get married and have children. Life is not going to be the same without him and I am going to miss him so much. RIP Pop, your memory will forever live in my heart. I love you.

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**Alisa** - September 15, 2005 at 04:58 AM

GC

“ I miss you dad!!! Love, Gail

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**Gail Capelli** - September 11, 2005 at 10:59 PM

SS

“ I didn't get to know Phil for very long, but in the time that I did...he was absolutely awesome. I never saw him without a smile on his face and you could see clearly how much he loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren. Gail would tell me many stories about her Daddy and they were all so happy and joyous..she really misses him.

I would always laugh at Phils stories of his time in the Army when he was assigned to Korea and his time spent in Japan. He cherished his service to his country.

I made a promise to you Phil....and I will follow through with it...Love you forever.

Scott

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**Scott Spurlock** - September 11, 2005 at 06:47 PM