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Philip J. LaPorte, 77, of Lehigh Acres, FL, passed away Friday, November 4, 2011 following an extended illness. He was born November 22, 1933 in Biddeford, ME and moved to Lehigh Acres from Old Orchard Beach, ME in 2002. He a United States Army Veteran and served during the Korean War in the 7th. Infantry. He was a career Fire Fighter, beginning his career as a Junior Fire Fighter in 1949 for the Old Orchard Beach Fire Department and retiring as Fire Chief in 1995. He was a member of Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church, he was a fourth degree, Knights of Columbus in the James Mullen Council, #0358 in Old Orchard Beach; member of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, International Fire Chiefs Association and was past president of the York County Fire Fights Association. After moving to Florida, he drove for Road To Recovery patients for the American Cancer Society. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 41 years, Angela J. LaPorte; his daughter, Monique Haigis of Lehigh Acres and his granddaughter, Meaghan Haigis of Lehigh Acres. A memorial Mass will be Celebrated at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at Blessed Pope John XXIII, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers. Memorial services will take place in Old Orchard Beach Maine at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4575 Via Royale, Suite 110, Fort Myers, FL 33907 or to www.cancer.org. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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RF

Ron Labrecque & Family posted:

Dear Mrs LaPorte and Family, I read about your husbands passing in the local paper in Biddeford. You may not remember me but I was one of your students back in the 60's at St. Joseph's School. I just want to let you know that you and your family are in our prayers at this difficult time.

November 10 at 4:54 PM

GC

Glenn Cockburn posted:

Phil touched so many lives. The true heroes make their mark on the world and never realize the people they have touched. There is not a week goes by that I do not think of him or tell people of his zest for life and his antics (If we pedal just a little faster we can make this station wagon pass that car). I would not be the person I am today if it were not for the influence he and his family had on my life. Heaven has called home an angel and he will be truly missed. Love you Phil, Rest well, you deserve it!

November 10 at 11:22 AM

TG

Tim Gagne posted:

Angela & Monique. I will always remember Phil as being happy and having one of the biggest smiles. It was a joy to have had the opportunity to work with such a great chief, he always remembered where he came from and took the time to help you in anyway he could. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

November 10 at 9:21 AM

KF

Kathleen Ferrick posted:

Dear Angela and family, I fondly remember your husband from meeting him so many years ago at St. Joseph's School in Biddeford. He would often be out-numbered by the rest of the staff but came in each year to help you set up your classroom. My deepest condolences on his passing. My best to you and your daughter. Kathy

November 9 at 3:05 PM



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LM

Laurie Murphy posted:

Angela and Monique, my deepest sympathies to you. Phil was one of the best. Always a smile always a laugh and always he will be in my heart as he will be in yours. He's not far from you, just as my Dad is not far from me. He will keep watch over you and be by your side. Love doesn't go away. He's joined many GREAT's and is running the Great Fire Dept. in the sky now (lol) Wonderful man, I'll cherish him in my heart forever

November 9 at 2:57 PM

DM

Dolly Gadbois Morin posted:

Mrs. Laporte and family, My sympathy to you all, Mrs. Laporte I can still remember the skating party at St. Louis field when you and Mr. Laporte showed up and you told us you were getting married he had asked you that night....he was a nice man and very well respected. May your memories you've shared bring you peace. My prayers are with you. Dolly Gadbois Morin

November 9 at 10:29 AM

GM

Genice Mancini posted:

Angela and Family, I am so sad to hear about Phil's passing. I had the pleasure to work with Phil at OOB. Fireman Phil was one of the best. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

November 9 at 9:56 AM

RH

Regina Housel posted:

Dear Angela and Family, We offer our condolences for the loss of husband; you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Your friends at Incarnation Catholic School, Sarasota.

November 8 at 5:53 PM

CC

Chief H.Rodney Carpenter posted:

Without the comedy and fun that phil shared with everyone at the station in my early years. I would not be where i am today. I have and will miss him a lot. To angela ,monique and family our thoughts and prayers are with you during these troubled times with just one thought. Phil is resting in total peace and no pain. God Bless each and every one of you

November 8 at 4:28 PM



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Debra Salvador posted:

My Dad and Phil were friends from long ago. I had the pleasure of meeting Phil a few times. I could not stop laughing every time I got to see him. Phil never met a stranger. One of the nicest men I have ever met. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. The world is a better place because for all of those lucky enough to have known this very special man. I will miss him.

November 8 at 12:49 PM



Cindy Cheslosky posted:

We are sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Cindy, James, Tyler and Kayla Cheslosky

November 8 at 11:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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