



# Philip John Moberly

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**P**hilip John Moberly, 56, of Centerville, Iowa, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2017, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Philip John Moberly, son of Dean and Elaine (DeArmond) Moberly, was born on July 28, 1960, in Webster City, Iowa. He was reared in that community and graduated from Webster City High School in 1978.

Phil attended Iowa Central Community College in Webster City and Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, obtaining a degree in criminal justice from the latter institution. Phil then attended Drake University Law School, from which he graduated with honors in 1987.

Upon obtaining his law degree, Phil moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he engaged in the private practice of law for several years before joining the Alaska District Attorneys Office, where he served for many years as a member, and ultimately as head of the felony drug prosecution unit. In retirement, Phil returned to Iowa in 2015, where he built and lived in a home in the woods near Centerville.

Phil was an avid outdoorsman, camper, hunter and nature lover. He enjoyed many hunting and camping trips with his friends in Alaska, Colorado, and Iowa, as well as an African safari.

Phil also was an accomplished cook, a skill and interest he acquired under the tutelage of his mother and his maternal grandfather, the late Ralph DeArmond. Phil also was a devoted Chicago Cubs fan, traveling frequently to Arizona to visit family and attend spring training games, and occasionally to Chicago to watch the team play in Wrigley Field. With the rest of Cub fandom, he reveled in the World Series triumph that ended the Cubs "curse" last fall.

Phil was preceded in death by his grandparents, his father, Dean Moberly, and a sister Michelle, who died in infancy. He is survived by his mother, Elaine Moberly, his brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Jeanine Moberly, niece and nephews Daniel



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(and wife Shannon and their son Desmond), Chelsea (and fianc Ryan Watson), and Thomas Moberly, all of Chandler, Arizona, and his ex-wife Laura Farley of Anchorage. He also is survived by his close friends and "adopted" family, Greg and Ann Milani and their sons Joe and Jim, of Moravia, Iowa, and many other dear friends made during the various stages of his life.

Per wishes, cremation has been accorded. A celebration of Life service and gathering of his family and friends will be held at 3PM on March 18th, 2017 at Phil's house. Memorial contributions may be made to The National Parks Foundation, <https://www.nationalparks.org/>, or to another charity of your choice, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Graveside Service

2017-03-15 11:00:00

Highland Cemetery

off green street

Mystic

IA

52574

### Celebration of Life

2017-03-18 15:00:00

Phil's House

1900 South 18th Street

Centerville

IA

52544



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:10 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 3:38 PM



RR

**Randy Riley - Russellville, Ar** posted:

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind always be at your back  
The sunshine warm upon your face  
The rain fall upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
May god hold you in his arms!!!  
God Bless... Randy Riley

February 28 at 7:00 PM



CB

**Connie (Nessa) Brock** posted:

Elaine & Families, I am so sad to hear of your loss. So many memories lie here in his home town of Webster City. I wish you peace to bring you comfort. Courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. My thoughts and prayer are with you all.

February 27 at 7:00 PM



DS

**Diane Smith** posted:

Mike, my heart and thoughts are with you & your family as you deal with the loss of your brother.  
Diane

February 25 at 7:00 PM



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GD

**Gene Dahlgren** posted:

Friends & Family Phil was a friend of our entire family for almost thirty years. I met Phil when he did insurance defense work when he first came to Alaska. At that time I was impressed with his honesty and integrity and superior intellect. Phil also handled murder prosecutions while at the AG's office. I am unaware of him ever losing a case in any courtroom endeavor. We did go fishing together with other friends several times. I particularly loved to go to his house and eat. His cooking was quite accomplished, and I am sure he contributed substantially to my being overweight. My wife and I had a standing order for his bread. We had numerous debates about many things, but I always had fun picking on him for his choice of the Cubs for a ball team favorite. I usually lost the other debates. We were sad when Phil left Anchorage, and are now even sadder. All of you need to understand that this world was a better place with Phil in it. My family cherishes his memory. The Dahlgren Family

February 25 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Jan Horsfall** posted:

Phil was a hard charger and one of those guys who always made me laugh. I feel bad we didn't keep in touch as the years went by and now am even more disappointed after hoping I'd see him at the next class reunion. God bless you Phil and Godspeed.

February 25 at 7:00 PM

RT

**Rita Teater** posted:

I got to know Phil when he hired me to clean his house. Phil was not a complainer. Even though I knew his health was challenging. He loved dogs and we exchanged a lot of dog stories. A lot of good conversations. Having gone hunting several times myself, we also shared those times. We also had several conversation about God and about our faith in God. I'm so thankful that I had the privilege of knowing him.

February 23 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Mervyn & Margarte Moberly** posted:

I remember fondly when Phil hunted got an elk on one of his visits with us in Colorado and another time he hunted bear with bear out there. This as well as many family gatherings.

February 22 at 7:00 PM



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**Sue Wilson, Lakeland, FL** posted:

Phil was a great friend of mine from the time he started working at the Anchorage District Attorney's Office until his passing. I was going to type more, but tears are coming very strong. I will always love you, Phil.

February 22 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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