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Phillip N. Gronseth, 72, of Bella Vista, Arkansas passed away on April 7, 2006 at Fayetteville, Arkansas. Phil was born on July 18, 1933 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Reverend James W. Gronseth and Julia Grandstrand Gronseth. Phil was the beloved husband of Lynne Mueller Gronseth of Bella Vista, Arkansas and beloved father of Alexander M. Khalaf.

Phil is survived by his children Phillip N. Gronseth, Jr. of Monument, Colorado; Joyce Easthouse of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Renee Either of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Carolyn Van Hosen of Roswell, Georgia. Brother of Magdalene Stolee, 86 Kenyon, Minnesota; Luther Gronseth, 85, Eagen, Minnesota; Joyce Limburgh, 84, Apple Valley, Minnesota, and Reverend Stephen Gronseth, 80, Atlantic, Iowa. Grandfather of Matt and Suzie Gronseth, Owensboro, Kentucky; Amy and Paul Berry, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Julia Van Hosen, Roswell, Georgia; Conner Van Hosen, Roswell, Georgia, and David Easthouse.

Phil attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He dearly loved the college and always maintained close ties to the college. Phil left gifts to both the athletic and biology departments of Augsburg. Phil was an entrepreneur and owned a Sporting Goods Store and Vending Business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Phil retired in Arkansas to take advantage of the natural beauty, temperate climate, and beautiful golf courses. Phil attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Phil devoted the last year of his life to being a devoted husband and father and had finally found true peace and happiness. He loved life and relished each and every moment he spent with his family and close friends who lived in Northwest Arkansas. He loved attending Walton Art Center performances and attended Razorback football, baseball, and basketball games. Phil had been an avid golfer and built his own personal 9-hole putting green so he could continue his love of the sport. Phil was a very talented singer and loved to listen to different genres of music particularly



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Christian. He devoted a large portion of his time to singing in church and performed publicly on numerous occasions while living in Minneapolis.

Services will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Thomas Aquinas, 603 N. Leverett Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas followed by interment at Fairview Memorial Gardens, 1728 E. Mission Blvd., Fayetteville, Arkansas. Visitation will be conducted on Friday, April 21, 2006 at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home, 4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville, Arkansas from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Family will receive visitors from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life will follow interment at Inn at Carnall Hall, The University of Arkansas, 465 N. Arkansas Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas. Family and friends may visit www.nelsonberna.com to sign the family guest book and pay tribute to Phil.

The Family requests that donations be made to The National Kidney Foundation of Arkansas, #1 Lile Court, Suite 201, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, -501/664-4343 in lieu of flowers.

Visitation Date Time Friday, April 21, 2006 5:00 PM till 9:00 PM Visitation Location Chapel of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM.
Service Date Time Saturday, April 22, 2006 11:00 AM Service Location St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, 603 N. Leverett Ave., Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. Burial will follow in the Fairview Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



FR

(Friend) posted:

Lynne & Alexander: I am very very sorry for your loss. Although Phil was not a well man for quite sometime, I know that when he called me in July of last summer, he was the happiest he'd sounded in a long, long time. It was a long difficult job taking such good care of my sister, Angie with almost 13 years of ovarian cancer. He cared for her with the spirit of an angel. I really hoped he'd have some time to really enjoy golfing and retirement. It was so hard to know that he had to face such difficult medical problems. But, hearing him tell me last July how happy he was - well, that was wonderful! He really wanted so much for me to meet you, Lynne! He was so happy and proud and reminded me of his old self. I'm sorry that we had not communicated since then but people just get so busy in their lives and I'm sure you made the most of your time together. I'm sorry I was unable to come to Arkansas for the service. I hope you understand. If you come up for a service at Augustana, I would hope to connect with you at that time. Also, thank you for telling me that you have some things of my sister to give to me. It was so hard to lose her and sometimes I still miss her so much. I'm sure you have a lot on your mind right now so just take care of yourself and your son who is probably graduating this year if I remember right... I think Phil told me he was a senior. He also bragged so about your schooling so I know that you have a lot on your plate right now. I have made a donation to the Kidney Foundation in Phil's name.

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LP

Lynne Mueller Gronseth (Beloved Wife Of Phil) posted:

April 23, 2006 To My Dear Husband Phillip, I am so honored to have the title wife and the love of your life. You said your goal in life was to make me happier than I had ever been before and you did, so completely! A bird sang so beautifully yesterday during your interment and two geese flew by so eloquently as you were laid to rest. Alex and I placed two beautiful roses on your coffin to symbolize what you gave us the last year of your life, your whole heart and soul. You were an excellent father and role-model for Alex. He plans to honor you by continuing to aspire academically. He placed his notification of his Distinguished Governor's Scholarship notification in your coffin as he knew that you were anxiously awaiting the notification so you could congratulate, hug him and as you did on many occasions say, "I love you, Alex." We will love you forever, you were truly an angel walking this earth. We look forward to the day we can be together again. We take comfort knowing that you now sing with the angels above and that you will continue to watch over us and bless us each and every day as you did so well on earth. Your adoring wife and son. Lynne and Alex Lynne Mueller Gronseth (Bella Vista, AR)

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AS

Alex And Traci Milam (Friends Of Matt And Susie) posted:

Even though we only met him once, we knew that he loved Bella Vista, and we knew that he loved Matt and Susie. We are so sorry to hear about your loss, and our prayers are with you all.

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BF

Becky Riedel (Friend) posted:

I knew Phil for 30 years. The first softball team I played on was Midwest Postal Venders, we wore red/white/blue uniforms and Phil came to most of the games. When he opened Valley Sports my brother helped him run their annual softball tournament. My son was born the weekend of the tourney in 1978. When I worked out of town opening new restaurants Phil would stop and have coffee in his many travels. Phil had a voice of an angel, when he sang the Lords Prayer it never failed that I would cry. I will miss him.

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DA

Diane Mitts (Acquaintance) posted:

Phil was the most caring person I know. Always smiling...even when I got my promotion and no longer worked the front counter, when he came in to take care of business, he would ask for me, just to say "hello." He'll be missed!

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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