



Philip Erie Locker

July 12, 1954 - March 23, 2019

Philip Erie Locker, age 64 of Archer, Florida passed away Saturday, March 23, 2019 at his home. He was born July 12, 1954 in Dayton, Ohio to Frank Edgar Locker, Sr. and Laura Joyce Evans.

Phil graduated from Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, FL in 1972. He played saxophone in the school band, and at Trinity Church International (Lake Worth, FL), where the family were active members for many years.

Phil married Connie Gowan on May 8, 1976. They were married for 42 years and had four children. He was a proud Santaluces High School Band Parent of all four children over the span of 15 years.

He retired from Palm Beach County Fleet Management in 2012, after a career of over 36 years. Phil and Connie moved to Archer after their retirement and were members of Anthem Church in Gainesville.

Phil was preceded in death by his mother, Laura Joyce Evans, father, Frank Edgar Locker, Sr., brother, Frank Edgar Locker, Jr., father-in-law, Richard LeRoy Gowan, Sr. and brother-in-law, Edward Weimer.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Gowan Locker of Archer, FL; daughter, Gretchen Gowan Schwartz and husband Bill Schwartz of Vilvoorde, Belgium, granddaughter, Rachel Schwartz, grandson, Ryan Schwartz; son, Jason Philip Locker of Valrico, FL; daughter, Erin Locker Boyd and husband Jeff Boyd of Gainesville, FL, grandson, Parker Boyd, granddaughter, Arleigh Boyd; daughter, Amanda Joy Fretwell and husband Phillip Fretwell of High Springs, FL, granddaughter, Lily Fretwell, grandson, Jeremiah Fretwell; sister, Sandra Weimer of West Palm Beach, FL; sister, Gogi Hess and husband Bill of Lancaster, PA; brother, Dale Turrill and wife Alesia of Statham, GA; mother-in-law, Betty Berger Gowan of Haines City, FL and sister-in-law, Judy Locker of Brookville, OH.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel of WILLIAMS-THOMAS FUNERAL HOME WESTAREA, 823 NW 143rd Street with Pastors Chad Clemmons and Bill Schwartz officiating. A reception will follow. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606 or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, <https://donate.lls.org/lls/donate>.

Events

MAR **Family Will Receive Friends** 03:00PM

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Williams-Thomas Westarea

823 N.W 143rd Street, Newberry, FL, US, 32669

MAR **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Such a kind and generous man who was so totally given to hospitality . He opened his home to me while visiting his home church . Never an awkward moment when you are in fellowship with family . Thank You my Brother and RIP , the Victory has been won .
Pastor Chuck and Wendy Lewis .

Pastor Chuck Lewis . - March 28, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Williams-Thomas Funeral Homes - March 28, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ God bless this family. He definitely lived a good rich life . Thank you for sharing these beautiful moments . A true definition of s great life.

Becki - March 28, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ Connie & all, Beautiful tribute! Thankful that you have the Comforter to walk you through your loss. Love you all, Tami Pepin Bus

Tami - March 28, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Just beautiful....thanks for sharing.

Claudia Lyn h - March 28, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ God bless these beautiful memories of this life so well lived. The loss is great. His impact was huge. His victory is won.

Deborah L Zahner - March 29, 2019 at 06:02 AM



“ So long sweet cousin, until we meet again...

Vicki Evans-Reith - April 09, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



March 26, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ Love, Kathy Rudd purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



Love, Kathy Rudd - March 26, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ The Bridge family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



The Bridge family - March 26, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



March 26, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ The Soto Family lit a candle in memory of Philip Erie Locker



The Soto Family - March 26, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



March 26, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Excerpted from Father's Day 2018 Facebook post:

I am thankful for the man that I knew as I grew up. The man who loved me unconditionally. The man whose pride in my accomplishments was the very thing that drove me to achieve in the first place. The man who sacrificed time, personal desires, and even his own body to provide the best home and life he possibly could for my mom, my sisters, and me. The man who worked on cars in the driveway all night, and who made me mad when he told me to leave the television and come to sit in a car and pump the brakes for him while he worked (though I secretly loved doing it). The man who came in from his work in the driveway (most of the time) so we could all sit down at the dinner table together as a family. The man who drove us to church 2-3 times a week, singing loud and proud, and playing his saxophone in the church band. The man who came to virtually every school open house, or play, or concert, or football game, or parent-teacher conference, or awards night for 4 kids over 20 years of K-12 education, and who always presented a unified front with our teachers, whether or not he liked or agreed with them. The man who drove me to my college auditions, who tried to talk me into keeping my law major rather than switching to music education, who set up my dorm room and cried as he and mom drove away, and who walked me from the O'Connell Center to Criser Hall to pick up my diploma after my graduation ceremony ended (you could pick up diplomas the same day back then). The man who has attended many of my school performances and events since I began teaching 17 years ago, sharing the same “that’s my son” sentiments with my students’ own parents. The man who took time off to move me from Boynton Beach to Gainesville to Boynton Beach to Boca Raton to Atlanta to Tampa, always without a complaint or a second thought. The man who taught me how to drive, and has worked on my cars more times than I can count or remember. The man who comforted and cried with me when my dog died. The man who taught me by example for years and years and years to work hard, to be kind, to be generous, to love others, to admit when I fall short, and to pick myself up and try again.

That’s my dad. That’s Philip Locker.

No matter what this disease or any other challenge of life may take from him or from me, I will cling to the memories of the man I met 40 years ago, when God gifted us to one another, and sent us on this journey together. To God be the glory! Dad, I love you with all my heart!





“ That describes so perfectly and eloquently the Mr. Locker I knew as the school counselor for all the Locker kids. What a gift to the world and a presence that will be so surely missed , I know. To a journey well-traveled. Thinking of all the Lockers,
Susan Chapman

Susan Chapman - March 28, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



March 25, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ Mary Sue Pressley lit a candle in memory of Philip Erie Locker



Mary Sue Pressley - March 25, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ Will miss you cuz, and all those great times we had together growing up!! So thankful you came to know the Lord at an early age and never turned back...but pressed on to preach God's word to others!! Praise the Lord for that! You will be missed!

Cindy Miller - March 25, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



March 25, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives. ~ Author Unknown

Death leaves a Heartache that no one can heal.

Love leaves a Memory that no one can steal. ~ Author unknown

Our condolences and prayers for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sam & Louise Gowan - March 25, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ The Phil Gowan Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



The Phil Gowan Family - March 25, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Philip Erie Locker.



March 25, 2019 at 11:27 AM