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Philip Schrijvers Trommel was born July 25, 1964 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He is preceded in death by his mother, Ada Schrijvers Trommel, Aunt Tine Schrijvers and Aunt Truus Larson.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Marie Trommel, daughter Zoe Elise Trommel, father Dr. Jan Trommel, brother Marcel Trommel and brother George Wang, sister in law Jenna Siracusa Trommel, and nieces Marisa and Keira Trommel. He also leaves behind his feline children, Zackie and Hannah Trommel.

Phil considered close friends Frank, Lisa, and Darby Monahan, Ted Freeman, Chris Myers, Alex Sams, and Philip Michael Brown his inner circle and strong life influences. Phil will be remembered for his caring spirit, loyalty, and creativity. He loved the foreign language program at Duke University and went on to master 7 languages in total. He enjoyed cooking and spent 10 years in the restaurant industry, as well as a lifelong passion for cooking in his personal life. During his corporate career, he was proud of his work at the Divers Alert Network “DAN” at Duke University and his marketing program ASVM at Fedex, created with good friend and mentor, Chris Myers. He had a lifelong passion for cars and spent many years changing vehicles, showing them at shows and fixing them up. His passion for languages led to a lifelong side business of translation work.

In later years, he passed difficult certification exams and became certified in legal translation as well. Most of all, Phil had a passion for travel, visiting almost all of the United States with his wife Amy in the mid 90’s. He worked in Portugal during his graduate work and spent many childhood summers in both his native Netherlands and in southern France. Visiting his brother George Wang in Orlando was something he treasured on a regular basis.

Phil’s daughter, Zoe, was his entire world. Phil beamed with pride when she was accepted into the Duke University TIP program at age 12. Phil and Zoe were alike in many ways, mostly with their creativity. He was always thrilled to see what new drawings she had made or what new



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photoshoots she had come up with. Zoe had been cooking with her dad since she was a toddler, and he would often print out his favorite recipes so she could cook for the family.

Phil greatly enjoyed both collecting and building model cars at any scale. He had shelves and cases full of his miniatures and would spend hours each night perfecting every detail on his hand painted models. He sometimes participated in derby races with his friend Chris Bryan, where he won a few awards including Best Design. His other favorite hobby was music, from drums to bass to guitar. He would play along to his favorite cds late into the night, which mostly consisted of Queen and various classic songs like I Will Survive. Phil shared his wife's love of cats and catered to wife's superior care of them.

He cooked Zackie his own dinner every night, texted a picture of him to his wife at work on nights she worked, and put him to bed every night with a routine he coined "tucky insy." He was thrilled to adopt Hannah, who he nicknamed "Binklestein," and enjoyed all her developmental milestones this last summer. Phil was a unique and gifted person and will leave a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. His spirit lives on in his family, friends and all those he loved.



Events

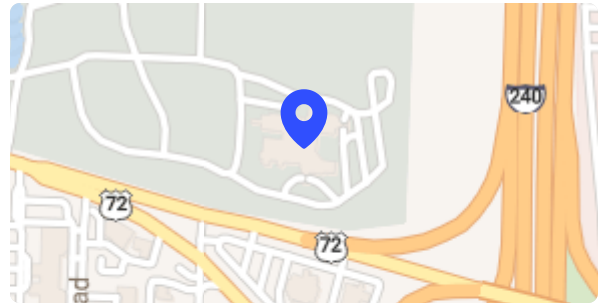
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Arrangement Pending

 **Saturday**, October 24, 2020

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
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MB

Mieke Berveling posted:

Philip, a unique, very caring, multi-skilled person! I learned to know Philip during his holidays at his parent's place in Vence. He had a very warm personality, a broad interest and a very socializing and entertaining character. Whenever he was in Vence he came to visit us or with Zoe or with George. We talked about lots of things. In any conversation it was obvious how super proud he was of Zoe and how important his family was to him and: of course Food was one of the subjects! His "blackened tuna carpaccio" became a very favorite dish among my friends. At his parent's place are besides all his recipes lots of his other skills visible witnessing the beautiful and precise paintings or the maquette he made from his parent's house in Rochester. Things his father is very proud of and Jan often told me: "Philip never ceases to amaze you"! These and all the presents he brought his parents from his travels to other countries even become more precious now. A beautiful legacy. Wishing you Amy, Zoe, Trommel family, George and friends lots of strength to bear this enormous loss. I hope in time, instead of bringing a tear reminiscing a great, multi skilled husband, father, son, brother and friend, it will bring a big smile memorizing all the things you did together, all the fun and all the precious and loving times together. And that it brings a great pride that he was part of our lives. In our hearts he will live on forever! My thoughts are with you. Mieke Berveling

December 2 at 5:56 AM

AA

Adil A posted:

I started at fedex the same week Phil did back in 2000. I was impressed from day one by his kindness, intelligence, and ability to speak so many languages. Phil became a friend over the years, always so proud of Amy and Zoe. Phil has a unique ability to connect with everyone he met. I found his culture impressive and was so impressed with his ability to learn new things. A true gentleman that will be missed.

November 18 at 1:56 PM

BB

Beverly Harlan Bacon posted:

I enjoyed working with Phil at FedEx. He was the consummate professional and a very sweet, gentle man. I so enjoyed remaining connected with him on social media, watching Zoe grow up and all her accomplishments. I am so saddened by his loss and think daily of Amy, Zoe and the family. I hope in time the sadness and loss you feel now will be replaced with heartfelt smiles of the many memories of him. Sending you prayers of comfort.

November 18 at 1:33 PM



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CM

Chris Myers posted:

I hired Phil into the world of FedEx Marketing back in September 2000. He had a similar background to mine except that I knew immediately that he was way smarter than I was, so I thought, I need to get him to work there, so I did and was so happy about it! He was just looking for a new home and start in his career and I very much appreciated his honesty and transparency about it. To this day, Phil was one of the brightest persons that I ever had the pleasure to work with, always willing to help, always there to assist, whatever the issue was. What I also quickly found out was that Phil really enjoyed travelling - anywhere, on business travel, he didn't care! He enjoyed working with FedEx Sales and their customers, and it showed in his performance. He and I collaborated on a co-branded communications service called FedEx ASVM, which was the first of its kind at FedEx and the transportation industry, and it was a resounding success, which really pleased him. Phil was always my right hand man, for anything, he was there for our team, other employees and me. When we both left FedEx, we stayed in touch via FB, email and catching up at lunch, and I marveled at how much he loved to talk about Amy and Zoe. I will have the honor of seeing his words in print soon when a college textbook on global marketing that he, others and I were working on becomes available in print. I will certainly smile every time that I read what he wrote as I know how much care he put into his specific chapter. I will miss him very much.

November 18 at 11:29 AM

TO

Tom Lloyd posted:

Learned of Phil's passing this morning with deepest sorrow. He was a good friend and we shared a lot of adventures during college and the years that followed while he lived in Durham. Was particularly touched by the mention of the Alpha Romeo as it played a role in my favorite adventure with Phil - taking it to Florida for Spring Break freshman year. Another college friend, Rob Littlejohn, shared the news and he was a part of that trip as well. Three of us packed into Phil's beloved Alpha headed for Daytona and then my parent's home in St. Petersburg. The car never got further than Florence, SC, but we rolled with it and had a lot of memories from that trip between beaches, clubbing, the dog track and Disney World. My parents send their condolences as well. Phil was an endearing friend. Best wishes to Amy and the family.

November 11 at 6:13 PM

VL

Virginia M Larsen shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My heart and prayers goes out to Amy and Zoe. Philip loved his girls. He was a fun loving family man. His time ended too sudden. So remember Amy and Zoe that he will always be by your side in spirit God Bless you and the whole family. Love Virginia, Mark, Poul, and John Larsen



October 24 at 6:37 PM



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BC

Barbara Johanna Hefner (Casper) posted:

I also want to share that when I reconnected with Phil after my father passed and I decided to get account on Facebook. Phil called me and we reminisced about our old memories. He told me all about his wife Amy and her job as a Radiology Technician and daughter Zoe. From that point on, I got to read and see all of Phil, Amy and Zoe's posts. He was very proud of Amy's hard work during this Covid-19 epidemic. He was also very proud of his daughter Zoe's cooking, art work, YouTube videos, school work etc. Thank you for sharing. God has gained a wonderful person but I know that Phil will always be watching over his family. He will always be with them. God be with you and bless you all during this time.

October 24 at 8:39 AM

BC

Barbara Johanna Hefner (Casper) posted:

I have many wonderful memories of Philip. I remember as a teenager going to his and Marcel's family home on Elmwood Ave by Clover. Phil, Marcel and I went to Eddie Money concert at the Rochester War Memorial. But my most favorite memory was the day that Phil took the 3 of us to the last concert outside concert at Hollender Stadium in Rochester. We had a great time and day watching/listening to The Police, The Fix, and The Flock of Seagulls. After we went to the Princess Restaurant to eat. This restaurant still exists and I live down the road from it. So, every time I drive by it, I remember that awesome day filled with great music. I also had a great time riding in Phil's Alpha Romeo car. One day he went to get gas at the Hess Gas Station on Empire Blvd and the gas stations attendant went to wash his window and Phil got upset and said No, don't, I just washed my car. Please, do not touch my car. Phil loved loved his Alpha Romeo.

October 24 at 8:26 AM

BC

Barbara Johanna Hefner (Casper) posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you Amy, Zoe, Marcel and family and your Father Mr. Trommel

October 24 at 8:07 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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