

## Philip Gerald Rouse

January 17, 2022

Philip Gerald Rouse (August 29, 1954-January 17, 2022) died peacefully at Toronto Western Hospital on Monday, January 17th, 2022 after a valiant battle with Glioblastoma. Predeceased by his parents Jerrald and Edith Rouse and sister Carol Rouse-O'Brien, Philip will be missed by family and many loving friends. Cheers to Philip who celebrated his last moments as he chose, among friends with scotch, wine, cheese and gelato. Celebration of Philip's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to The Inside Out Gay and Lesbian Film Festival or The Québec Fauna Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

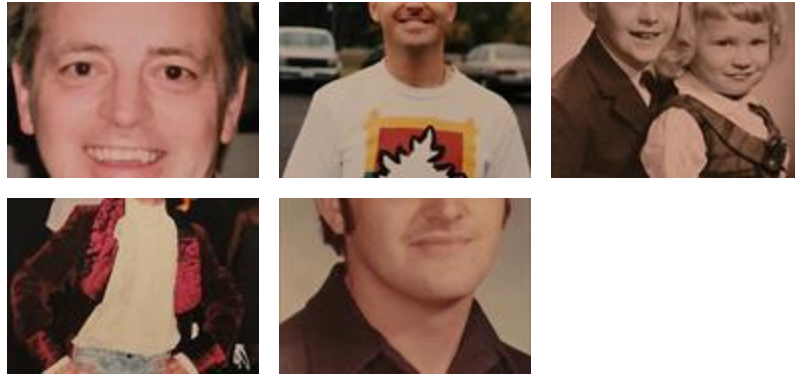
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“ Philip - to this day if I find a red wine (since you didn't drink white) that I love, I wonder what you would think of it. Cheers - cannot believe it's now 4 years!

Linda - March 04 at 01:37 PM

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Linda - March 27, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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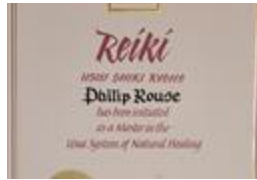
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Linda - March 24, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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Linda - March 10, 2022 at 12:47 AM

KO

“ Philip was a good and longtime friend. We met in Spanish class more than 20 years ago. He was kind, funny, determined, adventurous, and fiercely independent. We enjoyed many things together: flamenco, the yearly Inside Out film festival, plays, good food and Spanish. I will remember Philip's booming laugh. We enjoyed sharing travel experiences and talked about what we would do when we retired.

*In his last year, Philip was determined to enjoy life. And he did. The photos here attest to his gusto for life! He loved cycling but was very disheartened when he could no longer ride a bicycle.*

*I will treasure one memory of Philip in particular: he is calling my name as he flies past me on his bicycle happy and free on his way home from work.*

*RIP sweet friend*

*Kathleen O'Connell*

Kathleen O'Connell - February 13, 2022 at 07:13 PM

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Linda - February 12, 2022 at 10:15 PM

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Love this photo of the three of us! Kathleen

Kathleen O'Connell - February 13, 2022 at 07:14 PM

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“ Some of the photos Philip had in his memories box



Linda - January 31, 2022 at 03:09 PM

NP

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np - January 29, 2022 at 02:00 PM

JD

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Jackie Deas - January 27, 2022 at 12:20 PM

JA

“ I met Philip in December 2018 on a Christmas trek in the Sahara. We bonded over the lack of coffee in the desert. Being a seasoned trekker however i had a supply which i was more than happy to share with this kind man from Canada with the warm, smiling face who made me laugh. As the week went on, i was full of admiration for Philip’s quiet stoicism throughout the trek. Never a complaint, always best foot forward. We kept in touch and a genuine friendship blossomed which became very important to me. Philip invited me to join him in Paris for his belated 65th celebration and we had a really special time sharing joy in the beauty of the city, many laughs and beers. We’d recall the Shakespeare and Co bookshop with its cat, enjoying another coffee with orange cake, sitting outside looking over the Seine. I was to have visited Toronto in May 2020 but covid came. Every day of my planned trip, Philip went for a walk and sent me photos of somewhere in Toronto we would have visited and that in itself was an adventure.

Philip’s contact and calls sustained me hugely through the pandemic and i experienced the great value of a friendship which grew in different ways than physical proximity. I’d hear about his meet ups with you, his family and friends, and how much each outing meant, and more so as the months went on. Saturday nights at 7pm will always be Philip time and i will carry on the conversation and i know i will have many a “ I must tell Philip that ” moment. Philip’s immense courage and compassion over the past year has touched so many people I am sure and many of you will have walked that journey in person with years of shared friendship behind you and though i don’t know you, you are in my thoughts and i send love across the ocean.

On the 17th of January, the sun shone here in Scotland. There was not a cloud in the sky. I took myself off into the hills behind my house and walked and walked and walked. I wished i could tell Philip the earth was resplendent that day but i am ever so glad to hear he was with friends, eating and drinking some of his favourite things and resplendent, i am sure, in his spirit.

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jackie - January 27, 2022 at 10:46 AM

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**Linda Di Felice** - January 25, 2022 at 10:52 PM

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**Jean Aston** - January 25, 2022 at 07:00 PM

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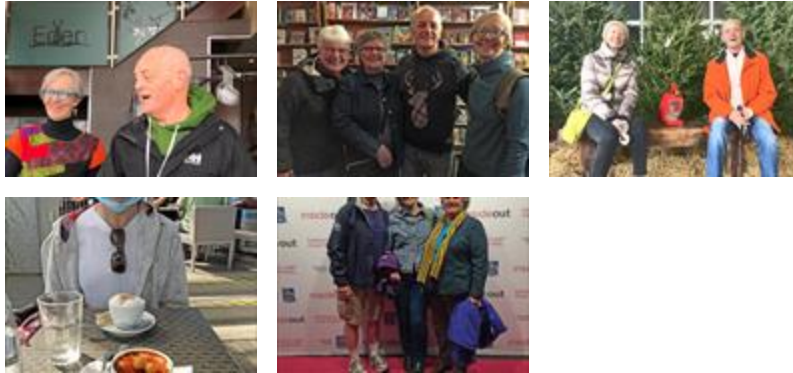


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**Nancy Kleer** - January 24, 2022 at 10:05 PM

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**Kathleen O'Connell** - January 24, 2022 at 03:17 PM

JA

“ *I will miss my dear cousin, Philip. We were very close as children and had become close again in later years. I saw him work incredibly hard to regain what was lost from the surgery for the brain tumour a year ago. His attitude to live his life fully and the courage he showed this last year is an inspiration to me and many others. I visited him in the hospital a short time ago and said a very sad farewell to Phil. He faced the end of life with amazing bravery. I will always miss his smile, his hearty laugh and his positive attitude - I treasure the friendship we shared. I know he is resting in God's Presence, and I will see him again one day.*

*Jean Aston*

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**Jean Aston** - January 24, 2022 at 03:12 PM