



## Philip D. Berry

September 25, 1946 - January 16, 2020

GROTON: Philip D. Berry, 73, of Groton, formerly of Ayer, died Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Pat Roche Hospice House, Hingham after a lengthy illness.

Phil was born in Boston, September 25, 1946, a son of the late Lester W. and Lucille M. (Bradford) Berry and was a lifelong resident of the Ayer & Groton area. He was a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton and continued his education at the University of Alabama, Babson College and later Bryant University.

For over thirty years, Phil owned and operated Carlin's Tavern in downtown Ayer. He enjoyed golfing.

Phil leaves his wife of 18 years, Christine, M. Griffin; a son, David W. Berry of Harvard; a daughter, Leslie D. Bridges of Dunellon, FL; four grandchildren, Lucille Bridges, Joshua Bridges, Max Berry and Katherine Berry.

He was predeceased by his brother, Lester W. "Sonny" Berry.

Services will be held privately. There are no calling hours.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ I’m so sorry I missed this. Phil gave me a job when I had 2 and needed 4. Sorry to take so long to post this, but my fondest memory of Phil was when I took my new wife into Carlins. Of course he gave her that Phil look; as she rendered her ID. Then he drew back to take a closer look at...the out of state ID...  
“Alabama?” He says. And then leans in...“did you go there”? And she replied “Roll Tide!” And he responded : “Roll Tide!” I never knew he went there? Wow., it was then I knew I had finally made some right decisions in my life. I always stopped in hoping to chat, or better, fly him to Florida. Sorry I missed that, but then again, i may have and didnt know it. Thanks for the job Phil! RollTideRoll!

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**Pat Madden** - October 31, 2021 at 12:26 AM

CK

“ I remember Phil finally if it wasn't for Carlin's I wouldn't have met Larry and had 25 wonderful years together we used to chat in his office as I was making my way back downstairs I made him many a dessert

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**Cathy Keese** - August 24, 2021 at 07:32 PM

BB

“ Whenever Phil stopped by to visit at the law firm where I worked, we would reminisce about our parents and numerous other people that we knew in Ayer for so many years. He was such a special man. Deepest sympathy to his family. Phil will always have a special place in my heart. Sincerely, Barbara Slarskey Bottino

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**barbara slarskey bottino** - January 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM

PA

“ *Our condolences to the family of Phil, he was such a nice man. RIP Phil. Paulette & Jerry Aragones.*



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**Paulette Aragones** - January 25, 2020 at 05:35 PM

OD

“ *Octavia Durepo lit a candle in memory of Philip D. Berry*



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**octavia durepo** - January 25, 2020 at 04:01 PM

BW

“ *Dave and Leslie so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs*

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**Bonnie White** - January 25, 2020 at 09:50 AM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Berry family.. I loved working for Phil . We had such fun on Sunday nights. I will miss seeing you at Paulines and catching up.. RIP Phil you will be missed... Say Hi to Red for me.... xo*

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**Mary Murray** - January 25, 2020 at 08:03 AM

PC

“ Dear Christine, Dave & Leslie -  
Very sorry to learn of Phil's passing. He will always be remembered as Ayer's philanthropist, always giving to those less fortunate as well as supporting so many family activities held each year. I am very sorry for the troubles he experienced over Depot Square in recent years and pray that your family's happy memories with him will bring you all peace and comfort now and always.

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**Pauline Conley** - January 25, 2020 at 08:03 AM

SM

“ Dave and Family,  
  
We are so sorry to hear of Phil's passing and are thinking of you all at this difficult time.  
R.I.P. Phil  
  
Our deepest sympathy,  
The Mauro Family

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**Sharon Mauro** - January 24, 2020 at 09:55 PM

GE

“ Berry Family  
I am so Sorry to hear about Phil's Passing...So very Sad, Great Guy, Had a Lot of Great times down at Carlins, to many to write & Some I shouldn't.lol  
The Good ole days. Lots of Great Memories.  
RIP PHIL..I will Miss ya!!!



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**Gail English** - January 22, 2020 at 06:31 PM

TC

“ Rest in peace Phil! I will never forget your kindness when we approached you to hold a special birthday for another Ayer icon at Carlins. You were so supportive of the idea and I am quite sure that the guest of honor will never forget that day. Many memories and laughs to hold on to from the bygone days at Carlins. The Berry family, particularly Phil were an icon to Ayer. To the Berry family please accept my condolences. May love and light hold you through this difficult time.

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**Tobe Conway** - January 22, 2020 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ I have a special place in my heart for Phil. Back in the 60s & 70s, when I did my growing up in Ayer, Phil was a notable supporter of community service and Ayer's recreational activities... I was one of many of his projects and in my case, his mentoring was a major factor I can credit for pointing me in the right direction. He will be missed but, Never Forgotten.... May Phil Rest In Peace...

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**Joe Monahan** - January 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM

BG

“ David, I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He was a solid fellow and was an integral part of AYER. I am certain that he was very proud of you, not just for your personal achievements, but for being a wonderful husband and father. I hope that your many warm memories provide you with comfort in this time of sadness.

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**Bobby Gardner** - January 21, 2020 at 11:11 AM

BM

*David. Phil and my ex Jim mahon was friends from school. When we came back here from the service he. gave jim a job. He helped us financially when we needed a Friend I have never forgotten his kindness. I'm so sorry for your loss .. he had a great heart and loved this town his dad had him making pizzas at the little club he was always working even at 15. Really a good guy.  
. God bless you and your family...*

**Betty. Mahon** - January 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

AW

*So sorry to have lost Phil, Great guy lots of fun times at Carlins. Ran Aubuchon Hrdwre & worked at Moore lumber long time in Ayer. RIP Phil*

*Al Wendling Apollo Beach fl*

**Al Wendling** - January 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM



*Phil Berry was a wonderful, generous and kind person. He gave much to the town of Ayer, and participated in any event he was asked to be in, contributing time and money. He loved sports memorabilia and his classic cars and had a huge heart. My deepest condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed! Rest in peace, sir.*

**Debra Faust-Clancy** - January 26, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Anderson Funeral Homes** - January 21, 2020 at 10:24 AM

LS

*Deepest condolences to your family.*

**linda sullivan** - January 25, 2020 at 03:03 PM

MP

*Brilliant man. I learned a lot about business and life from Phil. Major lesson taught, Mary, what is the matter with you, they rotate stock (asparagus), always take from the back or underneath that is where the freshest is. Ah, worked on many Ayer Projects with Phil, I Dent a Kid, his camera, his stapler, his son David. The burning of Tony's, he was first to the plate, donated a massive amount of money, so the people in the apartments could have the essentials of life. I will always remember his chuckle and under laugh, his ability to count 21 the fastest. His love for Christine, selling tickets for the raffles from Boston Legal something. Who had 100.00 not doing anything, Phil could talk a hungry dog off a meat wagon to get those tickets sold. Good man, fond memories of him. His lectures on Peanut butter and English muffins for breakfast.. He is resting in Peace, he contributed to his community and was well loved. He will be missed.*

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**Mary Perrin** - January 28, 2020 at 01:38 PM