



Phillip Charles Voigt

November 21, 1926 - May 9, 2022

Phillip “Phil” Charles Voigt, age 94, went to be with Our Lord on Monday, May 9, 2022. Phil is survived by his nephew Stephen & Pat Voigt and nieces Linda Voigt Butler, Susie Voigt Gormley, all from Sarasota, FL and niece Kathy Best Mohr of Ft. Collins, CO. He is also survived by his longtime friend and legal guardian, Joyce Richter. He was preceded in death by his parents Fred Voigt & Clara Schlaebitz Voigt, his brother Fred Voigt and sister Janet Voigt Best.

Phil was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. He was the youngest of three children born to Fred and Clara. He attended Prescott Elementary School along with his siblings and later attended the Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha, along with his sister Janet, and graduated with a high school diploma in 1948. In his younger years, he enjoyed hiking in Colorado with his family. Following graduation, Phil worked for Cushman Motor Works in Lincoln, delivering mail to employees.

After retirement, Phil resided in his parents’ house at 2030 S. 15th. He frequented local libraries and read the newspapers there. He rode his bicycle all around Lincoln and even out to Denton to visit his friend, Donald Parker. Phil played football while in high school, was an avid Husker fan; he did not miss a University of Nebraska home football game for many decades. He collected aluminum cans from offices on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. This is

where he met Joyce Richter, who befriended him and responded to his request for help with his house, which had been condemned by the city.

Joyce continued assisting Phil and arranged for outings. He frequented the Lincoln Deaf Club meetings and many of their activities, church services, Lincoln and Omaha Zoos, Valla's Pumpkin Patch in Gretna, and Salt Dogs baseball games. Phil loved the outdoors and driving around in the city. Joyce often drove him around in the parks, while enjoying Phil's favorite - ice cream, and sometimes pizza or a burger and soda. Phil enjoyed playing cards and board games and he was unbeatable in checkers. Joyce often took him to her home to watch deaf movies; he had a TV and CD player in his room, but he was not a friend with technology. Phil also participated in Joyce's family holiday activities. He was happy at his place of residence along with his unending supply of candy bars and pop.

Following the sale of his home, he resided at Orchard Park Assisted Living Center, from February 2013 until February 2022. He contracted COVID 19 which took a toll on him and then he began falling. He went to the hospital and on to a rehabilitation center, with no improvement. Being confined to a wheelchair and requiring more nursing care, he moved to the Bickford Care Center, until his death on May 9, 2022.

Services will be held:

Saturday, July 16th at 9:00 a.m.
Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home
4040 A Street, Lincoln, NE

Phil will be buried next to his parents at Wyuka Cemetery, directly following the service.

Memorials may be directed to:

The Nebraska Deaf Heritage Museum & Cultural Center
(a non-profit organization)
P.O. Box 31636, Omaha, NE 68132