



Phil Dunham

August 1, 1936 - December 22, 2016

Phil Dunham was born on August 1st, 1936 and passed from this life on December 22nd, 2016. He is survived by a wife, Patricia of the home; three children - Steven of Duncan, Scott of Rochester NY, and Shana Compton of Durant; and two grandchildren, Taylor Compton of OKC and Kendyl Compton of Tulsa

Phil was born in Chickasha Oklahoma to Rand and Lura (Brown) Dunham. He moved often as a child, and later when asked of the difficulties of starting a new school, he would say, "You just find the toughest kid in the school and try to whip him. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. It doesn't really matter." Phil was an excellent high school athlete, starring in basketball and baseball, then football in college. After a stint in the Army, he met the love of his his life, Patricia, at Central State University in Edmond. He completed his Doctoral studies from Oklahoma State in 1969 and taught for one year at Phillips University. In 1970, he began his tenure at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Phil taught professional development and psychology for 30 years. One of the best golfers in town, he coached golf at SOSU for eight years, touching the lives of many athletes. A multiple time Club Champion at Durant Country Club, he was widely regarded as the finest short-game player in the area.

Phil was known for a biting sense of humor, his maddening love of puns, and his generous nature. He was influential in the careers of hundreds of school teachers, principals and superintendents. His is a legacy that will bear fruit for generations.

Phil Dunham will not be having a service at his own wishes. Pat, and their children will welcome visitors in the home tonight from 6 till 8 PM at their home st 113 W. Pecan in Durant.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phil Dunham*

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