



## Philip W. Edwards

April 19, 1938 - January 7, 2022

Philip Wayne Edwards, 83, of Fort Payne passed away Friday, January 7, 2022. He will always be remembered as a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Friend. First and foremost, he was a family man who was always there when you needed him. He enjoyed retirement after working with GameTime for more than 30 years as an Inventory Supervisor. In his spare time he was an avid and accomplished bowler; most recently placing 3rd at the Senior National Bowling Tournament in August 2021. Phil was an active member of the American Legion for more than 30 years and was a true patriot.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Wilson Funeral Home with Chaplain Don Donaghy officiating. Entombment will follow in Mt. View Memory Mausoleum. The family will receive friends Thursday from 12 noon until the 2 p.m. hour of service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Legion, P.O. Box 681254 Fort Payne, AL. 35968.

He is survived by his children Rick Edwards, Randy Edwards (Beth), Kathy Barber (Todd), and Shari Dempsey; grandchildren Abby Paciotti (Tony), Jena Proctor (Kyle), Jill Rood (Joe), Jacob Edwards, Kevin Dempsey (Tori), John Edwards, Zachary Dempsey, Shawna Knight (Caleb), and Hannah Dempsey; and great-grandchildren Gemma & Ava Paciotti, Becca & Josie Proctor,

Edward & Ainsley Rood, and Emerson Dempsey; and special friend Carolyn Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 50 years Betty Edwards, his sister Julie Schmidt and parents George & Thelma Edwards.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. View Memorial Gardens

970 Mountain View Drive  
Fort Payne, AL 35968

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home  
3801 Gault Ave. N  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Philip W. Edwards*

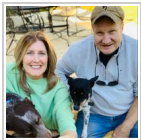
January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Dad* ❤️



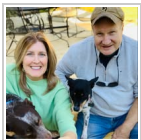
**Kathy Barber** - January 22, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Dad the Michigan fan!!* 💙



**Kathy Barber** - January 22, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *My Dad as a young man* 😍



**Kathy Barber** - January 22, 2022 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ To the family of Phil Edwards: I remember the family before they moved to Alabama and my husband Robert Bailey went with them to start the Game Time Plant there. Bob decided not to stay but Phil did and spent the rest of his life in the area. I extend my sympathy and love to the family. God's peace, Myrna Bailey

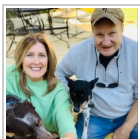
Myrna Bailey - January 11, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Philip W. Edwards.



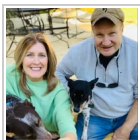
January 11, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ Love this picture of our Michigan fan!!❤️



Kathy Barber - January 11, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ This was a happy day for Dad taking 3rd in the Senior National Tournament in Aug '21! 🎳



Kathy Barber - January 11, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CC

“ *Rest Peacefully Phil, after a life well lived!  
Emeril's Restaurant..Sugar Bowl 2017!  
Look at that smile!  
You will be missed,  
Frank & Carol Craft*



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**carol Craft** - January 10, 2022 at 02:07 PM

CT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Carolyn Taylor** - January 10, 2022 at 01:49 PM

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**Carolyn Taylor** - January 10, 2022 at 01:49 PM

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“ Good Evening. I am Carolyn Taylor, Phil's companion and travel partner for the last 8 years. Phil loved nice cars and he dearly loved driving them. He drove us many, many miles in his Camero, then in his Cadillac.

*Did you know Phil was a great bowler? He bowled twice a week and went to all the local and state tournaments (with me tagging along) and had bowled for 30 consecutive years in the United States Bowling Congress. (USBC). Just this last July, he was invited to compete in the, invitation only, USBC senior bowlers of America in Las Vegas and won 3rd place in the tournament.*

*Did you know he liked football? When football season came around, Phil came alive. There are countless numbers of football games (especially Michigan) he watched*

*How we met? I first met Phil in 2013 a few months after his wife passed away. Had she lived until June of 2013, they would have been married for 50 years. He was having a hard time adjusting to being alone.*

*I was a member of Widows and Widowers Organization (WOW) in Huntsville. Our purpose was to help people transition from losing a mate and suddenly being alone, to creating a new way of life. There is a website for WOW and I had written a small article on how I had handled going from a wife of 30 years to being alone and having to make decisions for a new lifestyle.*

*Phil had been scanning the website and came across the article I had written. He must have liked what I wrote...” as a widow or widower you are alone now and it is up to you to make your life happy or sad. You have to pick up the pieces of your life and mold them into what will make you happy or just sit there and continue to be sad. It is up to you...”.*

*I was surprised when he got in touch with me after he read that*

*article. He asked if we could have coffee sometime and talk more about rebuilding a life after many years of marriage. I was reluctant at first because I didn't feel comfortable meeting a strange man. Weeks later he called to say he was coming to Huntsville to go to Sam's and asked if I could go with him, and maybe out to eat? I agreed. Our first date was going to SAMS. That is how we met that lead to many fun trips and family gatherings*

*I would like to finish with an affirmation for Phil by Paraphrasing Psalm 23:*

*Hear the word of the Lord*

*Phil now Understands that  
The Lord is our shepherd and we have all that we need.*

*Phil knows  
The Lord lets us rest in green meadows,  
And leads us right beside still peaceful waters.*

*Phil has Learned that  
The Lord renews our strength and restores our souls.  
The Lord guides us along the right paths of righteousness  
to bring honor to his name.*

*Phil now knows that  
even when we walk through the darkest valley,  
Of the shadow of death, we have no need to be afraid because the  
Lord is  
ALWAYS very close to us.*

*Phil knows the  
Lord's rod and staff are used lovingly to protect and comfort us. He  
knows how willing the Lord is to prepare a feast for us in the  
presence of our enemies and great difficulty.*

*And, when we are sick*

*Phil knows the Lord honors us by anointing our head with oil.*

*The cup of blessing that  
Phil holds in his heart has overflowed, not just once but time and  
time again.*

*In the end.....*

*Phil  
now says,*

*Surely, God's goodness and unfailing love will fill all the days of my  
life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*

*And Phil will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*

*Good bye my love. Have a wonderful eternity.*

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**Carolyn Taylor** - January 10, 2022 at 01:48 PM

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“ *STANLEY Healthcare West Team purchased the  
Arrive in Style for the family of Philip W. Edwards.*



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**STANLEY Healthcare West Team** - January 10, 2022 at 11:36  
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MJ

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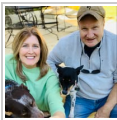


Mark Jensen - January 10, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MJ

*This was our latest and last USBC Nationals tournament team with Phil. May 2021 We will never bowl without thinking of you.*

Mark Jensen - January 10, 2022 at 08:13 PM



*Mark,  
Thank you so much for this great picture! Dad loved to bowl and hang out with you guys!  
Make a bunch of strikes for Dad!!  
Blessings!  
The Family of Philip W Edwards*

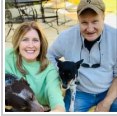
Kathy Barber - January 22, 2022 at 09:59 AM

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“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Philip W. Edwards



Cheryl Little - January 10, 2022 at 07:53 AM



*Thank you Chery!!  
Blessings to you!  
Love,  
The family of Philip W Edwards*

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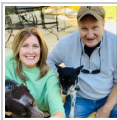
**Kathy Barber** - January 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM

RC

*“ Phil was my mentor. He and Louis Vincent should be directly remembered as a big reason of the success of Game Time in Fort Payne. I would not have had the bit of success I've had at GT had it not been for Phil. I just regret I did not see him in quite a while and told him how much he meant to me. He was a True-Blue Michigan Wolverine man, but he loved it here in the South so much and we all appreciated that.  
Sincerely, Rick Chambers*

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**Richard P Chambers** - January 09, 2022 at 06:14 PM



*Rick,  
Thank you for your kind words! Dad met so many great people while at GT! He was a mentor to me as well showing his strong work ethic and a job well done is just what you do!  
You are so right about his passion for Michigan football! He sure loved sports all around!  
Blessing to you and your family!*

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**Kathy Barber** - January 22, 2022 at 10:07 AM

JM

*“ I worked at Game Time when Philip was there back many years ago he was the kindest man I'm so sorry for your loss prayers for the family. Julie Maxwell Mitchell*

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**Julie Maxwell Mitchell** - January 09, 2022 at 05:36 PM



*Dear Julie,  
Thank you for your sweet words and prayers!  
Love,  
The Family of Philip W Edwards*

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**Kathy Barber** - January 22, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.wilsonfhinc.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Philip W. Edwards.

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January 09, 2022 at 05:33 PM