



## Philip Leslie Susong

June 4, 1958 - January 23, 2020

Philip L. Susong, age, 61, of Parrottsville went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

He was a veteran having served in the United States Army, and was a 1980 graduate from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Communication.

He was preceded in death by his father, George L. Susong; and brother, Curtis Susong.

He is survived by his mother, Alma Susong, of Parrottsville; sisters, Debra Susong, of Parrottsville, Lisa Susong Pratt of Mosheim; sister-in-law, Elvia Susong of Texas; special sister Linda Ellison; nieces and nephews, Ben (Christy) Susong of Bean Station, Cynthia Susong of Texas, Jessica (Jordan) Gibson of Mosheim, Lucas Pratt of Mosheim, Celina and Andy Hernandez of Texas; several great-nieces and great-nephews; also other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 6:00 pm Monday, January 27, 2020 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Rick Clevenger and Rev. Michael Vickers officiating.

Burial will be held 11:00 am Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in Forest Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Monday at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral service.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralh](http://www.manesfuneralh)

ome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

JAN 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Burial

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Forest Hill Cemetery  
Parrottsville, TN 37843

# Tribute Wall



“ *Philip Leslie Susong*

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November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JG

“ I have just learned of Phil's passing. I was just talking about one of our adventures to someone today. Phil was the kindest gentle giant best friend a girl could ask for. He always told me he I could see myself the way he sees me. I miss him all the time and now it makes our last parting so much more painful. We were too much alike and that got us in some spats but we always would make up. I remember calling him last and saying ok I'm sorry, I know I shopped too long at Walmart and you were tired but you have been mad long enough, call me back...but he didn't. Knowing the man he was I am going to believe he did forgive me, he just wasn't done making me sweat.

We went on so many fun adventures. He was the best (and truthfully only) 2 stepping partner I ever had. How that big Goliath of a man could be so light on his feet and spin me this way and that. I swear sometimes he could almost float. Never stepped on my feet or lost sight of me. He ALWAYS had my back. My gosh how he took care of me. His momma raised him right. One time he bought us Phantom of the Opera tickets at TPAc. I had a small son and I asked every one I knew to babysit. No one would do it. So that night I told Philip and he showed up, made me get dressed and he babysat the 5 year old. Turns out they were the best seats in the house. . The yard sailing adventures, one time he had this kidnapper van with 2 seats and he took me and a friend who was pregnant. So I got the folding church chair, ..and he loved making me slide in that chair, He joked that I tumbled and rolled out of the van to beat him to the best deals but at the end of the day the van was full and Phil and my friend had bought most of it. He threatened handcuffs that trip. He would make fun of me saying //OOO PHHHHHIIIIII... which meant Phil can you help me move something. Some times I would call and he would say NO before he would say hello and then say " what am I gonna do with you, aaagggghhh I'm on my way.

I know I didn't tell you enough when you were here... I love you Phil. Get my house ready up there, you know how I like it arranged. You have done it enough times. Rest in peace my friend, till I see you again, Dena Granato

**Jewel Dena Granato** - February 08, 2022 at 06:26 PM

CR

“ Phil was my UT ROTC buddy and judo sparring partner from 1977-1980. For the past three months, memories of him kept popping up in my mind. I tried looking him up, then Christmas occupied my thoughts. I should have persisted. I apologize for not having been there for Phil. I am sincerely sorry. Phil was my Best Man at my wedding. He rode with my wife and I to Slidell, Louisiana, for my Father's funeral back in November 1978. Then in the Summer of 1979, he helped me move my Dad's stuff from Louisiana to Knoxville. We took a Judo Class together at UT and attended our first Tournament, as White Belts (beginners) in Chattanooga. Phil and I were the last two standing. We had to compete against each other for 1st & 2nd Place. I felt like David against Goliath, albeit a gentle Goliath. Phil could have easily thrown me over his hip; but, fortunately, I tripped him first. Still holding onto me, I landed on his chest and knocked the air out of him. Phil gasped, "just finish it." So, I took First Place and Phil took Second Place in the Beginners' Division of our first Judo Tournament. I think Phil was commissioned into the Army, as an Officer, the same year as I, in 1980. I went to a National Guard unit and I think Phil went onto Active Duty. I think I came across him in Germany during a Field Training Exercise. My memory is vague on this event. Phil was standing up in the turret of a Bradley Fighting vehicle. I've tried getting into those Bradley Turrets. They ain't big enough for a man like Phil, much less me. I hollered over to him, from my Tank, and we waved; but, we couldn't ratchet-jaw because both of our Units were moving out. I never saw Phil again. Being Army Officers in Germany in the 1980s, we were kept very busy. I will forever miss Phil and the chance that I could have had to see him, on last time, and to ratchet-jaw our war stories and Army experiences. My sympathies to your family because Phil was a Very Special Man: Good Humored, Honest, Compassionate, Hard Working, Funny and always with a smile on his face; even if the weather was miserable.

*Rest In Peace My Brother-In-Arms.*

*Rest in Peace.*

*You Recon with Saint Pete and I'll catch up later. Luvya Bro*

*CPT Jack E. Downing, USA Retired*



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**CPT Jack E. Downing, USA Retired** - March 12, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Philip. He will certainly be missed. He loved his community and family. I always enjoyed our talks at the Election Commission.*

*Joyce Slagle*

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**Joyce Slagle** - February 08, 2020 at 09:45 PM

LB

“ *Dear Mrs. Susong, LeAnne, Lisa and family, We were saddened to hear of Phil's passing! We have many happy memories of him while in school in Parrottsville and in our 4-H activities. He was such a kind person and a fun guy to be around. May the Lord comfort you and give you grace during this sad time.*

*Larry Brooks and Kathy Willis Brooks*

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**Larry and Kathy Brooks** - January 30, 2020 at 12:24 PM

LS

“ *I'm so sorry to alma debbie and lisa and family....love you all*

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**lisa talley Stuart** - January 28, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MW

“ We were saddened to hear of Philip's passing. We have fond memories of him from school at Parrottsville. Curtis was my classmate and we graduated together. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

*Mackey & Michelle Winter*

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**Mackey Winter** - January 28, 2020 at 11:34 AM

TD

“ *Alma, LeAnn, Lisa & Family*

*I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Philip. I pray your memories bring you comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Teresa Denton** - January 28, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DF

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Phillip's passing. I pray your precious memories give you much comfort and peace. God bless you all.*

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**Debbie Fullington** - January 27, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MA

“ *So sorry for your lost. My prayers are for you and the family. May God give you comfort at this time..*

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**Marilyn Austin** - January 27, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MC

“ *Deb, I am so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. In some capacity I had worked with both of you at different time. He played such a big role in your family. I have good memories of how you supported me when I needed help at work. May God hold and keep your family and you during this time.*

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**Melanie Carr** - January 27, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Leslie Susong.*



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January 27, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Susong Family in Texas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Philip Leslie Susong.*



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**Susong Family in Texas** - January 27, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Alma, Lisa & LeAnn, I'm so sorry about the loss of Phil. Will always remember watching him & Edwin on the bus reading comics. He'll be deeply missed. I'll keep you all in my prayers.*  
*Penny Inman Webb & family*

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**Penny Inman Webb** - January 26, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Alma, Debra and family I am so sorry for your loss of Phil. I know he will be missed. Please accept my sincere sympathy and if I can do anything for you please call. Love you all and God bless. Sincerely in Christ, Joan Kropff*

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**Joan Kropff** - January 25, 2020 at 03:14 PM

TD

*Alma, LeAnn, Lisa & family.  
I'm so sorry for your loss of Philip. My thoughts & prayers are with you.*

**Teresa Denton** - January 27, 2020 at 08:27 PM

 Lorri  
Rollins

“ *Sorry to hear about Philip! Prayers for Debbie an Lisa*

**Lorri Rollins** - January 25, 2020 at 01:44 PM

KA

“ *Karen lit a candle in memory of Philip Leslie  
Susong*



**Karen** - January 24, 2020 at 05:14 PM

BE

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I went to high school with  
his nephew, Ben.*

**Benjamin Evans** - January 24, 2020 at 02:04 PM