



## Mr. Philip Wayne Stade

April 12, 1950 - September 1, 2020

Phil took his final flight from this earth into eternity on September 1, 2020. He leaves to mourn his passing, Beth, his wife of 48 years, their children; Jonathan, wife Marian and their daughter, Cadence; Janette, husband Leighton, their sons Alex and Gavin; Allison, husband Jarid, and their sons Evan and Matthew.

His loss will also be felt by his siblings, Earl, Elaine, Paul, Ken, Karen, and Lorilyn, their spouses and children, as well as Beth's siblings, Doris, Rob, and Corie and their families.

Phil's career in banking, first with RBC, then with ATB, moved the family to 10 different communities over more than 30 years. In each, friendships were forged that have lasted decades. Those friends will also miss him.

Phil loved the Lord, his family, and his friends, but his passion was flying. He said that even as a young child he remembered dreaming of flying, Peter Pan style, over the countryside. Those dreams became a reality when he discovered the sport of gliding. We often teased him that it didn't matter where a conversation began, it inevitably ended up being about flying. He loved sharing the experience and many people say that his taking them for a flight was the thrill of a lifetime.

Due to Covid restrictions the celebration of life service will be limited to 100 people by reservation, but will be live streamed and also recorded to be uploaded to the web for those unable to attend.

In lieu of flowers, should friends so desire, donations may be made to the Foothills Country Hospice, where Phil spent his last week. Address: 322001 32 St. E, Okotoks Alberta, T1S 1A5. [www.countryhospice.org](http://www.countryhospice.org)

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Philip Wayne Stade*



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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - September 04, 2020 at 01:59 PM



*Above is the video link for the Live Stream - Remembering Phil Stade.*

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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - September 04, 2020 at 02:04 PM



*Beth, please accept condolences from John and I to you and your whole family. Phil was a great friend and I can't help but thank him once again for all the glider flights he donated to the various charities and organizations I'm with. I always enjoyed the times we got together with both of you. We will miss him immensely.*  
*Laurie McCreary-Burke*

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**Laurie McCreary-Burke** - September 10, 2020 at 09:18 PM

KH

“ I only heard about Phil peripherally...while distant in the community, I seem to recall his passion for being in the air in any given bird. I did not know he had passed, and while I did not know him personally, I feel a loss, and indeed wish the best for his family in this difficult time past. Perhaps it is that he shares my dad's first name and my middle name...and flying that seems to suggest kinship. Nonetheless, belated though it may be, I'm terribly sorry for your loss. I found out only recently vis-a-vis an old ad in Wings and Wheels.

*Respectfully, Kevin P Hambsch*

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**Kevin Philip Hambsch** - April 05, 2025 at 10:39 PM

KE

“ Kimberly Smith Epp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Philip Wayne Stade



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**Kimberly Smith Epp** - September 22, 2020 at 02:46 PM

KE

“ My deepest condolences to Beth, and family. Phil was a true GENTLEman. It was many years ago Phil blessed ATB Black Diamond with his presence. When he came to join us at the branch he was a real company man, and towed the company line graciously, yet open-mindedly. Thank goodness, cause we opened his mind to plenty of fun. Then, God bless Phil, he served ATB with his retirement notice. The company man that he was then became the GENTLEman that I know we will always remember - the 1 that was having fun, and doing it right. I will cherish the motto he lived by, and I will miss his signature, ultra bright smile. Phil taught me a lot. He was the most inspirational manager I ever worked with at ATB. Fly high Phil, have fun and do it right - your way. Thanks for everything. You will be sadly missed, and very fondly remembered.  
Kimberly Smith Epp

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**Kimberly Smith Epp** - September 22, 2020 at 02:42 PM

TT

“ Beth, I think of you and Phil frequently whenever I pass the Q Nim club and wonder if indeed that is Phil passing overhead. The few occasions I had to talk with him were always interesting. He encouraged me to explore the silence of glider flight as we would talk of my helicopter and his beautiful bird. It was opportunity missed as I would have enjoyed that further experience. He has certainly “slipped the surly bonds of earth,” and taken by a new set of wings. May that peace be with you and . . . Ted Thorne

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**Ted Thorne** - September 14, 2020 at 07:32 PM

MF

“ Beth and family: I just received notice of Phil's passing and wanted you to know that we are thinking of you at this stressful time. Wonderful memories always.

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**Mae Fisher** - September 13, 2020 at 12:51 PM

DC

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. I bought Phil's Mitsubishi Delica from him several years ago and found him to be a warm, good natured and engaging person. He shared lots of information with me about the vehicle, and lots of information about his passion, flying. Though we didn't connect afterwards very often, I shall miss him.

David Cambbell - September 10, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JB

“ Phil loved flying and he also loved flying on skis during the many back country ski trips we did from 1989 to 2017. These trips were more than the physical challenge of skiing 80+ k's with full gear; they were an opportunity to connect profoundly with nature, to find moral peace with the universe and to find a renewed resilience of the heart, mind and soul. I posted some videos to capture the spirit, joy and challenges that Phil demonstrated on our back country ski trips. JB

John Burger - September 09, 2020 at 04:57 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Burger - September 09, 2020 at 04:37 PM

BS

great videos, John

Beth Stade - September 18, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**John Burger** - September 09, 2020 at 04:32 PM

CB

“ I have so many great memories of Phil. Always smiling, always positive, always busy! He was a wonderful mentor and teacher and such a positive force at Cu Nim. When I was feeling down, he always found a way to help me see the positives.

*I have many memories, but this photograph captures particular meaning for me when he took my daughter up for her first flight. Taking the time to explain everything to her and treat her to a wonderful first experience. Flying and teacher never seemed to be a chore to Phil, he always approached it with joy.*



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**Casey Brown** - September 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ Blue Skies Phil! I will miss you a great deal.

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**Jeremy Bruns** - September 08, 2020 at 11:46 AM

ED

“ Phil was one of my gliding instructors and a huge influence on me as a pilot. I'll always remember his incredible optimism - if I struggled with something, he was sure I could get it in time. If the weather wasn't great, surely it would improve within the hour. He could always find that little ray of sunshine piercing through the clouds (both figuratively and literally!) I had several very memorable flights with him as a student pilot, but the most spectacular was during my first trip to the fall Cowley gliding camp. The conditions were perfect and we soared up to 19,300 ft above sea level - far higher than the mountain tops, we actually flew \*beside\* the chinook arch. I'll always be grateful I had the chance to learn to fly from someone who found such joy in it.

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**Erin D.** - September 08, 2020 at 10:09 AM

JA

“ Hello Beth & Family: Very saddened by this news. I have nothing but good memories of Phil. He definitely made my high school years lighter just by being a friend, and also the times we had visiting when we lived in Alberta. Had been thinking of you and Phil quite often over the last few months. Have been trying to find you but didn't know where you were. Will definitely be praying for all of you as you go through this time of mourning. Hopefully we can get in touch - would really like that.

*Roger & June Aitken*

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**June Aitken** - September 07, 2020 at 12:37 PM

KC

“ What I remember most is the amazing energy and joy Uncle Phil could bring to a room. Always quick to laugh and quick to help, he was someone who got the most out of life.

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**Kristina Campbell** - September 06, 2020 at 12:01 AM

DJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Derek Jones - September 04, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MT

*Sorry to hear of your loss Jonathan and family. I didn't know your dad but he sounds like a passionate man. May he Rest In Peace or be flying the skies enjoying the sights!*

Merla Thonson - September 07, 2020 at 06:04 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Duncan McDonald - September 02, 2020 at 09:40 PM

DM

*Too many memories over 30 years. The glider was his element where for a short time we soared above the earth and saw the beauty. They were quiet moments i well never forget.*

Duncan McDonald - September 02, 2020 at 09:42 PM

KS

*Phil took me on several gliding rides. The last one was most memorable because I became sick. It took three hours for Phil to clean the glider. My guilt has not subsided. Phil was my 'decade' brother, but I felt close to him. He could always cheer me up. I will miss him terribly. My love to Beth and all the family.*

Karen Sidebottom - September 03, 2020 at 10:52 AM

PW

*Beth and family..sending love and prayers. May all your cherished memories wrap their arms around you and be a comfort to you always.Hugs Patty Webb*

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**Patty Webb** - September 03, 2020 at 01:56 PM

DS

*My sincere condolences on Phil's passing. Only knew him through his time with ATB. Found to be a kind soul.*

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**Douglas R. Swanson** - September 12, 2020 at 12:21 PM