



Philip "Phil" D. Age

March 14, 1950 - June 2, 2007

Philip D. Age, age 57, of Mattoon, passed away at 11:40 AM, Saturday, June 2, 2007, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. A memorial service honoring his life will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, June 8, 2007 at the First Christian Church in Charleston with Reverend Michael Southard officiating. There will be no visitation. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Phil was born in Louisville, Kentucky on March 14, 1950, the son of Alton and Lola May (Hume) Age. He married Jill Pospisil on January 22, 1977 at the Chapman College Chapel in Orange, CA. She survives. Other survivors include his mother, Lola May Age of Santee, CA; his children, Justin G. Age and wife Damaris of Mattoon, and Andrew Age of Mattoon; and one brother, Barry Age of Santee, CA. He was preceded in death by his father, and one brother, Stephen Age. After graduating from Long Beach State in California, Phil joined the Disney organization in the creative entertainment field at Disneyland California. He then started his graphic arts teaching career at San Dieguito in Encinitas, California. He developed a passion for teaching graphic arts and the new technology within the field. This passion led him to complete his doctorate degree at Illinois State University in Curriculum and Instruction. Phil's career spanned 30 years of teaching from the high school level to the graduate level. The last seven years of his long career were spent at Eastern Illinois University. The culmination of his time at Eastern Illinois University, was spent developing a curriculum program integrating industry into education. Phil published

numerous articles in the field of printing. He was the National Chairman for the PrintEd National Accreditation Program and continued to be involved in numerous other organizations in his field. He was the founder and advisor for the Eastern Illinois Technical Association for Graphic Arts (TAGA) student chapter.\r\n

Tribute Wall



“ Philip "Phil" D. Age

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ I was a student of "Mr. Age" at San Dieguito High School in the late 1980's.

I fondly remember the hundreds of hours his class spent in Phil's classes in my Junior and Senior years. I was not so great at the mechanical parts of the printing process, so I focused my energy on care of the newfangled computers, software and laser printers. Phil was always looking to inspire his students. Constantly searching for those with aptitude and passion who might work in the printing industry or earn a degree at a great Graphics Design program.

Vocational classes in high school helped me find my way in life and on to a rewarding career.

CH - March 11, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ Dr. Age was my teacher for only 2 years, but I returned to his classes many times to ask advice on projects, work on my website, crack jokes, and talk about my future. He was a teacher I respected and learned so much from. He will truly be missed.

Angie Taylor - June 14, 2007 at 11:10 AM

MF

“ Dr. Phil was a great ally in our industry, not only with his enthusiasm and technical contributions, but also with his students he sent into the graphics world. We'll miss him and our prayers are with all of his family and friends.....

MacDermid Autotype Family - June 07, 2007 at 03:52 PM

RW

“ Jill, Justin, and Andrew
You have lost a wonderful husband and father. I have had the wonderful pleasure of working with Phil since he joined the faculty at Eastern Illinois University. In all of my years of working with EIU faculty, I enjoyed working with Phil as one of the best. Phil and I worked together many times with workshops. I always introduced Phil as "Dr. Phil." This always brought laughter and served to open the participants to become interested in our workshop. As you know, we were scheduled to do still another workshop this fall. Dr. Phil will be missed more than words can say. My sympathy and sorrow go with you.
Bob Wiseman

Robert C. Wiseman - June 07, 2007 at 09:02 AM

TE

“ Phil and I first met when he was at Illinois State. As a Graphic Arts teacher at Mattoon High School, I was excited to have a new resource that was so willing to help me out. When he moved to EIU, our relationship grew and he helped me get my program nationally certified. I remember during the certification process how positive he was and how he worked with me and my students to get through the long application process. Phil continually reassured me that it would all turn out OK, not to worry. His dedication to the Graphic Arts industry, his warm smile and wonderful laugh, his positive attitude and his tremendous energy are what I will remember about Phil. He was a collaborator, a friend and a powerful force in the Graphic Arts field. I am proud to have known him and I will miss him.

Tom Epperson - June 06, 2007 at 11:31 AM

CH

“ Dr. Age was a wonderful teacher at Eastern Illinois University. He helped me develop new ideas and to enjoy learning. I have nothing but great memories with him. About 2 months ago Dr. Age wrote a letter for me to apply for Grad School. He was always willing to help out others.

Chris Huckaba - June 05, 2007 at 11:18 PM

GP

“ Dr. Age was someone that I looked forward to seeing. He kept me on my toes and I loved him for it. Now he's cracking jokes with God. Can't wait to see him again.

Gina Paladino - June 05, 2007 at 05:52 PM

KR

“ You will be greatly missed.\n

Kristin - June 05, 2007 at 12:08 PM

PL

“ Dr. Age is a true colleague and friend I fully respect. He was one of the major forces in the development of our "computer technology" emphasis in the Graduate Programs in Technology. His passion and dedication to our students are my inspiration. Phil, we will miss you.

Peter Ping Liu - June 05, 2007 at 10:59 AM

DS

“ It was a pleasure working with Phil on the PrintED committees as our conversations were always lively as a group. Although I never met him in person I feel as though I knew something about this man's drive to fully participate and promote initiatives for the PrintED organization. He will be missed greatly.

Dave Schlosser - June 05, 2007 at 10:28 AM

RC

“ Dr. Phil Age was recognized as one of the top leaders in graphic arts education in the nation. His work in developing industry certified curricula for vocational education has made an indelible mark on the workforce of the printing industry, and he will be greatly missed.
Randolph W. Camp, chairman
Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation

Randy Camp - June 05, 2007 at 10:07 AM

TR

“ Dr. Age was a man I respected. His dedication to his work was obvious and he made me want to learn as much as possible. I loved his sense of humor and I will truly miss seeing him on campus.
I'm so very sorry for your loss of this wonderful man.

Tracy - June 05, 2007 at 07:39 AM