



Mr. Philip Thomas Sciortino Jr.

August 4, 1933 - September 3, 2013

Mr. Philip Thomas Sciortino, Jr., age 80, of Winter Park, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Dr. Sciortino was born on August 4, 1933 in Bergenfield, New Jersey. He is survived by his loving wife, Jo, children Tom (Kathy) Sciortino, Susan Sciortino, Gloria (Bill) Rogers, Paul Sciortino, Terri (Tim) Koepsell and Patti (Steven) McDaniel, grandchildren Sean (Sara) Sciortino, Gina (Joe) Glasgow, Ryan Sciortino, Matthew (Courtney) Rogers, Kyle Sciortino, Krista Rogers, Stephanie Sciortino, Rose Sciortino, Charlie Koepsell, Michael McDaniel, Paul Sciortino, Jr., Seth Sciortino, Hunter Koepsell and Amy McDaniel, great grandchildren Thomas, Connor and Alice Sciortino and Aiden Sciortino, sister Tuni Blackwelder (John Dowd) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was welcomed into Heaven by his son, Steven and daughter-in-law, Sarah (Paul) Sciortino.

Phil met the love of his life, Jo, when he was 7 years old. A family favorite photo shows them sitting on a bicycle when he was 7 years old and she was 5 years old. They married in 1954 and celebrated 59 years of marriage in June. Joining the US Army in 1955 during the Korean War, he served honorably until 1957.

Moving to Orlando in 1958, Dr. Sciortino lived in Orlando and Winter Park for 55 years.

Dr. Sciortino lived his belief of being a lifelong learner. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Fordham University in 1954, a Masters of Education

and MBA from Rollins College in 1968 and his PhD from Notre Dame in 1971. Beginning his lifelong love of education as a Math teacher at St. Charles, he touched thousands of lives as he continued teaching at Notre Dame, Rollins College and the University of Central Florida. Dr. Sciortino was the Supervisor of Schools for the Diocese of Orlando in 1966-1967. Well respected, he received the Professor of the Year award in the Education department in 1989.

An avid volunteer in the community, he volunteered at Family, Friends and Chicken Soup and IHN at St. Margaret Mary. Appointed by the Supreme Court of FL to serve on the Board of Bar Examiners, he served for 20 years. He also served as President of the Board at The Greenhouse Family Counseling Center.

Dr. Sciortino was an avid Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan who never missed a football game, even when he was in the hospital.

He had a wry sense of humor and loved sharing his Italian heritage with family & friends!

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Phil's honor to B.E.T.A Center, St. Margaret Mary or your favorite charity.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751 407-695-CARE(2273)

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 North Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Graveside

SEP 7. 1:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Palm Cemetery
1005 N. New York Ave
Winter Park, FL

Funeral Mass

SEP 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 North Park Ave
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Tribute Wall

GS

“ Dear Jo and family: Lynn and I are very sorry to have missed the funeral and visitation (did not see it listed in newspaper) because we wanted to share in person our sincere sympathy on your great loss: Phil was a good and generous man who enriched the community. Our prayers are with you. Jerry Schiffhorst (fellow UCF faculty, retired)

Gerald Schiffhorst - September 08, 2013 at 11:56 AM

DH

“ When I first met Mr. Sciortino I was nervous because I knew he was an extremely intelligent man. But, the more conversations we had, the more I realized what a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and advisor he was in his life. I often asked him how he did such a wonderful job with his children and what was the magic he used for them being such wonderful individuals and siblings. He smiled and told me that communication and being there for them was what he did. I am very sad that he is gone, but I am happy he is not suffering any more. I know he will always be watching down on all of us. God Bless you Phil Sciortino.

Debbie Henderson - September 06, 2013 at 04:02 PM

PW

“ I would like to share a memory of Mr. Sciortino that I just shared with Gloria. Gloria and I have been friends since 10th grade and when I first met Gloria she and I had gone to some event at school and her Dad was driving us home. I just remember that he was teasing her and she told him to "shut up" and I couldn't believe it - I was sure she was going to get into trouble but they both just laughed !! Like CAthy's post below I had many a meal in the Sciortino home and just loved being there. Always lots of laughter - close family - very special man who will be greatly missed.

Patti Hill Weeks - September 06, 2013 at 09:10 AM

CM

“ I met papa Phil over37 years ago when his daughter, Terri and i became friends.i ate many Italian meals at his home where there was always enough to feed an army! Later he was my professor at college where he instilled a love of teaching in me! Thank you for everything, papa Phil!

Catherine mohr - September 05, 2013 at 05:46 PM

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SG

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Phil and his beautiful bride through mutual friends. I later was able to be his graduate assistant for 2 years. When I left to do my internship, he asked me jokingly, 'who will keep me on track when you are gone?' I have many other fond memories, but the best part was having been a small part of his life. He will be missed.

Sami Griffin - September 05, 2013 at 01:57 PM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your loss of this loving and gracious man. May your memories enfold and sustain you. With heartfelt sympathy, Kandi, Kortney and Kenzie Harrison (Susan & Stephe's Illinois friends)



kandi Harrison - September 05, 2013 at 12:08 PM