



Phillip "Sonny" Roach

November 22, 1942 - December 21, 2020

Dateline: Brussels, IL

Phillip "Sonny" Roach, 78, died at 3:50 p.m. Monday, December 21, 2020 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born November 22, 1942 in East Alton, he was the son of Melvin W. and Gladys Maxine (Gentry) Roach. Sonny was truly a Masterpiece Created by God. He had a contagious smile that would melt your heart. A Soul of Kindness and Love. He enjoyed everything in life. He loved to listen to Willy's Roadhouse on his radio. He worked on putting puzzles together and go fishing when someone would ask him to go along. Sonny always enjoyed going to the Turkey Banquet with a special friend. He would ride along in the truck with his brother-in-law to go coyote hunting. He has a twin sister "Sis" that he loved to sneak up on and scare. His sister Barb who would take him to the VFW to dance and enjoy the music and his "guardian angel" Patti whom he lived with and was his awesome care giver. There wasn't anything we wouldn't do for him. Our guiding light and our Sonny Sun Shine. Once he met you he wouldn't forget you. He touched so very many hearts and lives and we are forever grateful to everyone who loved him and prayed for him. A special thank you to the doctors and nurses who cared for him at Alton Memorial Hospital. He is survived by three sisters, Barbara Edelen of Godfrey, Phyllis Sloan of O'Fallon, MO, and Patti Rose (Roger) of Brussels, special nephews; Mike Edelen, Kevin (LeAnn) Edelen, Tim (Denise) Rose, special nieces; Kelly (Mike) Lawrence, Kimberly (Ron) Crum, Christy Sloan, Lisa (Mark) Heil, and Kathy (Steve) Phillips, many great and great-

great nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a great niece, Jordan Elizabeth Edelen, great nephew, Bryan Edward Reynolds, and a great-great niece, April Tegeler. Grave side services will be private at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Pastor Rick Dement will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to Muscular Dystrophy, the Illinois Center of Autism in Belleville or the Sons of the Legionnaires in Brussels, IL. God grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change. Courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. A celebration of Sonny's life will be held after this horrible COVID-19 is over. We pray for everyone to be safe. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

Bethalto, IL 62010

Tribute Wall



“ Phillip "Sonny" Roach

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Phillip "Sonny" Roach

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Extremely sad to learn of Sonny's passing. From the time I was very young up to the last time I was able to see Sonny, his smile never changed. He was nothing but kind and generous every time I was around him. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Sincerely,
Robert Etter & Family*

Robert Etter - January 05, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sending love to all who love Sonny and will miss him. He has been in my life since I was born. I moved away but luckily got to see him a couple times in the last year plus. I thank God for that. I will always remember him with his big smile and huge heart. Enjoy being with so many of our family in heaven Sonny, it should be a beautiful reunion. Love to all, Rhonda (Roach) Daniels*

Rhonda Daniels - December 29, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Sonny's passing, our condolences go out to the entire Roach family. Sonny was my second cousin and I can remember him fondly from years past.

Richard & Sharon Smith

Richard & Sharon Smith - December 28, 2020 at 11:05 AM

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“ So sorry to Sonny's family! It was always a pleasure to see him at the VFW in Alton. He always had a contagious smile for everyone he came in contact with.

*Sincerely,
Sandy Thompson*

Sandy Thompson - December 24, 2020 at 09:49 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to Sonny and his family. He was definitely a bright light that was shining each year at our Midwest Gobblers turkey banquet. We will remember that happy smile and friendly attitude he brought with him every time he attended. Everyone around him enjoyed his presence. He will be missed.

Neil Waters - December 24, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathies. You are all in our prayers and thoughts at this most difficult time. RIP Sonny!

Mike & Ellen Fuhler - December 23, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip "Sonny" Roach.*



December 23, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *RIP Sonny Boy. We loved talking to him years ago on our CB radios. He was always there for us to give him a holler and just talk. Big Cat Kiit Kat and Little cat . Aka known as Chuck and Cathy Chapman and Brad Chapman.*

Cathy Chapman Ellis - December 23, 2020 at 07:03 PM