

Phillip James Tackentien, 75, of Tuscaloosa, died peacefully at his home on November 3rd, 2023. Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, Maynard and Jean Tackentien. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Tackentien, of Tuscaloosa, his sons Greg and Matt Tackentien, his daughter Danielle Tackentien, his grandsons T.J. Tackentien, Matthew Sloan and Garrett Sloan, his granddaughters Madison Tackentien, Megan Tackentien, and Samantha Tackentien, and his great granddaughter Marianna Tackentien—not to mention his dog Belle , whom he loved deeply. They will all miss his laughter, his smile, and the many stories he enjoyed telling.

Phil was born in Buffalo, New York, on July 20th, 1948. He grew up in the Sheridan Projects and graduated from Kenmore West Senior High School in 1966, the first in his family to graduate high school. He joined the Navy in 1968, serving aboard the U.S.S. Independence as a Helicopter Mechanic during the Vietnam War. He was proud of his time in the Navy.

He met his wife Peggy while stationed in Lakehurst, New Jersey in 1972, and they were married for 51 years. In 1973 Phil began working for General Motors, Harrison Radiator, first in Lockport, NY, but later in Tuscaloosa, AL, where he retired in 2006, after 33 years of service.

Phil had an outgoing personality, and was fond of good conversation—he could strike up a conversation with just about anyone. He was known as a “Wild Man” in his younger days.

He was an avid pool player and loved hot rod cars. Especially his 1955 Chevy Bel Air which he restored himself. Phil loved working on cars and would always stop to help anyone who was broken down.

Phil loved his family, and loved being a “Papa.” He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, you can donate to Amedisys Hospice.

