



## Philip Ray Travis

August 15, 1960 - November 28, 2025

Frankfort – Dr. Philip Ray Travis, age 65, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Josh Rucker officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Philip was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky on August 15, 1960, and raised in Frankfort. He was a graduate of Frankfort High School. Philip attended the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, where he graduated with a doctoral degree. He retired as the owner and operator of Advance Dental Center with two locations in Louisville. Following retirement, he worked for the federal government as a mobile dentist for the underprivileged. He was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

He is survived by his beloved spouse, Christopher Rucker; mother, Priscilla Blockson Gershman; sister, Michelle Woolum (Michael), and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Philip Ray Travis, and step-father, Irvine Gershman.

Serving as pallbearers will be family and friends. The honorary pallbearer will be Jack Burch.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association or Franklin County Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Versailles, KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Phil on my first day as a Primary Care Provider at KSR. His office was across from mine. I had brought homemade bread and country butter to help make friends. I popped across the hallway, introduced myself, and broke bread with Phil and Laura, his funny and kind dental tech. They took me under their wing, explained the way things should be done to keep myself safe. We had lunches together....all of us foodies and forged a friendship that continued even when we all left KSR. We stayed in touch on Facebook, shared recipes and favorite restaurants. I love Phil's stories from his childhood and funny anecdotes about his family. He was a true gentleman and those that were loved by him will keep his memory alive for an eternity. I pray you find peace, Chris....I will pray for you and his beloved Mom.

Deb Williams - December 06, 2025 at 08:35 PM

MM

“ Dear Chris, I too am so so sad to hear this news. I will really miss our funny stories and conversations and even his southern cooking recipes when he visited his Holiday home. I was so hoping and praying he would get better. I will surely miss him. I will keep him and you Chris and his Mom in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless 🙏🙏🙏 Maryellen and Fred Geiger 💜🥺

Maryellen Macginley - December 06, 2025 at 04:23 PM

KW

“ Phillip was truly a wonderful person. He was so much fun to go dancing with and every room he was in was brighter, more joyful and warmer because of him. Phillip will never be forgotten and he will be loved for eternity.

Kriss Walcutt - December 05, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ 58 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - December 05, 2025 at 11:14 AM

PW

“ I have fond memories of Phil putting on this outrageous full length fur coat to go to the grocery store. Yes, yes we did. And stripping wallpaper at the house. Going out in Louisville and the many, many Cadillacs.

We all grow older and drift apart due to family obligations. But no matter when or where I would run into Phil, we would end up talking like we saw each other yesterday and would laugh and laugh.

My heart breaks for Chris, Lovey - everyone of Phil's friends he's leaving behind. I am bittersweet because we wanted you to be out of pain and at peace, but darn it, we're going to miss you here. You were one of a kind!

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**Paula Weglarz** - December 03, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Phil's passing. It has been many year since I last saw him, but he was one of the kindest and funniest people. Only fond memories of him. Prayers and hugs to those who loved him.

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**Deena Moore** - December 03, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ So very sorry Chris and Priscilla for your loss. I remember my childhood with Phil and us all playing in the side yard of his house on Louisville Road in Frankfort. I am really going to miss his stories, he truly had an incredible talent for writing. Fly high my friend 💔💔



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**Tammy Krider (Burton)** - December 02, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DE

“ So very sorry to hear of Phil's passing, He was a sweet friend to me when I transferred in to Frankfort High the February of my junior year way back in 1975. He befriended me though I was a couple of years older, making me feel welcome. We often lunched together in the gym with another friend I only remember as “Clara,” laughing and talking about everything. I adored Phil. He knew I didn't date and offered to take me to my senior prom because he knew I wanted to go. He was such a gentleman and made sure I had a lovely evening. Such a sweet, kind, funny, brilliantly smart boy! I have such fond memories of him and our time at Frankfort High. You will be missed, Phil. Love ya!

Debbie (Cherry) Martin.

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**Debbie** - December 02, 2025 at 09:40 PM

MD

“ Chris and family I'm so very sorry for your loss. It's been a long time since I saw Phil and I really missed out. What a great guy! Hilarious, kind and smart. Fond memories of him. Chris take care of yourself I always thought that you are a great guy too. 🙌❤️🙏 Mary Nell Dempsey

Mary Nell Dempsey - December 02, 2025 at 09:34 PM

MK

“ To a life well lived. Your memory and laughter will live on.



Michelle Kent - December 02, 2025 at 03:20 PM

TT

“ Tammie Tunnell lit a candle in memory of Philip Ray Travis



Tammie Tunnell - December 02, 2025 at 02:42 PM