



## Phil Begole

July 27, 1949 - January 5, 2024

Phil Begole, 74 of Pana, Illinois died Friday, January 5, 2024 at 11:20 PM at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Illinois. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Pana, Illinois with Fr. Joseph Havrilka and Fr. D. Patrick Gibbons co-officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home in Pana. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Pana Township, Illinois. Phil was a loyal and generous supporter of several Pana organizations, and the family has asked that you would please consider donating to one or more of the following in Phil's memory: AAMP, Loving Arms Pregnancy Center, Pana Fire Department, Pana Police Department, and Sacred Heart School.

Phil was born July 27, 1949 in Pana, Illinois to Francis and Eva (maiden name Schaefer) Begole. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Pana High School, where he graduated with the Class of 1967. Phil went onto Kaskaskia Community College before enlisting in the United States Army in August, 1969. He served in Germany and Vietnam. After his honorable discharge in April, 1972 he returned to the family farm. He grew corn, wheat, and soybeans and ran a cow-calf operation for several years. Phil made it a point in his life to treat others as he would want to be treated. He was an honest, hard-working farmer. He was especially proud of doing a major improvement on the farm property by having the fields tilled. He worked hard on soil conservation.

Phil loved being with family, especially his wife and best friend, Peggy, their children, Maria and Christopher, and grandsons, Sam and Leo. Phil married Peggy Molloy at St. Francis Xavier Church in Jerseyville, Illinois on August 1, 1981. Phil was a member of St. Patrick's Parish where he was a lector for thirty years and one of the committee chairmen for the Annual Chicken Dinner for over a dozen years.

Phil retired in 2010 because of increasing weakness from cancer treatments, yet he continued to be as actively involved in the farm operation as much as possible. He was an avid reader of many farm publications, keeping informed on a variety of agricultural issues. He also studied the United States Marine Corps involvement in the Pacific Theater during World War II, especially the battles of Guam, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Peleliu.

Phil is survived by Peggy, his wife of 42 years, daughter Maria McRaven of Houston, Texas, and grandsons Sam and Leo McRaven, both of Houston, nephew James Denbow, niece Janet Denbow, great-nephew David Denbow and his son Gabe, great-niece Kim Denbow and her children Athena and Xavier. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Chris in 2004, sister Ruth Denbow, niece Beth Denbow, and great-great-niece Ava Denbow. Phil truly appreciated his many friends with whom he enjoyed coffee and good conversation through the decades at local fertilizer businesses, most recently at FS in Millersville.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery, Pana

2207 W Rt 16  
Pana, IL 62557

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kennedy & Sons, Funeral Directors  
401 S. Locust Street  
Pana, IL 62557  
(217) 562-3959  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
301 S Locust Street  
Pana, IL

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Phil's legacy of love and kindness will forever be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you find your way through this difficult time.*

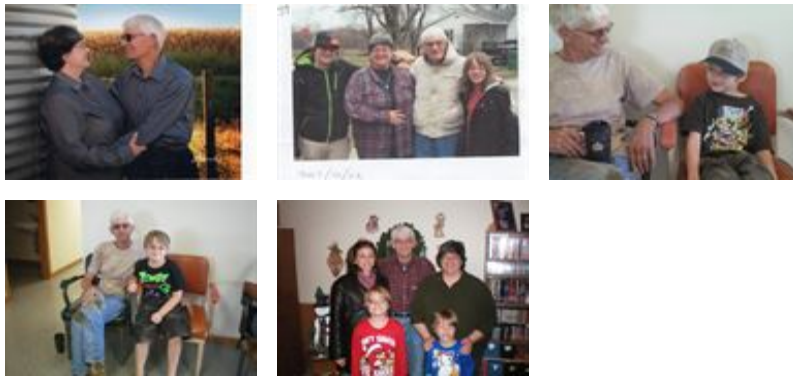
*Love*  
*Jim & Kathy Schaefer*

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**jim Schaefer** - January 14, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C.** - January 13, 2024 at 03:49 PM

DA

“ *Dennis Aumann lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole*



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**Dennis Aumann** - January 11, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Phil Begole.*



January 10, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Mike and Kathy Arnold purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Phil Begole.*



**Mike and Kathy Arnold** - January 10, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ *Mike and Kathy Arnold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Begole.*



**Mike and Kathy Arnold** - January 10, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ *Scott Sims lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole*



**Scott Sims** - January 10, 2024 at 03:28 PM

LZ

“ Lois Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Begole.

Lois Z. - January 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phil Begole.



January 09, 2024 at 08:43 PM

VK

“ I was sorry to hear that Phillip had passed away. Vivian and I still have great memories of going to your farm and playing with the cousins. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Vivian Corrie & Marian Koehrer

Vivian Corrie & Marian Koehrer - January 09, 2024 at 08:23 PM

VM

“ Dearest Peggy, family, and friends, Jerry and I were surprised and saddened to read Phil's obit in Pana News. Please accept our condolences and our prayers for peace and comfort for each of you. He will be missed by all and our community.

Virginia and Jerry Miller - January 09, 2024 at 12:48 PM

PH

“ Sincere sympathy and prayers to Peggy and family. Phil was always a pleasant and kind friend to visit with. Will miss seeing him in church.



Pat Holthaus - January 09, 2024 at 06:08 AM

DZ

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers with you and your family.

Don & Wendy Zuber - January 08, 2024 at 03:10 PM

BM

“ Peggy, Maria & family I'm so verry sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort.



Bill or Georgette Merrifield - January 08, 2024 at 02:29 PM

PS

“ Pete Scherzer & Diane Scherzer lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole



Pete Scherzer & Diane Scherzer - January 08, 2024 at 01:20 PM

CS

“ *My sincere condolences to Peggy and the family of Phil. May our Lord grant each of you peace and comfort during this difficult time*



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**Carol Schramm** - January 08, 2024 at 12:53 PM

SS

“ *Scott Sims lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole*



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**Scott Sims** - January 08, 2024 at 08:35 AM

MH

“ *Marsha Hrabak lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole*



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**Marsha Hrabak** - January 07, 2024 at 07:11 PM

LR

“ *Blessings to Phil's family. The few visits we had always went to talks about the mustangs we've each owned.*

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**Louise Shippy Rouse** - January 07, 2024 at 05:03 PM

GS

“ Always enjoyed a visit with Phil. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies to his loved ones.

Gayle Schafer - January 07, 2024 at 02:01 PM

DA

“ My sympathy to all who loved Phil, especially Peggy and children.



Dena Adden - January 07, 2024 at 12:40 PM

RS

“ Ron And Jodi Smith lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole



Ron and Jodi Smith - January 07, 2024 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ Jim & Bev Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole



Jim & Bev Schmitz - January 07, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PH

“ *Condolences to Peg and Family; Phil was a very kind and caring man.*

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**Paulette Hall** - January 07, 2024 at 12:28 AM

KP

“ *Kathy Patient sent a virtual gift in memory of Phil Begole*



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**Kathy Patient** - January 06, 2024 at 11:08 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Herbord lit a candle in memory of Phil Begole*



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**Debbie Herbord** - January 06, 2024 at 08:00 PM