



## Philip J Comba

April 29, 1925 - July 20, 2018

DELMAR- Philip J. Comba, 93, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, July 20, 2018 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.

He was born April 29, 1925 in Brooklyn, New York, a son of the late Philip J. Comba, Sr. and Mabel Cooper Comba.

Phil proudly served his country in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II, including participating in the Murmansk Run. He married his sweetheart, Mary Castellanos in 1945, after returning from the war. In 1947 they moved to Delmar and loved being a part of the community. He was a long time member of Holy Redeemer Church in Delmar where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and an usher and unselfishly helped arrange many bereavement dinners for members and their families. Phil spent 35 years working as an insulator at the DuPont factory in Seaford. He also worked for many years at the Bank of Delmarva doing maintenance and later as a courier, a job he truly loved. He was a true people person and never met a stranger. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and wonderful sense of humor. He lived for baseball season and was a faithful Brooklyn Dodgers fan, an avid reader and a collector of stamps, liquor pitchers and pub jugs. He was also a fanatic fan of NCIS and Blue Bloods and loved Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. In addition to those shows, Phil kept his mind sharp by doing crossword puzzles and Jumble.

He is survived by his children, Kathy Hastings and her husband Kenneth of Laurel, Diane Petrey and her husband Len of Forest Hill, MD, Barbara

Svoboda and her husband Ron of Bel Air, MD and Philip J. Comba, Jr. and his companion, Lorraine Delisle of Dagsboro ; grandchildren, Jennifer Boes (Doug), Colleen Reed (Glenn), Jason K. Hastings (Melissa), Kelly Mosher (Dean), Scott Petrey (Kelly), Chad Petrey (Tarah), Anna Saunders, and Nichole Comba; eleven great grandchildren; a brother, Robert Comba; a sister, Betty Oriol; a brother-in-law, James Castellanos; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Mary Castellanos Comba; a brother, Garrett Comba; an infant sister, Barbara Comba; and his long-time friend, Herb Murphy.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church in Delmar. Following the Mass, a fellowship meal will be held at the church hall. Interment with military honors will follow at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Holy Redeemer Church, P.O. Box 31, Delmar, DE 19940 or Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way  
Millsboro, DE 19966

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 East Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525  
info@shortfh.com

## Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church  
Bi-State Blvd. & Chestnut Street  
Delmar, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip J Comba*



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**Short Funeral Home** - July 24, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ *Philip J Comba*

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January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



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**Tom Jewell** - July 25, 2018 at 03:34 PM

BM

“ Ah Mr. Comba, Dad had a pair of glasses at the farm for he and Phil to share a snort. I was lucky enough to have enjoyed a medical pour with Phil in Dad's memory. Phil resurrected a wood ribbed canvas kayak and gave me the privilege of paddling the maiden voyage on Trap Pond as he watched safely from shore. He chuckled at the squirrel cartoons I sent to him as he battled his rodent nemesis. He exchanged the Canadian coins at the Wawa. He even looked the other way on a camping trip in Maine when I had a crush on his youngest daughter. He and May were traveling companions with my folks and he was a dear friend of mine. Always a laugh and a smile, I will miss you Phil. Forever in my prayers, Bernie Murphy

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**Bernie Murphy** - July 25, 2018 at 12:11 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.



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July 24, 2018 at 09:50 PM

AS

“ So sorry to hear the news - I know how much he loved life and his family.

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**Annette Stellhorn** - July 24, 2018 at 09:45 PM

RR

“ My condolences to the family, it's hard losing parents. I know he was a great guy, and will be missed.

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**Ron Redman** - July 24, 2018 at 05:42 PM

CC

“ *What a great role model! As a kid growing up next door to the Comba family I always looked up to Phil. He was the man you’d want to be as an adult. It made me feel good to be around him and he usually had something funny to say. I’ll miss his good nature and his sense of humor, and the weekly news articles on Wildcat football and field hockey that he always sent me.*

Charles Cooper - July 23, 2018 at 10:21 PM

CS

*Where do I start , without Jim I wouldn't have the pleasure to had have you in my Life . I will always have memories and remember your Great smile ! Now you are with your wife and family and our lord , bless you dear Phil never forgotten R.I.P Amen*

cyndy sole - July 25, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.*



July 23, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Short Funeral Home - July 23, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CT

*We were away when I got the news of Phil's passing. We thought so much of him and Mae. Always had a smile on his face and two of the nicest, caring, loving people anyone would want to meet. Sorry I missed the service, but he will always be in my thoughts and prayers as all of his family will be. Dale and Christine Trader*

Christine Trader - July 26, 2018 at 11:01 PM

KS

“ *"My Mr. Phil" was a dear, witty man, who I've come to know only briefly over the last 10 years of friendship with his daughter Barbara. We enjoyed teasing each other, and we had a special place in each others hearts. Always a smile and a teaser. #loveumore ... "Your Karyn"*

Karyn Schell - July 23, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.*



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July 23, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.*



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July 23, 2018 at 12:45 PM



“ *Such a sweet sweet man. Oh how he will be missed.*

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**Amy Levey** - July 23, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *A truly fine gentleman has completed his earthly journey and is now celebrating with the love of his life. All of us at the Bank could look forward to a pleasant greeting and smile from Phil every day. Mae and Phil were my good friends for many years. I was blessed to have known them.*

*Shirley Martin*

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**Shirley Martin** - July 23, 2018 at 09:20 AM

CA

“ We are sending our deepest sympathy to Diane, Len and the rest of the family in the loss of your Dad/Poppy. The few times we were with him he always had a smile and loved talking to us! We will always remember how he got the kids started on collecting the states quarters and he always made sure they were up to date. He was a wonderful man and we are so sorry for your loss.

Love,  
Carol, Dan, David and Kelsey  
Neith

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carol - July 22, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.



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July 22, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.



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July 22, 2018 at 04:15 PM

MR

“ Mike and Millie Rosso purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Philip J Comba.



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**Mike and Millie Rosso** - July 22, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip J Comba.



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July 21, 2018 at 08:41 PM

DT

“ Such a wonderful godly man. Everyone who knew him were the lucky ones

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**Donna ross Thomas** - July 21, 2018 at 07:14 PM

CM

“ I am sending my deepest sympathy to the family and I will surely miss my friend and will always cherish the laughter and the times we shared. I love you all and may God bless you all.

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**Cleona Mason** - July 21, 2018 at 05:10 PM