



Phillip Jonathan Beck Schultz

April 25, 1947 - October 3, 2025

Phillip Jonathan Beck Schultz, 78, passed away Friday, October 3, 2025.

Phillip was born on April 25, 1947 to the late Herman and Elsie Schultz.

He will be deeply missed by his sister, Joanne Schultz; close friends, Kimberly Duic, Kari and Stanley Kaye, Jane Brosseau, Rhonda Gaither, and the Marion clan; cousins, LeAnna Haigh, David Beck, Becky Mortvedt, and Lynne Olson; and many friends and cousins, both living and deceased.

Although Phillip had disabilities including schizophrenia, multiple sclerosis and chronic back pain, he managed to live a full life.

After graduating from Washington Park High school, Phillip attended Augustana college in Rock Island, Illinois for 2 years. He transferred to the university of Wisconsin at Milwaukee where he earned both a bachelor's and Master of Fine Arts degree. His passion was sculpture. He used the lost wax method for producing bronze sculptures and also made welded steel sculptures. He worked in pastels and the bulk of his work was in abstract oils. He collected found materials for the construction of the frames. Everyone was unique. His work was exhibited at the Wisconsin Painters and Sculptures show in Milwaukee, the Sister Kenny Art Show for Disabled Artists in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Upstairs/Downstair gallery in Kenosha Wisconsin, the University, Wisconsin, Parkside and the Kenosha Public Museum. Phillip wrote a daily poem in the sonnet form using an ancient Universal manual typewriter. Early on, he worked at Treasure Island and Rohr's Jewelry store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he learned about the

jewelry trade and the gem stones to make jewelry.

His outgoing personality never fell short for helping people. He was an advocate for the environment, especially in the transportation industry. He petitioned General Motors many times to make a 20 horse power slow moving urban vehicle to reduce automotive fatalities and gasoline use. His words "If it was good enough for Henry Ford, it's good enough for me." He wrote comments to the editor of the Racine Journal Times on a regular basis. Topics included the urban vehicle, traffic accidents, government spending and the treatment of the poor. He was an advocate for the betterment of his community. He looked at everyone as an equal. He sought peace in the world. He was a multifaceted individual.

There will be a gathering for friends and family at a later date, to be announced.

Memorials can be sent to Heifer International or the Racine County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phil was a good friend to my cousin, Mary Louis Buchholz. I enjoyed visiting with him, viewing his artwork, and reading his letters to the editor of the Journal Times. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to family and friends.*

Helen Pugh - October 12, 2025 at 08:00 AM

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Phil was a great friend. We hung out a lot and of course managed to get in trouble with his parents, often. He was not only a great friend he was an amazing Trumpet player. We played in the Park High Band together. I will miss Phil dearly. May God Bless You Phil and be sure to save a seat for me.

Tom

Tom Tredrea - December 28, 2025 at 02:45 PM

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*Phil was an enigma! I appreciated his imagination. Conversations were always entertaining! His creativity was an ever-evolving delight to those of us who knew Phil. He was an amazing artist!
I am an old friend of Phil's who always enjoyed his sense of humor. He was one of the kindest men I ever knew.*

Lin Giovanni - January 14 at 05:04 PM