



## Philip Erlenbach



Philip Erlenbach was born January 3, 1936. Phil had the unique pleasure of spending his career working as a budget analyst at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Phil has a knack for anything to do with math, and was called a role model to his fellow associates at the DIA. The Van Gogh exhibits were always his favorite. What a nice way to spend your coffee break or lunch hour!

Phil is an athlete and enjoyed playing basketball and baseball for Dearborn High School. He continues his exercise regimen during the fitness classes at Waltonwood, and is a "coach" for his fellow residents, encouraging them to stay fit and healthy. Phil served in the Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan.

Phil and his wife of 32 years, Marlene, have been blessed with five children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. His family states that his most enduring trait is how honest he is and always has been. After retirement from the DIA, Phil volunteered to remain involved with the museum. In addition to his volunteering at the DIA, Phil and Marlene enjoyed extensive travel in their retirement. They traveled throughout Europe, had multiple trips to Puerto Rico, and enjoyed many cruises that brought them to various exotic ports.

Phil's love of the arts includes music as well. He enjoys the Big Band sound and appreciates the creativity of jazz. Phil loves a mellow glass of wine and everything chocolate. He states, "To sum it up, I just like to eat!" Phil has a great sense of humor, and appreciates when people accept each other for who they are.