



## Mr. Phillip Steven Danko

July 18, 1960 - April 28, 2014

Phillip Steven Danko was welcomed into heaven by his Savior Jesus Christ on April 25, 2014. Phil was born to Joseph and Marion Danko on July 18, 1960, in Minneapolis, the third of five children. In 1967, the family moved to south San Jose.

In a neighborhood teeming with sports-crazy boys, Phil was among the most gifted athletes. As a young teen, he ran the Bay to Breakers and other races before such endeavors were commonplace, and he showed great promise in football. His true calling, however, was wrestling. He was dedicated to the sport and was a star performer at Santa Teresa HS, where he was a High School All-American in 1978, his senior year. He was also an outstanding student, winning the school's scholar-athlete award. He received a wrestling scholarship to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. His wrestling was cut short by injuries, but Phil took advantage of his opportunity and graduated with honors with a BS in Industrial Engineering, and later earned an MS in Systems Management from USC.

Phil was a well-respected and dedicated industrial, manufacturing, and electro-mechanical packaging engineer, spending nearly his entire career at Delco in Goleta where he started just out of college. He attended Calvary Chapel Santa Barbara and later The Ranch Church in the Santa Ynez Valley. He loved sports – especially the 49ers, Giants, and NASCAR – as well as woodworking and, of course, his family. He is survived and remembered with love by his parents; his former wife Suzy Danko; his son, Zachary; brothers Ken and Pete; sisters Debbie and Liz; and a large extended family.

A celebration of Phil's life is planned for May 17th at 3pm in Santa Barbara. Contact Suzy for directions. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "Cal Poly Athletic Advancement – Wrestling" in memory of Phil and mailed to Cal Poly State University, Athletic Advancement, 1 Grand Avenue, SLO, CA 93407-0388.

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**Elizabeth Danko** - May 08, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ My handsome brother. Open to see full photo.

**Elizabeth Danko** - May 08, 2014 at 10:03 AM



“ Great picture. Love you Always. Mom

**Marion Danko** - May 10, 2014 at 04:57 PM



“ I love this picture and Miss you .

**Marion Danko** - May 10, 2014 at 04:58 PM

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“ Susie, I am so very sorry to hear about Phil. My deepest condolences to you and your entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. -- Laurie Starks (former dental assistant at Dr. Sturgeon's office.)

**Laurie Starks** - May 06, 2014 at 06:37 PM

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“ Susie and family, I am so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Cindy Vercota (former Delco employee)

**Cindy Vercota (former Delco)** - May 06, 2014 at 10:01 AM