



Philipp Adam Kehr Jr.

February 20, 1945 - January 27, 2026

Philipp Adam Kehr, Jr., 80, of Salisbury, NC, passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Liberty Lane Hospice at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center. Phil was born February 20, 1945, in Brooklyn, NY, to the late Ruth Zurheide Kehr and Philipp Adam Kehr, Sr. He earned degrees from the State University of New York at Delhi and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Captain. He was a Signal Corps Officer with responsibilities that included military broadcast operations, instruction at Fort Bragg, and command service in Vietnam. He was a member of the Military Officers Association of America.

Phil began his broadcasting career at WDLA in Walton, NY. Following his military service, he returned to broadcasting, including many years at WSTP and WRDX in Salisbury, NC, where he held leadership roles in operations, programming, and promotions.

Phil also broadcast local sports, including the Labor Day Four-Ball Invitational Golf Tournament, and at one time served as a sports announcer for Livingstone College. After retiring from radio, he worked at Cooperstown Dreams Park as Camp Director and emcee for the opening and closing ceremonies.

Phil was involved in civic life, serving on the Rowan County Fairgrounds Committee, participating in the Salisbury Holiday Caravan Parade, and holding leadership roles with the March of Dimes, Salisbury Jaycees, and

Salisbury Optimist Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Kehr. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 years, Karen DiSanza Kehr; son, David Kehr (Paula) of Houston, TX; daughter, Alisa Marczewski (Scott) of Raleigh, NC; brother, Curtis Kehr (Janice) of Walton, NY; sister, Beverly Harrison of Walton, NY; brother-in-law, Victor DiSanza of Salisbury, NC; sister-in-law, Pat Chesser (Del) of Grovetown, GA; and grandchildren, Emilia Kehr, Grady and Sylvie Marczewski, and nieces.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., February 10, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by a funeral Mass. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, or Sacred Heart Catholic School, 375 Lumen Christi Lane, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Kehr family. Online condolences may be made at summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
375 Lumen Christi Lane
Salisbury, NC 28144

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
375 Lumen Christi Lane
Salisbury, NC 28144

Burial

FEB 10. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *These trees are planted in memory of Phil's life. May they grow tall, offering shade, strength, and peace — just like the legacy he leaves behind.*

With our love, prayers, and heartfelt condolences to Karen, David, Alisa, the grandchildren, and the entire family.

Juan Manuel Nino - February 09 at 03:18 PM

JM

“ *Juan M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..*

Juan M. - February 09 at 03:15 PM

JC

“ *Juan C. Niño & Ellen Cheng purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..*



Juan C. Niño & Ellen Cheng - February 09 at 10:53 AM

JC

“ *Juan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..*

Juan C. - February 09 at 10:38 AM

JN

“ I'll never forget walking around Cartagena, Colombia with Phil. We shared some good laughs and stories. - Juan C. Niño

Juan C Nino - February 09 at 10:35 AM

RT

“ Rachael, Victor and Lucia Thompson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..



Rachael, Victor and Lucia Thompson - February 08 at 05:17 PM

TF

“ The Quinones Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..

The Quinones Family - February 07 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ The Quinones Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..



The Quinones Family - February 07 at 07:24 PM

FF

“ Fernando Nino & family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..



Fernando Nino & family - February 07 at 01:34 PM

FF

“ Fernando Nino & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..

Fernando Nino & family - February 07 at 01:34 PM

FN

“ We were delighted reading about Phil's remarkable life. What a rich journey - from Brooklyn to broadcast booths across North Carolina, serving his country with honor, bringing sports and community events to life over the airwaves, and giving so generously to civic causes. You can feel the warmth of a man who loved connecting people, whether through radio, youth baseball at Cooperstown, or 54 years of marriage to Karen. My wife Adriana and I were fortunate to meet Phillip through David, and his legacy clearly lives on in his children. Thank you for sharing his story.

Fernando Nino - February 07 at 01:14 PM

JJ

“ Juan J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..

Juan J. - February 06 at 09:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..



February 06 at 09:14 PM



“ Love, David, Paula & Emilia purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..



Love, David, Paula & Emilia - February 03 at 12:37 PM



“ Love, David, Paula & Emilia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..

Love, David, Paula & Emilia - February 03 at 12:37 PM

FL

“ *Karen and Family,*

My sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. It is never easy to say goodbye to a loved one who was so very special to you.

Karen, your husband may not physically be here, but I am sure he will always be in your heart!

So sorry for your loss!

Frank (Butch) Lignelli

Frank Lignelli - February 01 at 12:45 PM

WB

“ *Willow Bridge purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Philipp Adam Kehr Jr..*



Willow Bridge - February 01 at 12:05 PM