



# Philip Pawlak

JUL 16, 2006



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**P**hilip M. Pawlak, age 49, of North Ridgeville, passed away suddenly Sunday at St. John Westshore Hospital, after being stricken at home.

Born in Cleveland, he was a resident of North Ridgeville since 1990.

Mr. Pawlak worked as a paramedic for the city of Cleveland.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville, where he was a Eucharistic minister. He was an avid Buckeyes fan and enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include his wife of 16 years, Sandra M. (nee Fiala); daughter, Ashley Pawlak of North Olmsted; brothers, Dennis of Cincinnati, Bob of Columbus; mother, Paula Pawlak of Solon; mother-in-law, Marcella Fiala and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Pawlak.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9PM at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville where prayer services will be held on Thursday at 9:30AM followed by a 10:00AM mass at St. Peter Catholic Church, 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville. Rev. Stephen Kaminski, pastor, will be the celebrant.

Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Memorial Fund, 35777 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.



## Tribute Wall

**Philip Pawlak**

**WB**

**William Barnes** posted:

To the Pawlak family, I extend my deepest condolences to all. I only knew Phil for a very brief time, but I enjoyed his company and his dedication he showed in working as a Paramedic. May God Bless him and his family through this sad period in their lives.

July 19 at 8:00 PM

**TS**

**Tony & Jenny Sessin** posted:

Sandy; it's Thursday afternoon 7-20-06, and the hard times for you are starting. Just remember Phil is still here with you and we are just a phone call away. You have so few real friends in life it makes it so difficult to loose even one. Sandy feel free to lean, however hard, on us. We are here for you! Paw Paw was a real gentleman, and is already missed.

July 19 at 8:00 PM

**JK**

**John Jutta Kulic** posted:

Dear Sandy and Family our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your Family. I believe we all lost something when Phil passed away. We lost a son a father a husband a family member. The citizens of Cleveland lost someone they could count on when they needed it most. To the rest of us we lost a true friend one that we could really count on. Everytime I watch an OSU game I will be thinking of Phil and I know he will be watching. Rest in Peace our dear friend we will miss you.

July 19 at 8:00 PM

**CR**

**Chuck Rini** posted:

Sandy, Please accept our deepest most heartfelt condolences in your tragic loss. I worked with Phil many a long and boring night at the dispatch center. He was the happiest guy I know, always with that great big smile. We will miss him. Chuck and Diana Rini

July 18 at 8:00 PM

**JW**

**Jim And Joyce Willson** posted:

Sandy, my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to you and the family. I'll never forget the days at old Base 3, especially the night shifts. Phil was always upbeat and a joy to work with. I'll miss him. Our prayers are with you and Ashley. Jim and Joyce

July 18 at 8:00 PM



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**Philip Pawlak**

RT

**Rick & Juel Thompson** posted:

Dear Sandy & All of the Pawlak Family: Please accept our condolences for the sudden and tragic loss of Phil. We are friends and old neighbors of Bob & Suzanne. We can still remember Phil's smiles and wonderful sense of humor. Just know our hearts are with you during this time and always. Sincerely, Rick and Juel Thompson

July 18 at 8:00 PM

DM

**Dean Mills** posted:

Sandy & family, my sincere condolences for your loss, the world is a sadder place without Phil! his ready wit and easy smile will be sorely missed. Paw Paw, save a seat for me in the Heavenly Saloon and we'll hoist a few when next we meet. We'll miss you Bro!

July 18 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Bill & Mary Ann Boston** posted:

Goodbye dear friend, keep smiling down on all of us, you will be surely missed by all the lives you have touched.

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MG

**Mike Grassi** posted:

Sandy and family, My deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss. Phil will be sorely missed. His ready smile and "it will be alright" attitude are something this world can not afford to be without. As always remember, you are never alone. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

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**Philip Pawlak**

DS

**Dawn Skrzypek** posted:

Aunt Sandy My deepest condolences to you, grandma just told me about Uncle Phil. It is unbelievable, it is devastating. I remember Uncle Phil when I came over your house at Thanksgiving when Mckenna was a baby. I keep thinking of Uncle Phil playing with Mckenna and blowing on her stomach, hearing her giggle then his mustache kept tickling her. They had so much fun playing on the floor. I remember Vince, Tiffany, and I always looked up to him when we were kids. We always had so much fun with him, he was always a joy to be around. Truly the happiest guy around. Sorry again for your loss. Vince and Tiffany also send their condolences I will see you this evening Aunt Sandy. Dawn, Vince, and Tiffany Skrzypek

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SC

**Susan Carr** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Phill was a wonderful person and will greatly be missed by everyone.

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JM

**John&Denise Mcnamara** posted:

Sandy & Ashley, We hope you take some comfort in knowing how many people cared for Phil. Words can't even express the pain & shock we felt when we heard the news of Phil's passing. We are away on vacation now and cannot be part of the services which makes the pain even worse. We are taking some time to think of all the fun times we had with you and Phil. It was quite an honor to be the best man at your wedding and also the 3 yr partnership I had with Phil @ Base 2. This is a great loss for EMS and the citizens of Cleveland and all who knew and loved him. Know that we are thinking of you and your family. Love from John & Dee McNamara

July 18 at 8:00 PM

CC

**Chuck Comella** posted:

Sandy, My Heartfelt condolences to you and all the Pawlak Family. Though you don't know me, Phil and I went to Chanel High School together. Life all too often takes us down different paths and we lose touch with those that ment so much to us, but you never forget. I take great joy in knowing Phil had so much Love in his life. God bless you and yours and may he fill your heart with peace and Love as he did for my "Buddy" Phil.

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Philip Pawlak

RM

**Rosanne & Sean O'malley** posted:

Sean & I have both known Phil for a long time. Sean through work at the CFD & being on calls together with EMS & me at Fairview Hospital. Our deepest sympathies go out to Sandy & family. He was truly one of the nicest people we have ever met. He always had a smile & a nice thing to say to you or even a little hug to make you feel good. He will be greatly missed by a lot of people. He made the world a better place just by being here. Please accept our deepest sympathies & know that you & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. Rosanne & Sean O'Malley

July 18 at 8:00 PM

K1

**Kriston Jones #135** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. The last time I spoke to him, we were both laughing about something. He could always make me smile when I was feeling down. I will miss him greatly. He was such a nice person. I will always remember his smile.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

BR

**B. Rivera 248** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the family. Phil was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I did not work at Base2 (old 1) for long, but I have fond memories of his conversation and laughter every morning. I was new and he treated me as though he'd known me forever. He will be missed. GOD BLESS.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Joe & Kathy Rock** posted:

Sandy, Please accept our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and his family. Phil was a wonderful person with a wonderful attitude where life was concerned. We had some great times together and will always cherish the memories. So Long Capt. Paw Paw. Love Joe & Kathy

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JS

**Jim & Chris Sheehan** posted:

We are truly saddened to hear of Phil's passing. Chris and I live right down the street from Phil and would always see him outside Fixing/cleaning something with a big smile on his face. He was truly a wonderful person, who my wife got to know from working a Fairview E.R. God Bless

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**Philip Pawlak**

CN

**Chris And Cindy (Gundy) Nieberding** posted:

Sandy...Both Cindy and I had the pleasure of working with Phil at CEMS. He was a special person and always a pleasure to be around. His passing is a HUGE loss to those who knew and loved him. Our prayers are with you and your family...Phil will be deeply missed by many, but those who knew him will NEVER forget him.Love...Chris and Cindy

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BH

**Bill Huffman** posted:

Sandy, Please accept my deepest sympathies. I am truly thankful that I had the pleasure of working with Phil at CEMS. My thoughts and prays are with you and your family. God Bless

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MH

**Maryelin Halek** posted:

I was schooked to hear about Phil's passing on Monday when I got to work at Fairview's ER. He was amazing, always a smile on his face and just made you feel good to be alive. He will be missed by myself and all the nurses at Fairview. Take care Sandy, know that God is with you and will be always.Mary Elin Halek

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RB

**Rick Bliss** posted:

Sandy, Phil will be greatly missed by all. I am very sorry for your loss. Rick

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VP

**Vinny & Sandi Prioletti** posted:

Having known your loving husband for 25 years, I can honestly say he was a gem. He made some of the most long and boring night shifts at the RED Center tolerable by his fun loving nature. We would play a hand held electronic football game until we drove our co-workers crazy from the constant beeping sounds of the game. Of course, if our co-workers would fall asleep, Phil would happily paint their fingernails with white-out. Thank you, Phil, for the wonderful memories both on and off the job. My wife, Sandi, and I will never forget you.Your friends in Christ, Vinny and Sandi

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TD

**Tammy Dill** posted:

I am very sad at the news of Phil's passing. I am a nurse at Fairview E.R. and I will really miss seeing Phil. He always had a smile on his face and was just a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

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DM

**Dave & Tricia Martin** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We both had the pleasure of knowing and working with Phil at CEMS over the years. He always had a warm smile and a fun loving demeanor, which would pick up our day. We are better people for having known him, and every time we think of him, it will be with a smile. God Bless you

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KW

**Kelli M. Witt** posted:

To the family of Phil, please accept my deepest sympathies. Phil was one of the best . I worked with him on overtime shifts several times and many times I didn't want to work, but was persuaded because Phil was the partner I would be working with. He would spend many hours talking very kindly of his wife and daughter. He was truly a wonderful person to be around. He also displayed that smile and kindness to the patients we encountered as well. He will be truly missed. My prayers will be with you.

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RP

**Reginald & Brenda Perkins** posted:

Sandy, Please except our deepest sympathies. Phil was one of the nicest and well liked Paramedics that worked with us at Cleveland EMS. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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TJ

**Toni Jones** posted:

Phil made the world a better place and was one of the most gentle and joyful people I've ever known. Even though it seems like a lifetime ago since I last saw him, his smile is forever etched in my memory. That smile of his was not just a visual thing, but you could hear it in his voice EVERY TIME he spoke!! I consider it a great blessing to have had the privilege of knowing him and he is without a doubt, one of God's greatest creations. Sandy & Ashley, may the thought of Phil smiling down from Heaven upon you and the promise of life eternal be a comfort to you during this time of great sorrow.

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DW

**Derrick E White** posted:

I never had the opportunity to work with Phil, but what I will always remember about him is his smile. He always greeted me if though I was his very best friend. My thoughts and prayers to phil's family. Thank you for the memories Phil.

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OF

**Oldenburg Family** posted:

We have been Phil and Sandy's neighbors for the past 7 years. Phil always had a wave and a nice word for us and our children. He will be greatly missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and his whole family.

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DY

**Debbie (Gramma) Yurko** posted:

Phil was loved by everyone that knew him here at Cleveland EMS. Always a smile and a kind word, oh yeah, a hug and kiss too! He was a truly "good" person, and I am glad that our paths crossed. He was recently in recert class and I was his instructor for GEMS (Geriatric EMS). I have a sign on my wall behind my desk that he really liked, it reads like this: "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, beer in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, "WOO HOO what a ride"!! My thoughts and prayers to the family. Phil WILL be GREATLY missed! Love you my friend, Rest in Peace.....

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KI

**Kitty** posted:

Our prayers are with you Aunt Paula, Dennis, Bobby and your families. Due to Mom's health, we won't be able to fly home. We love you all and remember all the fun we had at your home when we were growing up. Love Kitty & MaryJoan Mizak

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FG

**Frank Gron** posted:

phil was one of my first partners when i started at ems. he was a great partner and taught me well. Capt. paw paw will be missed. my prayers are with his family and friends.

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TB

**Tom Bennett** posted:

PHIL IS A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE, WE WERE PARTNERS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF EMS. WE JUST HAD ALOT OF VERY GOOD TIMES. HE WILL BE MISSED BY BY SO MANY, MY PRAYERS ARE FOR THE FAMILY DURING THESE TIMES BY PHIL WILL PULL YOU THRU THIS.

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TB

**Tom Bennett** posted:

YOU WILL BE MISSED

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MK

**Mark Kempe** posted:

Sandy...Please accept our deepest most heartfelt condolences in the tragic loss of your best friend and life partner Phil. We too are heartsick with his sudden passing. We will always fondly remember what a fantastic guy Phil was, always ready with a smile or an encouraging word along with a hug or a kiss. I especially will miss his unending youthful energy and optimism. His enthusiastic, infectious zest and zeal for life, family, and friends will be greatly missed by us all! Rest in peace my friend and "I'll see you on the other side." All our love, Mark & Libby Kempe

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**KH**

**Ken & Beth Hehnen** posted:

We are truly sorry to hear of Phil's passing. He is simply one of the nicest guys we have ever known. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, Sandy and family. Also to his long time CEMS partner, Denise.

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**EW**

**Eric Walworth** posted:

My deepest sympathies to Phil's family. Phil was one of the few medics from my days at CEMS that I ran into on a regular basis, since leaving in 1996. He was an outstanding human being and he will be greatly missed.

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**DK**

**David And Kim Knecht** posted:

I worked with Phil numerous times while I was with EMS. Phil truly was a professional. I can honestly say that he never said a bad word about anyone and I am sure not a bad word was EVER spoken about him. The saying "he was probably one the nicest guys you would ever meet" is always mentioned when someone passes away but this time those words fit Phil to a tee. I can remember seeing him recently at Metro hospital with a less than "appreciative" patient and Phil still had a smile and positive attitude. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. GOD BLESS.

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**DD**

**Denise Davala** posted:

My husband began working for EMS in 1979 as a mechanic. We attended many EMS cookouts, Christmas parties and weddings over the years. Mike retired in 2000. The last time we had the pleasure of seeing Phil, we had stopped at a red light on Memphis Avenue. I glanced over to see a City of Cleveland EMS truck pull up in the next lane. As luck would have it - there he was with that big smile of his. I'll always remember how he threw the truck in park and ran around our car to give Mike and I a generous helping of hugs and kisses. We hadn't seen him in several years but it didn't matter. His warm personality and zest for life were contagious. It's an unbelievable loss and he will surely be missed by all. We send our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Mike and Denise Davala

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**George Dobrovic** posted:

My Dearest Sandy. I got the sad news re: your tragic loss via an e:mail from Cheryle this morning. I was numb. I was so grateful for the time I spent chatting w/Phil this past Sunday after the 8AM mass. My heartfelt condolences to you and family. I will be in Chicago on Thurs, but I will see you on Wed. God grant you peace and eternal rest to Phil. God Bless.

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