



## Pholia Charles Liebing

July 24, 2013

Pholia Charles Liebing, 70, went to be with his Lord, after a brief struggle with pancreatic cancer, on July 24, 2013. He was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and raised in Palmer, Alaska until the Navy brought him to Hampton Roads. After retiring from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, he became an active member of the Va Bonsai Society, the Miata Nuts of Greater Hampton Roads and the Executive Club of Portsmouth. His passion was his wife Pattie. Predeceased by his parents, Hank and Erma Liebing of Palmer, Alaska. Survived by his wife, Patricia Major Liebing, his daughter, Rebecca Knight of Taos, NM, his step-son, James C. Knight, IV whereabouts unknown. Granddaughters, Mackenzie Welch, Jamie Knight, and Nakeeka Knight. Also survived by Marjean Stewart and husband Bill, Kathi Vanover and husband Jerry and Bridget Cory and husband Joe. Additionally he was survived by many family members and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, July 31st at 3:00 p.m. at Loving Funeral Home on Academy Ave in Portsmouth. Following the Memorial Service, the journey of Pholia's life will be celebrated at the Liebing home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Portsmouth Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at [www.lovingfuneralhome.com](http://www.lovingfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ So sad to hear of our old friend's passing. He was a joyful young lad and memories of him bring a smile after all these years.##imported-begin##Suzanne Black McCausland##imported-end##

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August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Pattie, I am sure that we have never met, but I was one of Pholia's classmates in school. You have my sympathy. I lost my wife to cancer 6 1/2 years ago. Paul##imported-begin##Paul Henry##imported-end##

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August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pattie, Family and Friends,

*I was so saddened to hear of the passing of my friend Pholia. We grew up together in Palmer and he was one of my two best friends during the high school years. I lost contact with Pholia when I joined the Navy after high school. I reconnected with him on several occasions at class reunions and it was always a pleasure to see him and rehash the old times and what fun we had growing up in Palmer. The last time I saw Pholia was at our 50th class reunion in 2011. He was still the same bubbly, joking, fun guy I remembered from life in the past. Even though I didn't stay in contact with him he was in my thoughts. I feel very grateful to have known Pholia and called him my friend. I will certainly miss him and his wonderful playfulness and personality. I will cherish the memories.*

*I wish you all well as we mourn the loss of our friend and remember the joy he brought to our lives.##imported-begin##Steve Merrick##imported-end##*

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August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Pholia passing. We were in grade school and high school together.##imported-begin##Geraldine Ord Trantham##imported-end##

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July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending love to Pattie and family and the Liebing sisters during this difficult time. Wish we were closer and could be with you today. Our families enjoyed so many good times together in Alaska, netting salmon out at Goose Bay, swimming and picnic's at the lakes in the summers. He had probably the first "Mo-Ped" scooter in our group, bought with his savings from working hauling clinkers from Wright's Drug Store's coal furnace, and was so proud of That bike! Pholia was the Palmer HS class of 1961 "class clown" and had great memories to share at every class reunion. We will miss you, Pholia, you were taken from us much too early.##imported-begin##Anne Jones Brown##imported-end##

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July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To Pattie and Family,  
We were so heart broken to read that Pholia had passed away, and peacefully I am sure. He was the life of every party and gathering of the Miata Club, that's for sure. What a wonderful man and a people person. We will truly miss this wonderful and full of energy kinda guy, that we will NEVER forget him and glad he came into our lives.##imported-begin##Jeff and Carol Clemons##imported-end##

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July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm sorry hear the sad news! My thoughts and my heart is with you all.  
Earnie "\*"##imported-begin##Ernie Stineburg##imported-end##

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July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Patti,  
I'm sooo sorry to hear about Pholia. I didn't realize he was ill until I received your email. If I can do anything, let me know. Take care.##imported-begin##Linda Saunders##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Extending our deepest sympathy for you in your loss. And hoping, too, that comfort and peace may come to you. And wherever Pholia is, you know he is thinking about Alaska.  
Warren Jones  
And Staff  
Jewelry Repair & Design##imported-begin##Warren Jones##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of Pholia's passing. I wish I had talked to him in the last few years. You don't know me but I was one of his classmates and friends at Palmer high. Mike##imported-begin##Mike Eppler##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Phobia was a truly great person and will certainly be missed. Always enjoyed seeing him at various reunions! Patti.....I live near your sister and she came to visit me.  
Love, Sue Wise##imported-begin##Sue Harrington Wise##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ You were perhaps my best friend during our high school years. You will be missed...##imported-begin##Phoebe Martin Crosby##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ A verse popped into my head which Pholia And I learned, same time, @ Sunday School Church of God, in Palmer, Ak.##imported-begin##Violet Fay Roberts Nippell##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ FOR PHOLIA one of our memory verses

ST. JOHN 3-16##imported-begin##Violet kneff##imported-end##

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July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Patti:  
We are very deeply saddened to hear of Pholia's passing. You both hold a special place in our hearts and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Much love and many blessings,  
Theo, Maela, & Stella##imported-begin##Theo, Maela & Stella Chilton##imported-end##

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July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pattie,*

*Pholia was a wonderful person to be around. Our deepest sympathies and heart felt prayers go out to you and the family.##imported-begin##Ryan and Courtney Johnson##imported-end##*

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July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked for Mr. Liebing in Shop 06 many years ago. He was a very good tool maker and supervisor. My condolences to your family.##imported-begin##James Oswald##imported-end##*

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July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Pholia's untimely death, and recalling the really terrific man he was. Snail mail will bring our condolences. So sorry we aren't able to honor his life by our presence there. Carol##imported-begin##Carol Covich-Anderson##imported-end##*

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July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *"This poor man cried and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles." Ps.34:6  
The Lord's mercy endures forever and His love for all eternity.##imported-begin##Rev. Ken Hanson##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Such a good, kind, giving, fun man. Patti, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We, as you, are heartbroken.##imported-begin##Tom and Pam Burnell##imported-end##

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ It was one of my greatest pleasures having known and loved Pholia. I am greatly saddened by his untimely passing. My best love to his wife, Patti, and his family. My prayers are with you always.##imported-begin##Elena Cloud##imported-end##

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Patti, it was just a short time ago that we shared a dinner, we laughed, we shared memories and stories and thoughts of the future. We hugged and kissed goodbye, saying see you both later - who knew that we would lose a dear friend, Pholia. Pholia was a kind, talented, gentle man who would go out of his way to help anyone. We felt we could always talk to him and he would listen, not judging you, offering you good sound advice, if you wanted it. Patti, he loved you dearly and he will be missed by all. He touched so many lives. Rest in peace, our dear beloved, friend, Pholia. You will NEVER be forgotten.##imported-begin##Bonnie & Barry Summer##imported-end##

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pattie, Ron and I are deeply saddened by Pholia's very sudden passing. He will always be remembered with a great deal of fondness. We will miss his sense of humor and those great hugs of his. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Ron and Karen Overton##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pholia was such a wonderful person and neighbor. It was a pleasure to have known him and shared a small part of his life.##imported-begin##Vickie and Ed Tabor##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda and I were very sad to learn of Pholia's passing. It was a pleasure to have worked with Pholia at Norfolk Naval Shipyard years ago. His patience and skill will not be forgotten, as well as, his dedication to his wife, Pattie.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dennis & Linda Wilkinson##imported-begin##Dennis & Linda Wilkinson##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Pattie, George and I want to convey our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts are with you daily....##imported-begin##Charlotte and George Huffman##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM