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SPECIAL EDITION: TYRONE WATFORD PASSES

I am saddened to report to you that my partner and friend Tyrone Watford passed away suddenly on Friday June 4 after complications arising from routine surgery. The actual cause of death has not been determined pending an autopsy. Funeral arrangements: Saturday June 19 at Winfield Funeral Home, 704 North Front Street, Steelton, PA (717/939-3342) with visitation at ten o'clock a.m. and the memorial service to follow at 11:00 a.m. For those wishing to make a donation in Tyrone's memory, he believed very strongly in the PA Forest Fire Museum Association (PAFFMA). Please use this address and I will forward: Vince Phillips, 3610 Kent Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Tyrone and I have been close friends since the 1970s back in our boyhood home of South Bend, Indiana, when we worked together on a juvenile delinquency prevention program designed to bring together young persons' groups ranging from the Girl Scouts to the Black Cobras, a street gang that Tyrone brought from hooliganism to being neighborhood community leaders. He went on to start the Boys Club of South Bend and arranged for the donation of a school building for that purpose. He then went on to graduate from college, the first in his family to ever do so (something else he and I have in common). Tyrone also served as a VISTA volunteer in Chicago and later owned Linden Grocery Store on South Bend's tough West Side.

Politics became his mainstay in 1980 where he helped Republican Jack Hiler unseat U.S. House of Representatives Whip John Brademas in Indiana's third congressional district. Tyrone was named to the new congressman's staff and worked on community outreach where he helped literally thousands of people navigate their ways through a confusing Federal Government.

His track record of service to others is literally as long as your arm and this cursory view does not begin to document the legacy of this extraordinarily caring and generous man.

In 2005, Tyrone Watford moved to Harrisburg to become my partner at Phillips Associates. Some of his most notable accomplishments were planning Days on the Hill for many of my clients such as the PA Association of Health Underwriters, the Christmas Tree Growers Association, NAIW and other groups; planning meetings and helping me do grant writing and fundraising for the PA Forest Fire Museum Association; helping (pro bono) in the establishment of a children's day care center in Harrisburg; and much, much more.

Through all this, he found the time to be a pillar of his church as a faithful member of Omega Ministries in Harrisburg. He was also a mentor to numbers of local youth. From time to time he would quietly and informally take in someone who was homeless to give them a short-term refuge, a place in which they could stabilize their lives. Rich or poor, professional or homeless, incarcerated or free...Tyrone moved comfortably in all circles and in all classes.

After my wife, Tyrone Watford was my closest friend and confidante.

Sincerely,

Vince Phillips