



## Dr. Phillip W. Lambert MD

April 10, 1940 - December 12, 2023

Passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at home. Age 83 years. Phillip was born on April 10, 1940, in Noblesville, Indiana to the late Marvin and Jane I. Lambert (Jane Smith). He was married to Kaye Lynn Vess on March 21, 1964. She predeceased him on May 10, 2011. Phillip earned his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH and his medical degree from University of Cincinnati. He had served two years in the US Army during Vietnam, working at a MASH unit. Dr. Lambert was a practicing Endocrinologist. He first worked at the Mayo Clinic before coming to Saginaw in 1985, where he practiced at Covenant Healthcare (formerly St. Luke's and Saginaw General), and Ascension St. Mary's. He also trained residents and interns at Michigan State University Medical School. He was an usher for Hopevale Church, Saginaw. He enjoyed jogging, his friends, family, patients, neighbors, and working in his yard.

Surviving are his son Eric Lambert (Janet) of Crown Point, IN; siblings Larry Lambert of Carmel, IN, Rebecca Mulloy of Kent, OH, James J. Lambert of Kent, OH, and Kenneth Lambert (Brenda) in St. Louisville, OH; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also predeceased by his father Marvin Lambert, his mother and stepfather, Jane I. and Martin Smith, sister, Jane Proctor, and step-siblings Donald Smith and Cathleen Reed.

Cremation has taken place.

\*\*\*CHANGE OF TIME DUE TO WINTER STORM\*\*\* The following information contains the new timing for Dr. Lambert's services, per the family's request.

Memorial visitation will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. Memories and sympathies of Phillip may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I remember a Man/ Doctor who ALWAYS won the teaching award for MSU Residencies, and whose students always did better on all the inservice testing than any other campus, because he was just that good. Every medical student and Resident LOVED this man for his extraordinary medical knowledge, his patient, calm demeanor, and the kind and compassionate way in which he taught. I remember a man with an astonishingly Photographic mind that was as unparalleled as it was just simply amazing. I was telling my girlfriend about him today...40+ years later...that is how much of an impact he had on me and my career. He was pretty much like Dr House from the television series of House....if House was a kind, compassionate man who cared about EVERYONE. Dr Lambert you made as big an impact as it is possible to make while on this Earth....THANK YOU

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Michael Jacobson MD - April 05, 2025 at 12:58 AM

PG

“ I always think of Dr. Lambert as one of my favorite mentors during medical school. He taught me so much but more than anything he just taught me how important it was to care and really pay attention to my patients and make sure that I wasn't missing anything. He was so incredibly smart. I just thought of him today as I was putting together a presentation. Sad to see that you are gone. Thank you for everything.

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Payel Gupta - June 12, 2024 at 08:50 AM

FO

“ *Dr. Lambert...I'm going to miss seeing you around the hospital with your brown bag, me and Alise always was sneaking cookies in you pocket to make sure you eat something. You will truly be missed rest in peace..*



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**Francisca Orozco** - January 16, 2024 at 11:38 AM

KG

*Dr Lambert will be missed by so many, including me. He was always so nice and he truly cared about people. Rest in Peace Dr Lambert. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kim Garner** - January 17, 2024 at 02:27 PM

KB

“ *As many have shared, Dr. Lambert was an unforgettable man in many ways. His love of chocolate was legendary as was his VW Rabbit. His stories were funny and maybe a little self-deprecating. He would just smile and his eyes would twinkle a little more as he told them, especially about cadaver lab in medical school and mowing his lawn in the middle of the night. I learned never to distract him when it came to chocolate especially when he was driving, but a little distraction related to chocolate when he was intent at work would always bring a smile. Without fail, he would serve at our church with a smile and more Tootsie rolls. I was one of the many blessed by his knowledge and wisdom during my training. He was a wonderful physician and man whom I will be blessed to see again.*

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**Kimiko Sugimoto Blair** - January 14, 2024 at 01:06 PM

CM

“ Dr. Lambert was a wonderful, generous, intelligent man of God who showed the Love of Jesus to everyone he came in contact with. I worked at Covenant for over 30 years and had a great relationship with him. Every time he would come to my unit I always gave him a hug, he always had a pack of gum in his pocket ready to give me In case he saw me! We gave each other encouraging words as a fellow follower of Jesus Christ. He helped me when I had a medical issue and my son did with growth he knew just what tests to order. As a usher at Hopevale he handed out tootsie rolls to most people but I Always got the pack of Winter fresh gum. I would get a hug even with the Covid era. He sent me a nice Christmas card and letter last year how much he enjoyed friendship with me and my husband. And how much he enjoyed hearing me sing. I had told him the gum he gave me the past year was nearly 3 years old and he didn't realize it. I almost didn't tell him cause I didn't want him to feel bad. He was so gracious and said in fact on the last Sunday I saw him Dec. 10th, he gave me a hug and he said, "thanks for telling me about the old gum, I have some new ones on the way! " That was the last Sunday I saw him. He will be sorely missed! He was like my second Dad as he is my Father's age. So, sorry for your loss and May God Comfort you at this time of sorrow.

Carol Mackie, RN  
2155 Bock Rd  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Hopevale Member

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Carol Mackie - January 13, 2024 at 10:34 AM

MJ

“ *Marilyn R JohnsonWoodhouse lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phillip W. Lambert MD*



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**Marilyn R JohnsonWoodhouse** - January 12, 2024 at 12:25 PM

WP

“ *Phil was my next door neighbor for over 33 years. I did not see much of him in the winter but throughout the spring, summer and fall we often saw him carefully tending to his immaculate lawn. When my children were young they loved to run next door to visit with Phil. They knew him only by his first name. He always had a special bag of treats for them on Halloween. I often visited with him when he was out in his yard and immensely enjoyed his company. When I gaze at his empty house and yard now I can hardly believe that I will not be seeing him again.*

*As everyone has already observed, he truly was the the most humble, compassionate and friendly person I have had the pleasure to know. I am proud to call him a friend.*

*Eric, your dad will be greatly missed on Canterbury Drive.*

*Bill Pearson family*

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**William Pearson** - January 11, 2024 at 11:44 AM



EK

“ Happy memories of Dr. Lambert. 1000 Houghton will never be the same. Thank you for your care. Edward J Kemp

Edward J. Kemp - January 09, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Phillip W. Lambert MD.



January 09, 2024 at 04:15 PM

EL

“ I miss you deeply dad - Eric Lambert

Eric Lambert - January 05, 2024 at 05:07 PM

MD

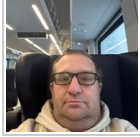
*I have known Dr Lambert since I arrived in Saginaw as a medical student in 1993. As an instructor he was a legend. I would sit in his classes amazed at the depth of his knowledge. I will never forget his teaching on the cardiac cycle and all the murmurs etc.. Over the years we have become friends with frequent contact in the hospital. I am sitting reflecting on the qualities that make him such a great man. He was kind, I never heard an unkind word from him. He was humble, his life accomplishments are overwhelming, but he never acted proud or arrogantly. He was gentle, he was genuine, he was sincere, he truly cared about others, he was approachable, he was patient, so many other qualities! He always made me think more of myself than I did! His legacy will live on in the live of all the people who knew him. I love you Dr Lambert, and I will miss you, and I will try to live up to what you thought of me, and I will try to be more like you. I know you are at rest now in heaven, well done thou good and faithful servant, enter now the joy of your Lord!*

Mark G. Greenwell, M. D. - January 09, 2024 at 01:49 PM

MR

*Beautifully said Dr. Greenwell!*

**Mary Rousseau** - January 09, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ *Dear Lambert family I am so sorry for your loss I was a volunteer at covenant and Dr. Lambert would talk to me every time he seem he at the hospital was a great doctor*



**Scott Sayers** - January 05, 2024 at 10:20 AM

SR

“ *Dr. Lambert is one of the most wonderful physicians I've ever had the pleasure of working with. His wealth of knowledge never ceased to amaze me, if he didn't know right away off the top of his head, the answer would be in his binder he carried everywhere with him. He will be missed by anyone who has had any type of contact with him, not just hospital staff. Thanks Dr. Lambert. I'm a better nurse because of you.*

**Sarah Pierce, RN** - January 02, 2024 at 03:28 PM

AM

*Dr Lambert was a fantastic doctor, teacher and mentor . I could pick up the phone and call him any time for his help with and recommendations for a patient . He was always welcoming and helpful. He was a really talented physician. Sincerely, Ann Connaghan MD*

**Ann Connaghan MD** - January 09, 2024 at 08:21 AM

EH

*Dr. Lambert was one of the most kindest, soft spoken , vast vault of knowledge, you are missed.  
Sincerely , retiree, Ellen M. Hrymecki*

**Ellen M. Hrymecki** - January 10, 2024 at 09:10 AM

SK

*Dr. Lambert was one of the best doctors I have worked with. He was brilliant, compassionate, and appreciative of even the smallest things. Dr. Lambert was such a blessing to the Saginaw area.*

Sandra Kaufmann - January 10, 2024 at 12:43 PM

CM

*“ Dr Lambert was the most generous person who gave of himself to all his students, residents, and mostly his patients. A day has not passed that I have failed to use something of great value that he taught me to care for patients. More than a wealth of knowledge, he was a wealth of human kindness and spirit. I will never forget you, Dr Lambert, and you have been the most influential person in my life. God bless you, rest in peace. Collette Mercier, MD*

Collette Mercier - January 02, 2024 at 01:35 PM

LA

*“ I worked with Dr. Lambert many moons ago at Covenant. He had a brilliant mind and was always eager to share his knowledge (but I never dared to try to take a cookie from his bag!). I cannot express my thanks to him for everything he had taught me over the years, however he will forever be missed.*

*Laurie Aguirre*

Laurie Aguirre - January 01, 2024 at 08:58 PM

EL

*“ I appreciate all the comments for Phillip Lambert. I miss my father so much. Eric Lambert*

Eric Lambert - December 30, 2023 at 06:45 PM

PB

“ Besides being a consummate physician whose breadth of knowledge was truly awesome, Phil was a consummate human being of warmth and humor. There wasn't anyone I knew during my time working in Saginaw who had a bad word to say about him. I joked with him often about his old VW Rabbit, which he drove, it seems, forever and kept sending away for repairs, and which he clung to; I told him that the car would probably outlive him. I was certainly proven wrong. A rare soul in our lives. May you rest in peace, Phil.

Peter Bistolarides - December 30, 2023 at 04:35 PM

VM

“ Veronica McClain lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phillip W. Lambert MD



Veronica McClain - December 29, 2023 at 04:34 PM

RW

“ Rasheedah Basmah Wazeerud-Din lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phillip W. Lambert MD



Rasheedah Basmah Wazeerud-Din - December 29, 2023 at 01:27 PM

SP

“ To the family of Dr Philip Lambert so sorry to hear of his passing. Dr Lambert was my endocrinologist even more he was my good friend. I would go in and we talk he would give me the best care ever. I loved him so much besides being a doctor he was a good man, a man of compassion, devoted, cared about his patients. I,d last seen him at the hospital where I was visiting a family member and I'd seen him in the hallway and I said oh Dr Lambert it's so good to see you I love you and he said to me I love you too. And he was funny as well he was still trying to write handwritten prescriptions and they said Dr Lambert we can't do that anymore we have to send the scripts differently now. I was so sad when he gave up his practice and started being at the hospital only he was used to the old ways of doing things and I applauded him for that because the old way is the best way. To the family praying for strength peace healing and comfort for each of you God will see you through he was a good good man and I thank God for putting him in my life not just as my doctor but a man that listened to me when I went in with my complaints he was my endocrinologist for a long time prayers and condolences to the family friends, loved ones, and patients. love you all family and God Bless my name is Sharon Perkins 🙏🙏🙏❤️  
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Sharon Perkins - December 29, 2023 at 12:46 PM

TH

“ Becky I am so sorry to hear about your brother. I remember your grandparents lived across the street from my grandparents on college st. (Snyder's) I remember you guys being over there. I hope I'm correct.It's hard losing a sibling. Your in my thoughts and prayers🙏

terri Hillyard - December 28, 2023 at 08:23 PM

SA

“ I had the wonderful opportunity to work in his office at Synergy Medical Education Alliance. Dr.Lambert cared deeply not only for his patients, but everyone he met. He was a very humble man who amazed us with his knowledge and ability to find a paper in his stacks of journals in his office. He loved chocolate chip cookies (80/20 — 80% chocolate) and always had M&Ms in his pocket. Saginaw was blessed to have him in the community. I will surely miss him. Rest In Peace Dr. Lambert!

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**Sheila Allen** - December 27, 2023 at 10:23 PM

TV

“ Dr. Lambert was a tremendous asset to the medical community here. I was continually amazed at how he could cite the page number and paragraph from Harrison’s internal medicine textbook on teaching rounds. And similarly amazed at how he could find exactly what he needed from his chaotic desk. An angel of a man!!

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**Tom Veverka** - December 27, 2023 at 06:02 PM

SB

*Dr Lambert was truly special in every way. He was always giving and helpful no matter the situation. His only concern always would be patient outcomes. Dr Lamberts unending commitment will surely be missed. Goodbye my friend.*

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**Stephanie Braendle,RN** - January 01, 2024 at 08:43 AM

LG

“ Dr Lambert, your kindness, your smile will be missed. Thank you for your transparency - sharing your thoughts... you will remain fondly in my heart.

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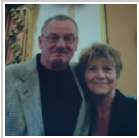
**Linda Gifford** - December 27, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DG

“ *Dr. Lambert is a well loved , it be your worst day and when you would see Dr. Lambert coming to our unit Makes you smile and makes your day better ! A lot of these Dr's need to take after Dr. Lambert on how talks to patients , to family ,and to nurses . Dr. Lambert is a very special person and He Will Be Missed , a special angel . Thank You from an old retired nurse Diane Greenwood L.P.N.*

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**Diane [ Morford ] Greenwood** - December 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Barb Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phillip W. Lambert MD*

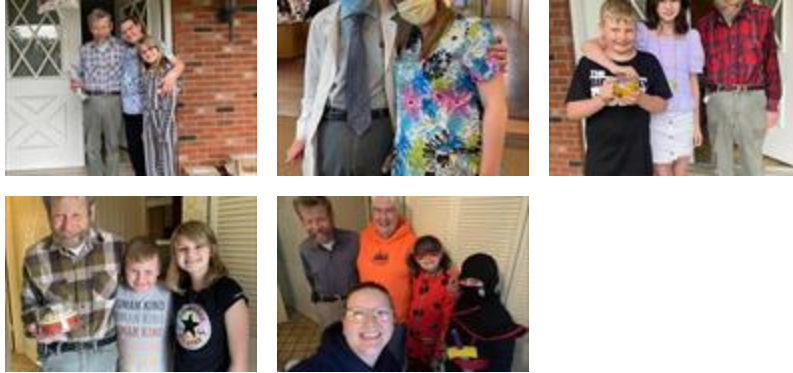


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**Barb Tarrant** - December 26, 2023 at 10:20 PM

JG

“ My children and I spent the last several years visiting Dr Lambert often. We would be sure to stop on holidays and on his birthday and lots of times in between. I met Dr Lambert while working at Covenant Healthcare and like many others, was drawn to his fascinating mind and kind demeanor. He held a special place in our hearts and will be greatly missed.



Jennifer Gruesbeck - December 26, 2023 at 07:59 PM

DM

Dear Dr. Lambert, for fifteen years every morning we met, you were always earlier in hospital than me. I became a better person by knowing you, admiring you and meeting you. Your dedication and love for your profession always inspired me. You were an example of simplicity, which I couldn't emulate. You will always remain in my heart.

Dr. Debasish Mridha - December 27, 2023 at 06:50 PM

NP

Dr Lambert was amazing. He played basketball with legendary Oscar Robertson at U-Cincinnati, served in Vietnam, trained at the Mayo Clinic. He ran the MSU IM clerkship in Saginaw and was residency director for IM for many years and won many teaching awards. He knew more about internal medicine than anyone I know, always had time to stop and talk, was humble and I never heard him utter a mean word about anyone. He was the best teacher I ever had and he will be sorely missed.

Nicholas Paron - December 28, 2023 at 11:30 AM

SH

*How very special to read all these tributes to Phil. We were classmates from grade one through graduation in the little town of Hudson, Ohio. In 1958 we all went in different directions and had little contact for many years. I did enjoy a couple of phone calls with him, trying to convince him to attend some reunions. It makes me sad that he never came. When his mom passed away, my husband and I went to the funeral home, where we enjoyed a few moments of reminiscing. A special memory of that time was my telling him he really did need to attend a reunion to "defend his honor". A good friend of his had been sharing stories of some of the antics of their small group. The best was a prank they had pulled one weekend, expecting the story to be the talk of the school on Monday morning. Whoops! The administration apparently decided it was best to "keep it a secret" and that totally squashed the psyches of those involved. The blush that came over Phil's face, despite his denial of knowing what I was talking about, is a memory I will forever have. Rest in peace, Phil. May all the memories being shared by others become treasures to those who love you.*

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**Sue Emrick Huelsman** - January 07, 2024 at 06:43 PM

CS

*A wonderful teacher, physician, colleague and friend, and the only person with a desk and a vehicle that looked worse than mine!  
His meticulous consultation notes were a marvel of well organised helpful information  
he was truly a Gentle man, and will be missed  
caroline scott*

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**caroline scott** - January 13, 2024 at 01:57 PM

GG

*Dr. Lambert had been on my mind for many years. I always asked back home about him and no one had any information. He crossed my mind today and I started searching. Dr. Lambert saved my life in 2012. I was experiencing a thyroid storm and he didn't give up in resuscitating me. Months after coming out of the coma I saw him at Krogers. I jumped out of the car to tell him that he might not remember me, but I wanted to thank him for saving my life. He responded that he remembered me and sang praises about my son (who was also my rock). This man was a gentle and loving genius. So sorry that I couldn't send this message to the family sooner. I just wanted the family to know that he made a difference in the world and saved so many lives.*

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**Gwendolyn Gloss** - October 15, 2024 at 05:51 PM