


# Philip A. "Charlie" Bush

 LITTLETON – Philip Anthony Bush, 75, a 30-year resident of Littleton passed away peacefully in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. on December 21, 2010. He is survived by Marlene (Maher) Bush, son Charles (Chuck) and his wife Paula of Littleton, Mass.; daughter Kathleen Bush-Dutton and her husband Charles (Chuck) of Littleton; four grandchildren, Bethany, Rebecca, Cameron and Adam. He was the son of the late Charles and Mary (Johnson) Bush.

Phil was born on June 27, 1935 and grew up in Chelsea, Mass. surrounded by friends and extended family. He was a star high school basketball player who formed lifelong friendships with his teammates. He left Chelsea in 1954 when he enlisted in the United States Army. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, which became the launch pad for an illustrious career with the United States Department of Defense (USAF).

During his federal career, Phil Bush was assigned to several high-level government programs including assignments relative to the Apollo space mission and the manufacture of Air Force One, the presidential aircraft version of the Boeing which began during the Reagan administration and during which Phil consulted directly with the President on the project. Most important to Phil was his work on Depart-

ment of Defense programs which assisted in saving lives in Vietnam. Some of these programs, upgraded to integrate with today's defense technology, are still operational in Iraq, Afghanistan and wherever United States combat troops are deployed. Phil was honored for his work and celebrated his retirement at a special ceremony at Hanscom Air Force Base (Bedford, Mass.) in 1990.

Phil and Marlene Bush raised their kids Kathy and Chuck on the shores of Lake Matawanakee in Littleton, Mass., where he was a resident for over 30 years. He was a member of the Groton Country Club. Upon his retirement in 1990, Phil enjoyed many rounds of golf with friends in Groton but began to eye the warm climate of Florida. He soon made the decision to retire to Fort Myers Beach, Florida in 1995. There he enjoyed the beach, golf and playing pool at the local American Legion Club. This past summer during his annual month-long visit to Littleton, Phil created fun memories for his grandchildren fishing, jet skiing and swimming with them in Lake Matawanakee. He remained active and enjoying life until his passing on December 21, 2010. The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday January 8, 2011 from 2-5 p.m. at the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St. Littleton, Mass. Please see [www.badgerfuneral.com](http://www.badgerfuneral.com).