

IN MEMORY OF
GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT PHIL TICE,
MY FRIEND AND BROTHER

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When we go to places where Eagles fly, sometimes we meet someone who causes us to stop and observe, "How pleased I am to have this man as my friend." Such a man was **Grand Worthy President Phil Tice**. Because he so endeared himself to us, his departure from this mortal life is all the more difficult for us to bear. And because of the great affection and respect that we had for this good Brother, we now pause in the busy lives that we lead to say a few words in his memory. At the same time, we speak out of our pride in having known him, of our thanks for what he did for us, and of our heartfelt sorrow that we will not again see him in this vale of tears.

From where I stand, the last 50 years of Phil's life can be summarized in one word: DEDICATION. He was dedicated to Donna and to their family, and to his many special friends and, of course, he stood out as a unique and uniquely valuable resource, by the dedication of half his time on earth to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

A severe and tragic loss to Parkersburg Aerie 2307, the Mountaineer State Aerie of West Virginia, and the Grand Aerie but perhaps, most of all, the Order itself which has lost the benefit of two years of his leadership and contributions as Grand Worthy President, then Chairman of the Board.

Still, even though our hearts are filled with much sadness, our message should not be one of total despair, but one of hope, love, and celebration. A celebration of the courage which marks so much of his recent years...a celebration that, by the Grace of God, we got to see a friend win his struggle against a devil disease long enough to journey to Louisville to glory in what was a most special day in his life...the day he reached a goal he worked toward for half a century. Perhaps that will be his legacy...*don't ever give up, never, ever give up!*

Brother Phil, like you, I thank God every day that I'm a country boy and I'm honored that I had the chance to travel many miles of (sometimes bumpy) country roads with you.