



## Phillip C. Ditta

July 18, 1929 - January 2, 2020

Phillip C. Ditta, 90, of Manteno and formerly of Frankfort, passed away Thursday (Jan. 2, 2020) at Gilman Healthcare Center in Gilman.

He was born July 18, 1929, in Chicago, the son of Louis Ditta and Antoniette Uzzardo Ditta. Phillip married Janet Beyer Ditta on Sept. 23, 1950, at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hill.

Phillip was a farrier at many different harness racing tracks. He also worked for Sinclair Cartage as a truck driver,

He had a passion for horses and rebuilding Model A and Model T Fords. Surviving are his wife; sons and daughter-in-law, John (Paula) Ditta, of Kankakee, and Robert Ditta, of Kankakee; sister and brother-in-law, Pat (sister-in-law) and John Prindeville, of Palos Hills; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and a sister, Joanne Branciacco.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, until the 5:30 p.m. service at Jensen Funeral Home, 1200 N. Convent, Bourbonnais

Memorials may be made to Riverside Cancer Institute in Bourbonnais.

Please sign his online guestbook at [jensenfuneralhome.com](http://jensenfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-4001  
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

## Service

JAN 11. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Phillip C. Ditta

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Even though he is actually my dad's 1st cousin (Anthony Uzzardo III), my five sisters and I knew him as Uncle Philly. We shared his passion for horses. He would help our dad take care of them when we were growing up and he taught us a lot about their care. My dad and he were good buds. His kind and gentle nature made him a natural around horses; I think Uncle Philly also had a sixth sense just as they did. He had his mother's eyes (my great grandma Vincenza). His eyes expressed the joy he had in his heart because he loved his work and his family. He himself was a workhorse having a strong work ethic passed down from his father (my great grandpa Antonio) and generations before him. He was a strong man of integrity, honesty and had a passion for life setting a great example to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on how to live an authentic life.

He will surely be missed by all who knew him. We thank God for the blessing of having Uncle Philly in our lives all these years and thankful for the promise that we will see him again when we take our places at the banquet table of our Lord. May the perpetual light shine upon him and may he be granted kind admittance to our heavenly home surrounded by all our loved ones that have gone ahead of us. May he rest in peace and the peace that surpasses all understanding surround Aunt Janet and all of us he left behind.

With love and sympathy,  
~Tamara Uzzardo Brongiel

Tamara Brongiel - January 12, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phillip C. Ditta.*



January 11, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip C. Ditta.*



January 09, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *Kansas Swain lit a candle in memory of Phillip C. Ditta*



**Kansas Swain** - January 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ *Only fond memories and smiles when I think of Janet, Phil and the extended Ditta family; thank you and God bless. Jean Hespen*

**Jean M Hespen** - January 09, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Such an amazing man. Will be terribly missed...*

**Cindy Arseneau** - January 08, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Phillip C. Ditta.*



January 07, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Dick and Cheri purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Phillip C. Ditta.*



**Dick and Cheri** - January 07, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *So Sorry to hear of the passing of "Philly Boy". I grew up not only knowing him but loved all the stories of his life. I was so happy to have seen him when he was shoeing at Balmoral Race Track a lot of years ago. He recognized me & came right up because I reminded him of my Mom Teresa Marasco. I'm sure he is up there in that big horse pasture in the sky tending to all God's horses. His was a life well lived.....  
Fran Marasco Roush*



**Fran Marasco Roush** - January 07, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Happy trails neighbor! Sympathy to Jan and family. Chris Sabatino and family*

**crystal sabatino** - January 07, 2020 at 08:51 AM

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“ *Danette Dorotich lit a candle in memory of Phillip C. Ditta*



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**Danette Dorotich** - January 06, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ *To my dear uncle and godfather,  
I will love and miss you always.  
Your niece,  
Danette*

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**Danette Dorotich** - January 06, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.*



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**St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church** - January 05, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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“ *Prayers go out to do it's family of philly and he was great man to know and I will miss his horse stories for I know he is riding his horse now. Rest In Peace philly*

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**patricia dailey** - January 05, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip C. Ditta.



January 05, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ I'm so sorry for The Ditta Family losing Philly...Prayers for Janet, John & Paula & Family, Bob & his Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏. Beanie



Beanie Brazzale - January 05, 2020 at 01:53 AM



“ Such a sweet man! 😭🥰💔💔

shirley - January 05, 2020 at 01:34 AM



“ Janet & Family, So sorry to hear of Phil's passing. He was my Grandmother, Pauline Schultz's blacksmith for years. Always gentle & caring with our ponies. Prayers be with you...

Debbie Josephson - January 04, 2020 at 10:43 AM