



## Philip Dickson Hren

July 5, 1960 - February 8, 2021

Philip Hren passed away on February 8, 2021 after a four and a half year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was raised by John and Joyce Hren in Gainesville, Florida. He attended Princeton University for his undergraduate degree, and then earned a PhD in Applied Physics from Cornell University.

While singing with the Cornell Catholic Community Folk Group, he met his wife of 30 years, Catherine (Walsh) Hren. A software engineer by day, Philip spent his free time playing racquetball, singing in the Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Choir, and playing the trumpet with the Little German Band and Dancers of Raleigh. He is survived by his wife and three children, Allison, Madeline, and Andrew, his parents, and his four siblings.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 19th at 11am at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Apex, NC. Due to Covid restrictions, face masks are required, and social distancing measures will be in effect. Please arrive by 10:30 to be seated.

Donations in Philip's name may be made to PanCan.org or the music ministry at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Apex.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
3008 Old Raleigh Rd  
Apex, NC 27502

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Philip Dickson Hren.* ”



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February 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Dickson Hren.* ”



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February 17, 2021 at 11:08 AM

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“ To Allison, Madeline (the other red head), Andrew, and Mrs. Wren, My deepest sympathy, Your husband, father was way too young to die. His kind of cancer is a very nasty form and has taken so many friends and colleagues. I remember you from Raleigh Charter German subbing and other classes I might have seen you in. You were all outstanding types. Your father had a soft spot for German, When ever I saw him he spoke German and I believe he helped on "German Day" when the natives came to interview students. He was very nice to the kids who were scared stiff. From the paper I also learned he played trumpet in a German band! It just gets better and better. You will miss your father for the rest of your lives. There will be weddings, graduations, children, and other events where he should be, and you will be reminded of him. These are both good and difficult memories. You are tough kids and will live on but with powerful recollections. Please accept my prayers and thoughts as you carry out the responsibility of children to bury their parents. Thank you.  
Jim Jacobs

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**Jim Jacobs** - February 15, 2021 at 03:00 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Philip's family and loved ones.  
  
Ave atque vale!  
  
Becky Hiers

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**Rebecca Hiers** - February 15, 2021 at 01:57 PM