

In Memory of our Dear Friend, Dr. Phillip D Garrett, D. V. M

We are saddened to share that Dr. Phillip D. Garrett, D.V. M, passed away on October 31st, 2023. Dr. Phil Garrett was an amazing volunteer leader and supporter of Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity.

Phil is from Early, Iowa and first arrived at Auburn in August of 1977. He taught anatomy at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine until his retirement. He served with the Presbyterian Community Ministry and repaired homes in Auburn before Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity was founded. First Presbyterian Church became involved with WeHelp Coalition, which is made up of member churches in the Auburn area who join together to serve organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

Phil and his wife Marilyn have now been long time supporters of Habitat for more than 30 years. Phil is a retired veterinarian but is also well known in the Auburn community for his service with Habitat. Phil's support was tremendously shown through his help in leading the building of Habitat homes for more than three decades. He played a vital role in many of the Habitat homes built in the Auburn/Opelika area. While working with Habitat for Humanity, Phil received many awards such as the "Volunteer of the Year", "Leader of the Year", and the "LifeTime Achievement Award".

Phil was many things: a mentor, a coworker, a friend, a leader, and most importantly, he was a part of our Habitat family. Phil played an active role in all of our lives through the years, and he will be dearly missed. For many years and for many of our homeowners, Phil was the one that made sure we built their house to a quality and efficient standard. He was an example to us all in how Jesus calls us to walk out our actions and how we should treat one another.

Auburn Opelika Habitat For Humanity is truly thankful for Phil's hard work, servant leadership, and dear friendship. He will be greatly missed, but we will make it a priority to follow his example so that his legacy continues to live on in our community. We lift our prayer to God for this dear family. May God comfort you in His peace. As we celebrate the beautiful life that Phil lived, we would like to share these Bible verses that Phil lived by.

-The Auburn Opelika Habitat Family