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Phillip was the 4th of 5 boys born to Lester and Naomi Noxfinger Garrett in Early, Iowa. At the age of 12 his family moved to Missouri. Phil had many interests and talents. At various times in his life he was a farmer, an owner of a gas station with his brother, a union carpenter, an army military policeman, and a veterinarian. Under the GI Bill he earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and then graduated from the University of Missouri Veterinary College. He worked in private practice, worked as a meat inspector for the USDA, and taught anatomy at both the University of Missouri and Auburn University. A self-taught artist from an early age, he created medical illustrations and painted watercolors. In the 1970's he volunteered in an economic development project on Mactan Island in the Philippines, and in retirement he volunteered with Presbyterian Community Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Market.

He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn, his son Jim (Betsy), grandchildren Isaac and Frances, and many nieces and nephews. His son Michael and his brothers preceded him in death.

A celebration of Phil's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Auburn on November 11 at 2:00 o'clock. Memorial gifts may be made to his 2 favorite charities: Presbyterian Community Ministry, 143 E. Thach Ave, Auburn, AL 36830; or Habitat for Humanity, 605 2nd Ave. Opelika, AL 36801.