

Acknowledgements

Our family would like to thank you for your condolences and prayers. So many of you have showered us with love...we feel it and appreciate it...it's healing for us! Special thanks to Suffragan Bishop Charles L. Smith and Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church, Director Preston Charles, Pallbearers and all who assisted during this difficult time.

Pallbearers

Ron Evans • Bryan Evans • Lance Phelps
Mozelle Miree • Steve Clay • Robert Johnston

Flowerbearers

Zion Women's Auxiliary

*A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled.*



Interment

Spring Grove Cemetery

Graveside Service at Spring Grove



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A SERVICE OF MEMORY CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF *Thomas R. Phelps*

June 2, 1939 — May 5, 2023



Saturday, May 13, 2023

Family Gathering – 12:00 p.m.

Memorial Service – 1:00 p.m.

Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church

3771 Reading Road • Cincinnati, OH 45229

Elder Lance R. Phelps, *Officiating*
Suffragan Bishop Charles L. Smith, *Eulogist*

Obituary

Thomas R. Phelps was born on June 2, 1939, to the parents of Woodrow and Mary Phelps in Cincinnati, OH. Thomas was educated in the Cincinnati Public School System, graduating from Robert A. Taft High School in 1959.

He married the love of his life, Sally M. Phelps (nee King). Thomas later attended the Art Academy of Cincinnati. He also was trained as a cement mason and eventually he began a career with the United States Postal Service, retiring in 2004.

Thomas loved gardening and became very proficient at this craft, having his own yard looking like a professional nursery center. Art was probably his greatest passion, as he was involved with the Cincinnati Art's Consortium. He would often have exhibits on display in various shows in the greater Cincinnati area. Besides paintings, many of his pieces were in the "mixed media" category. One of his art pieces entitled, "Snake in the Grass" won first place at the Cincinnati Zoo. He acquired many friends in the art world.

Thomas served as the Sunday School Superintendent at Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church under the leadership of the late Suffragan Bishop Jasper Phillips. He was a brilliant well-read man, having an infectious and humorous personality. He regularly watched PBS shows and one of his favorite shows was Hee-Haw! He loved country and classical music. He was well-rounded in many subjects of discussion and could debate with the best of them.

Thomas was a very loving, caring, kind and compassionate man. A doting spouse, father, grandfather, son, sibling, uncle and friend to many. His children knew him to be stern and no nonsense, yet approachable. He is

loved and will be missed.

Thomas leaves to cherish his wonderful memory: his devoted wife of 62 years, Sally M. Phelps; his three children, Evette Render (Derrick) Darrin Phelps (Annette) Lance Phelps (Veronica) and special niece/daughters, Melanie King and Rayvynn Evans; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Order of Service

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| Organ Prelude | Bro. Bryan Phillips |
| Parting View | The Family |
| Prayer | Elder Ron Evans |
| Scripture | Bro. Bryan Evans |
| Selection – <i>"We Shall Behold Him"</i> | Bro. Robert Hurst |
| Acknowledgements | |
| Remarks | Minister Ruby L. Harvey (Our Longtime Friend and Brother) Bishop Gregory Wells (Art Friend) Junior Jones (Family) |
| Obituary | Read Silently/Music Playing Bro. Bryan Phillips |
| Selection | Bro. Robert Hurst |
| Eulogy | Suffragan Bishop Charles L. Smith |
| Benediction | Suffragan Bishop Charles L. Smith |
| Recessional | Bishop, Family and Clergy |

