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Washington High Alumni Association



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In all times and through all things, friendship is a steadfast reminder that love endures.
For all the kindness you have shown, we thank you very much.

~ The Family



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A Celebration of Life for Rudolph Valentino Phillips

Sunrise
February 13, 1929

Sunset
March 21, 2019



*Thursday, March 28, 2019
12:00 Noon*

*C. A. Haywood, Sr. Memorial Chapel
2415 South Wilmington Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603*

*Officiating:
Reverend Janet Aiken
Songs of Praise Ministries, Inc., - New York, NY*

The Obituary

Mr. Rudolph Valentino Phillips was born on February 13, 1929 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Birtie Street and Alonza David Phillips. He was the younger brother of Charles Phillips who preceded him in death and a brother that died in infancy. He departed this life on March 21, 2019 after a brief illness, he had just celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends.

He was educated in the Raleigh public school system. He attended and graduated from Washington High School in Raleigh, North Carolina. He remained a lifelong member of the Washington High Alumni Association. He attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He remained a member of Shaw's Alumni Association. He made yearly donations to the University and was a loyal fan of the Shaw Bear's football team. He attended their home games, practice sessions and often traveled out of town to support their away games. He attended and graduated from City College in Harlem, New York.

Mr. Phillips started his work career as a store clerk at Big Star Colonial Stores in Raleigh, North Carolina, from 1945-1948. He then worked at Bickford Restaurants in New York as a short order cook from 1948-1960. His most distinguished work accomplishments came from his career in the United States Post Office in New York from 1960-1989. He rose very quickly from Postal Clerk to Supervisor in the early 1970's and was then promoted to General Supervisor of the Church Street Station from 1985 until his retirement. As a supervisor, he was fair, just, positive and good-natured. He encouraged all who worked with him to strive for excellence. Several former employees said with fondness that he was honorable and loved by all.

He had a love for traveling. He wanted to see every country and experience the culture from a local's viewpoint. He wanted to live and learn among the people. He had no interest in tourist groups. His travels have taken him to every state in the United States including Alaska, and Hawaii. Some of his journeys included: The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Aruba, Jamaica, Italy, the UK, Gambia, Ghana and Senegal. He regrettably was not able to visit Panama, China and Cuba, they were of interest to him and on his destination list.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Betty Weston Phillips, through that union they had six children. He was preceded in death by three of them: son Rudy Phillips, and daughters, Diane Phillips and Pamela Phillips. He was also preceded in death by his step-daughter, Paula Shands.

Mr. Rudolph Valentino Phillips leaves to cherish his memories; wife, Gloria Shands Phillips; three daughters, Sheryl Phillips of Harlem, New York, Benja (Lucias) Thomas of Harlem, New York, and Vanessa Phillips of Las Vegas, Nevada; one stepdaughter, Pamela (Carl) Ratliff of Rock Hill, South Carolina; two step-grandchildren, Brandon Shands and Olivia Ratliff; and Ebony Phillips, granddaughter that was reared in the home; a host of other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; seven sisters-in-law, Bessie (Richard) Smith, Pittsboro, North Carolina, Shirley (Joseph) Watson, Columbia, South Carolina, Theresa Dendy Williams, Jacksonville, Florida, Ruby (Harley) Kindley, Mountville, South Carolina, Doris (Jimmy) Walker, Jacksonville, Florida, Vivian Bush, Columbia, South Carolina, Helen (Charles) Phillips, Raleigh, North Carolina; three brothers-in-law, Bernard (Ida) Cunningham, Columbia, South Carolina, James (Juanita) Cunningham, Flint Michigan and Craig (Tina) Dendy, Laurens, South Carolina; his mother-in-law, Queen Ester Cunningham of Waterloo, South Carolina; two nieces, Debra Pickett and Crystal Smith, many other relatives and friends.

“The Master’s Call”

*I’m so sorry I had to leave you;
My loved ones, oh so dear
But you see, The Master called me —
His voice was very clear.*

*I had made my reservations,
A heaven-bound ticket for one;
And I knew He would call me when
He felt my work was done.*

*I know that your hearts are heavy,
Because I have gone away.
But when the Master called me,
I knew I could not stay.*

*Yes, I’m sorry I had to leave you;
My loved ones, Oh, so dear.
But, you see, the Master called me,
And now I’m resting here.*

*Yes, I’ve crossed on over to Glory,
And to you all I say;
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we’ll meet again, someday!*

J. M. Knight

Don't

Don't lose the love I gave you, feed it with tender care,
Grow it with spiritual devotion, spread it everywhere.

Don't spend too much time in mourning, tears are for the sad,
I left to be with Jesus, that should make you glad.

Don't waste time in grieving - No need to feel distressed,
I grew weary of life's frustrations and had to get some rest.

Don't vex yourselves with questions, trying to reason why
Life here for me has ended, it was my time to die.

Don't fret because my leaving came this quiet way
We shall meet again on that blessed eternal day.



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after-glow
Of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo,
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.

The Order of Service

The Prelude

Soft Music

Musicians
Mr. Darius Burrus

The Processional/Final Viewing

Clergy, Family and Friends

The Musical Selection

Mr. Darius Burrus

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament
New Testament

Mischellyne Tillies
Shawnonne Pickett

The Prayer of Comfort

Mr. Larry Pickett

The Musical Selection

Mr. Carl Ratliff
"Amazing Grace"

The Tributes

Mr. Bo Wilder
Ms. Crystal Phillips
Dr. Joseph Watson

The Special Tributes

Daughter
Grandchildren
Great Grandchildren

The Obituary (Silent Reading)

Video Presentation

The Musical Selection

Mr. Darius Burrus

The Eulogy

Reverend Janet Aiken

The Musical Selection

Mr. Carl Ratliff
"Going Up Yonder"

The Acknowledgements

The Recessional

Committal and Interment

Montlawn Memorial Park - 2911 S. Wilmington Street - Raleigh, NC 27603

Repast will be held at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
(1515 Cross Link Rd. Raleigh, NC 27610)

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