



Rev. Andrew J. Phillips Sr.

February 13, 1924 - October 21, 2011

Rev. Andrew J. Phillips Sr. went home to be with the Lord on Friday morning, October 21, 2011.

Funeral services for Andrew will be on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Unity Bible Baptist Church, 2950 E. Empire Ave., Benton Harbor. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Please share memories and photos at www.florin.net. The family is being served by the Florin Funeral Service.

Rev. Phillips was born on February 13, 1924 in Jasper County, Mississippi. He accepted the Lord at a very young age. He met and fell in love with Stella Mae Diggs, They were married on December 2, 1945, and celebrated 65 years of marriage together.

IN 1973, Rev. Andrew J. Phillips Sr., was called from his position as Associate Minister of Bible Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan to start a work in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He and his wife stepped out by faith to start a work in Benton Harbor. The work began as a Bible Class. The Bible Class, which started on April 8, 1973, voted to become a fellowship on January 11, 1976. On December 29, 1977, the Fellowship voted to organize into a local Church. Over the past 30 years God has used Pastor Phillips to establish a solid Biblical foundation for Unity Bible Baptist members. Many

Souls came to Christ and grew spiritually. God gave Pastor Phillips Spiritual vision and under his leadership the church purchased land (6.9 acres) for a new church building, and began implementing a “four phase” expansion project—which is well on its way----that will be the home base for various ministries from now until the Lord returns. Rev. Phillips retired from the Pastorate in 2003. Rev. Kirby Phillips, Sr. succeeded his father in 2003. Rev. Phillips is survived by his wife; Stella, three sons, Andrew Phillips, Jr., Gentry (Roz) Phillips, Kirby (Carolyn) Phillips all of Benton Harbor; 3 daughters, Carolyn (Howard) Carpenter of Kalamazoo, Sheila (George) Whaling of St. Joseph, Deborah(Phil) Webb of Benton Harbor, Michigan; one brother, John Phillips Sr.; three nieces; 23 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death was his parents, Charlie & Susie Phillips; six sisters, Ruby Griggs, Hattie Ann Wilkerson, Julia Moorehead, Mattie, Carrie and Doris Phillips; one brother, Robert Phillips; one son, John Wesley Phillips; two daughters, Dianne Phillips and Cheryl Lynn Phillips; and one niece, Linda Jackson.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Unity Bible Baptist Church
2950 E. Empire
Benton Harbor, MI

Service

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ *The first time I visited UBBC, Pastor Phillips taught something I had never heard preached in all the years of being a part of a Bible-believing fundamental church: "How to lead your OWN children to the Lord." As I joined the local assembly as a member, I can still recall the question as I visited the Pastor in his home or office: "What is on your heart today, Bro. Maki?" Pastor Phillips exemplified the true role of an undershepherd: feeding the flock vital and practical truth from the Word AND heeding the flock to make sure their spiritual health was in order. We will miss him dearly but rest in the fact that he is in a far better place today than ever before! K.M.*

Kevin Maki - October 26, 2011 at 11:44 PM

RW

“ *Uncle Andrew, was always good at listening and giving spiritual advice. In my latter years, after recommitting myself to the Lord, we discussed the bible for hours upon end on the telephone, and he was a spiritual force in my life.*

Recently before his passing, my wife Anita and I, visited him and Aunt Stella, to spiritually uplift them, but to my surprise he ended up raising my spirits as always.

God is good all the time every time,

R.J. & Anita Wilkerson

RJ & Anita Wilkerson - October 26, 2011 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ I send my condolences to Rev. Phillips's family. He was man full of wisdom, that loved God's people. I was in a class, that he taught in the early 70's, about the Temple and it's significance. I have been blessed by that teaching ever since. Blessing to the Phillips family and loved ones.

James and Veda Lacy

James H. G. Lacy, Sr. - October 26, 2011 at 12:34 PM