

CELEBRATING  
~ THE LIFE OF ~



*"...but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."*  
Joshua 24:15 KJV

*Timothy Phillips, Sr.*

AUGUST 10, 1933 - JUNE 17, 2014

Friday, June 27, 2014 • 10:00 a.m.  
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1825 West Hampton Avenue - Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Reverend Archie L. Ivy - Officiating



# Obituary

**TIMOTHY PHILLIPS, SR.** entered eternal life on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at age 80. Timothy Phillips, Sr. was born on August 10, 1933 in Lake Providence, Louisiana to Cornealious and Lelar Phillips. He was seventh of eleven children. In 1953, he was called to serve in the United States Army, 762 MM Rocket Battalion at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and in Kelzero, Germany. After two years of service, Timothy was honorably discharged with the rank of Private in 1955. He returned to Lake Providence and enrolled into B. W. Griffin High School where he graduated at the age of 22 in 1956.

Timothy pursued post-secondary education and attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he became a "Southernite". In 1961, he received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. Timothy began teaching sixth grade in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic School. After one year, he began working in Milwaukee Public Schools where he was an elementary school teacher at Brown Street School and a social studies teacher and audio visual director at Francis Parkman Middle School. Timothy loved taking pictures. He took pictures of his mother, sisters and brothers, children, nieces and nephews, teachers, friends, church members; just everybody.

In 1972, he received a master's of science degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a certificate of vocational counseling. Timothy arrived at North Division High School and was a "Blue Devil" guidance counselor for 10 years. In 1988, he served as the first black Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After one year, he returned to Milwaukee Public Schools and worked as a Student Services Specialist in Central Office and became a member of Administrator's and Supervisors Council.

Timothy married Bernadine E. Reacord on September 2, 1961. To this union, two children were born, Ramona M. Phillips and Timothy Phillips, Jr. The Phillips Family came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1964 and joined Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Timothy served as a deacon for 46 years. He was a dedicated and spiritual member of organizations in Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Timothy was a Sunday school teacher, interim Sunday school superintendent, member of the Men's Choir, Missionary Society and Wisconsin Layman's Association.

In 1993, he retired from the Milwaukee Public School System after 33 years of service. After retirement, Timothy enjoyed gardening, hand washing his 2005 blue and white Cadillac, and watching westerns. Tim visited and prayed for church members who were sick and shut in in nursing homes and hospitals. He also provided transportation for people from the church, relatives or friends who needed to get around the city of Milwaukee.

As he did every year, Timothy always attended the Southern University Alumni Conventions for 40 years which were held all over the United States. He was a Gold Member which meant, he gave over \$500,000.00 to Southern University Alumni Association. He was also a historic member of the Million Man March which was a gathering of African-American Men in Washington, D.C. on October 16, 1995 called by Louis Farrakhan.

In 2011, Timothy received the WISN Channel 12 Black Excellence Award and received an MPS Black Pioneer Award in 2012. He personally sponsored black high school students in Milwaukee Public Schools to attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities, especially Southern University System.

He is preceded in death by Cornealious and Lelar Phillips (parents), Cornealious Phillips (brother), Walter Phillips (brother), Ruby Brooks (sister), Jessie (Phillips) Lucas (sister), Leon Phillips (brother) and Dorothy (Phillips) Anderson, (sister), Frank Rogers (son), and Clifford Lucas (nephew).

Left to cherish his precious memories are: two surviving children, four grandchildren (Frank Rogers), James B. Ward, Sr., Derrick Richardson, Tremaine Rogers, Angela Gardner and eight great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild, Kahmourey Buchanan, nieces and nephews Earl (Pearl) Phillips, Manuel (Jane) Phillips, Lynn (Debra) Phillips, Annette Lucas, Gloriatine Newton, Katherine (Donald) Miller, Kathleen (Joe) Harrison, Jesse Phillips, Gloriann (Clifford) Lucas, Lydia Cincore, J.D. Verdellia Cincore, M.D. and Sterling Cincore, Jr.CPA, and two sister-in-laws Exa (Cornealious) Phillips, Vera (Sterling) Cincore and a host of great nieces and nephews.

## To Our Father He Only Takes the Best

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer  
and saw you fade away,  
Although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.

Ramona, Timothy, Derrick and Tremaine

## A Tribute To Uncle Tim

"Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stands in the path of sinners nor sits in the seat of the scornful.  
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and in his law he meditates day and night"

Psalm 1:1-2, NKJV

Our Uncle Timothy Phillips, Sr., belongs to the heavens and now his spirit walks among those of his dear mother and father, brothers and sisters and nephew. As we think of the absolute finality of death that we can no longer speak to him, we are saddened. He never missed an opportunity to grace us with his beaming smile, humor, and infinite wisdom. Uncle Tim was much more than an Uncle, he was a beacon of hope and humbleness. Uncle Tim approached his life armed with a great deal of calmness, perseverance, and wisdom. He taught us how to be pillars of strength through those very same elements of success.

He had a beautiful sense of humor. He made the most memorable moments of our lives the most interesting with his gift of storytelling. And no one could tell a story like he did because in the middle of telling the story, sometimes he would get so tickled with laughter, he took a while to finish. He really utilized his experiences to inspire us, instilling in us that there was nothing that we aimed for that was unattainable.

He gave so much of himself and wanted all of us to be successful at what we wanted to and did achieve. His unwavering commitment to family, service, education, and spirituality inspires us to continue in his legacy.

Uncle Tim, you will forever live within our hearts.



# ~ Order of Service ~

Organ Prelude.....Musician  
"God Has Smiled On Me"

Processional.....Ministers, Deacons, Family and Friends

Viewing .....Family and Friends  
Northwest Funeral Chapel

Musical Selection .....Choir

Old Testament Reading.....Reverend James Wallace  
Psalm 27:1-7

New Testament Reading.....Minister James E. Magee  
1 Corinthians 3:12-16

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Michael Olive

Musical Selection .....Mattie Haywood  
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Expressions of Love.....Len Brooks, Nephew  
Deacon Troy Moreland, Deacon Board  
Dan Johnson, Trustee and Personal Friend  
Michael Julius, Wisconsin Layman's Assoc.  
Reverend Grady Davis, National Baptist Convention, USA  
Gloria Neff, Southern University Alumni

Musical Selection .....Zion Hill Men's Chorus

Tribute.....First Lady Janelle Williamson  
Reverend Dr. Russell B. Williamson  
Pastor Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Shirley Moyer

Obituary Reading "I Won't Complain" .....Silent Reading

Eulogy .....Reverend Archie L. Ivy, Pastor, New Hope MBC

Special Sibling Tribute.....Ramona M. Phillips  
Timothy Phillips, Jr., Derrick Richardson and Tremaine Rogers

Recessional "Well Done" .....Northwest Funeral Chapel

REPAST

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - Immediately following burial





## PALLBEARERS

Ernest Lenonten Brooks

Jermaine Brooks

Derrick Martin

Marlon Phillips

Deacon Tony Moreland

Deacon Ronnie Lewis

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacon George Smith

Deacon Charles Horton

Deacon Thomas R. Morgan

Deacon Philip Barber

Deacon Melvin Martin

Deacon Lonnie McDowell

Deacon Dwayne Morgan

Deacon Winston Brooks

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Family of Deacon Timothy Phillips, Sr., Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church collectively wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and expressions of kindness and concern affectionately shown at this time. A personal acknowledgement will be made at a later time.

Thank you and may the love of God forever remain with each of you. Please continue to pray for us.

- The Phillips Family -

## INTERMENT

Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery

Brookfield, Wisconsin

## SPECIAL THANKS

Pastor, Brother In Christ and special friend of many years,  
Reverend Dr. Russell B. Williamson

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Usher Board  
Patsy Moreland, Dwayne Morgan, Dorothy Hurse, Rumyrtle Watson, Latricia Sellers, Tommy Magee, Mary Walker, Rubye Harrison, Ida Hall, Annie Alexander, Scharleen Tinnon, Ola Morgan, Ruth Cooke, and Martha Harris

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