



## Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips

December 22, 1940 - November 1, 2023

PHILLIPS, Mr. Charlie Ray - Age 82, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Monday, November 13, 2023 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw St., Rev. Dr. Henry Fuller Sr., officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Monday. Mr. Phillips will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The above verse from Proverbs 17:27 was fittingly epitomized in the life of our dearly beloved Charlie Ray Phillips whose earthly pilgrimage began December 22, 1940, as the third of ten siblings born to Mr. Joe Daniel Phillips and Mrs. Albirdia Walton Phillips in Madison, Mississippi. Ray, as he was known by many, transitioned to his eternal home Wednesday, November 1, 2023, in Flint, Michigan.

Strong Christian nurturing led Ray to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. At the tender age of ten, Ray was baptized in his hometown of Madison, Mississippi at China Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church under the pastoral leadership of Reverend J.E. Reed. He was active in Sunday School, the choir, and other ministries.

Ray matriculated through the Madison County, Mississippi Public School System and graduated from Madison Rosenwald High School in 1960, which was the last graduating class for the school that became Rosa A. Scott High School. Ray continued his educational journey by attending Utica Junior

College where he received certification in auto mechanics. In search of adventure and an opportunity to improve his standards in life, Ray relocated to Los Angeles, California and gained employment with The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Maintenance Department. Ray was drafted by the United States Army in 1964 and served in the Vietnam War. He received several commendations and medals including the Sharpshooter Medal for his service. Ray was honorably discharged in 1966. He was a Life Member of the Disabled Veterans of America. Ray always had a passion for learning new things and this inquisitiveness led him to study at Detroit College of Business. He was a sports enthusiast who enjoyed football, basketball and auto racing.

On April 5, 1964, Ray was united in holy matrimony to the lovely Deloris Hamilton, the love of his life for the duration of his life. Together they made their home in Flint, Michigan after his discharge from military service. This union was blessed with two amazing children: Victor Ramon Phillips and Crystal Andreia Phillips, who along with their mother, provided excellent attention and care for Ray during his illness. Ray never complained; he kept the faith and trusted in the power of the Almighty God. Ray was a man of understanding who restrained his words, possessed a humble spirit, and yet his presence was strong because of his positive demeanor.

In 1966, Ray obtained employment with General Motors as an inspector and later in the area of Plant Protection as a member of the security department. He was a member of the Retiree Chapter of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 659. Upon his retirement in 1996, he acquired the best job he ever had which was “babysitting” his grandchildren, who affectionately called him PaPa. Ray simply cherished the opportunity to spend quality time with his grands in this capacity. When the ‘grands’ became school age, Ray became an active volunteer at Cummings Elementary School where he served as a mentor to students by assisting them with their reading and social skills. He was lovingly called “PaPa Charlie” by the staff and the children he helped in class.

In 1968, Ray united with the Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the

leadership of the late Pastor Granville Smith. He was a member of the Male Chorus and was the outstanding lead singer of two of his favorite songs: "Everybody Ought to Praise His Name" and "Prayer Changes Things." As an active member of the Men's Ministry, Ray participated in Church School and looked forward to the Annual Men's Day celebration. Ray will be truly missed by all whose lives he touched as a devoted husband, an awesome father, a generous and doting grandfather, a loving brother, a thoughtful uncle and a loyal friend. Fond memories will forever be cherished by his faithful and caring wife of 59 ½ years, Deloris H. Phillips, Flint, Michigan; son, Deacon Victor (Pamela) Phillips, Flint, Michigan; daughter, Crystal Phillips, Swartz Creek, Michigan; grandchildren: Jasmyn Phillips, Lansing, Michigan; Mekenzie Phillips and Xavier Phillips, Flint, Michigan; sisters: Eunice Phillips, Madison, MS; Lena Marshall, Flint, MI; Alma (Willie) Miller, Jackson, MS; Lynnette (Gerald) Andrews, Desoto, TX; brothers: Mansfield (Bell) Phillips, Madison, MS; Lee (Diane) Phillips, Katy, TX; sisters-in-law: Ella Martin, Jackson, MS; Fannie Hamilton, Clinton, MS; Gloria Hamilton, Moreno Valley, CA; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ray is predeceased by his parents: Joe D. and Albirdia Phillips, Sr.; brothers: Joe D., Jr. and Earnest James Phillips; sister: Henrietta Phillips Julius; mother and father-in-law: Thomas and Edna Hamilton; five sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

NOV 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
4805 Saginaw St  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 787-2563

## Funeral Service

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NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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4805 Saginaw St  
Flint, MI 48505  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wyvett Walker lit a candle in memory of Charlie Phillips* ”



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**Wyvett Walker** - December 01, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *LaQuella Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips* ”



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**LaQuella Williams** - November 16, 2023 at 06:19 AM



“ *Jason Marks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips* ”



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**Jason Marks** - November 13, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Gail Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips* ”



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**Gail Ross** - November 13, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips.*



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November 11, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *LaShona Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**LaShona Clark** - November 11, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ *James and Alice Seymour, Sterling Heights, Michigan send prayers to Deloris and family*



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**James and Alice Seymour** - November 11, 2023 at 02:04 AM



“ *The Phillips family, New Orleans purchased the sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips.*



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**The Phillips family, New Orleans** - November 10, 2023 at 12:07 PM

KE

“ LIGHT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF  
MR.CHARLIE RAY PHILLIPS  
MRS.KIMBERLY RENEE EDWARDS-  
ROBINSON  
SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI



**KIMBERLY RENEE EDWARDS-ROBINSON** - November 09, 2023 at 09:56 PM

KE

“ LIGHT A CANDLE MEMORY OF  
MR.CHARLIE RAY PHILLIPS  
MRS.KIMBERLY RENEE EDWARDS-  
ROBINSON  
SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI



**KIMBERLY RENEE EDWARDS-ROBINSON** - November 09, 2023 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ *Sonya Denise Wilkes lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



**Sonya Denise Wilkes** - November 09, 2023 at 09:25 PM

WS

“ To Lena, children and the "entire " Phillips family: You have our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. He had been on my prayer list, since I learned of his illness in August. BUT GOD!!! HE kept His promise to Mr. Charlie and will keep His promise to each of you. Hold on! "The Lord bless you and keep you...and give you peace."- Numbers 6:24-26  
Willene Sumpter & Family



Willene Sumpter - November 09, 2023 at 01:36 PM

LF

“ Crystal, I was so saddened to hear about your dad. Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers. With much love and deepest condolences to you and your entire family.

Lindsay Ford - November 09, 2023 at 09:35 AM

LF

“ Lindsay Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips



Lindsay Ford - November 09, 2023 at 09:31 AM

AL

“ I absolutely LOVED me some Mr. Phillips. He was such an amazing dude. I'm thankful to have known him. May God's perfect peace fall on the entire family!



Andre Louis - November 08, 2023 at 08:09 PM

FP

“ *Freeda Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Freeda Price** - November 07, 2023 at 08:43 PM

LW

“ *Lamont Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Lamont Washington** - November 07, 2023 at 05:09 PM

LC

“ *Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 💕*

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**Linda ColevWilliamson** - November 07, 2023 at 04:46 PM

BG

“ *We bless and praise the LORD for the life of brother Phillips and extent to the family our deepest condolences for their loss.*

*Billy & Lind Gooch  
Norwood Homeowners Association*

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**Billy Gooch** - November 07, 2023 at 02:20 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Sandra Cabine** - November 07, 2023 at 09:24 AM

BW

“ *Betty Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Betty Wesley** - November 07, 2023 at 12:51 AM

GT

“ *Geraldine Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Geraldine Turner** - November 06, 2023 at 11:39 PM

LH

“ *Linda Lewis Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Linda Lewis Harrell** - November 06, 2023 at 09:04 PM

MB

“ *Monica Brand lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Monica Brand** - November 06, 2023 at 08:48 PM

JW

“ *Janeen Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Janeen Williams** - November 06, 2023 at 08:40 PM

VF

“ *A candle lit in memory of Mr. Charlie Phillips. Condolences to the family.*



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**Violet Warner-Eldridge and Family** - November 06, 2023 at 08:23 PM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Deidre Spight-Woodson** - November 06, 2023 at 11:34 AM

DW

“ *Derrek & Regina Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Derrek & Regina Williams** - November 05, 2023 at 11:20 PM

AS

“ *Akilah Shamly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Akilah Shamly** - November 05, 2023 at 08:56 AM

KS

“ *Kimberly LaRuth Shamsid-Deen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Kimberly LaRuth Shamsid-Deen** - November 05, 2023 at 06:11 AM

EC

“ *Our condolences and prayers to Delores and the entire Phillip family. May God comfort and strengthen you, during this difficult period of bereavement, as only He can. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning.*



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**Earl and Diane Crowder** - November 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM

ET

“ *Ernestine Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Ernestine Taylor** - November 04, 2023 at 08:14 PM

BP

“ *condolences to Lena Marshall and children*

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**Bobbie and Pat** - November 04, 2023 at 07:32 PM

BR

“ *Condolences to Lois, children, and grandchildren Love Y'all*



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**Bobbie & Pat Rouser** - November 04, 2023 at 07:21 PM

BR

“ *Bobbie Jean Rouser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Bobbie Jean Rouser** - November 04, 2023 at 07:11 PM

MW

“ *He was a beautiful person, very friendly. So sorry for your loss. You have our condolences and prayers for your family. Freddie & Myrisha Wilkins from dialysis*

Myrisha Wilkins - November 04, 2023 at 03:19 PM

LP

“ *Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



Lynda Pitts - November 03, 2023 at 04:14 PM

MJ

“ *In loving memory of my uncle Ray*



Marilyn Jones - November 03, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MF

“ *Mackey-Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Charlie Phillips*



Mackey-Smith Family - November 03, 2023 at 03:15 PM

PP

“ Delores and Family, you have my deepest condolences 🌸 in the loss of Charlie. Your Old Neighbor, Pat Parks

Pat Parks-Deason - November 03, 2023 at 02:59 PM

VR

“ Verma Rosborough sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips



Verma Rosborough - November 03, 2023 at 09:14 AM

DD

“ Dora Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips



Dora Daniels - November 02, 2023 at 09:00 PM

ST

“ Shirley Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips



Shirley Tolbert - November 02, 2023 at 06:19 PM

FS

“ *Faye Starling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Faye Starling** - November 02, 2023 at 07:48 AM

TG

“ *Terry Gates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**Terry Gates** - November 01, 2023 at 05:48 PM

MT

“ *Martha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Ray Phillips*



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**martha Taylor** - November 01, 2023 at 04:22 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of sadness!*

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**AC Dumas** - November 01, 2023 at 11:58 AM