

*Home Going Service  
Celebrating the Life of*

A portrait of an elderly man with glasses and a white cap, set against a background of a sunset over a body of water and a road.

*L.J. Phelps*

**Sunrise**  
*March 6, 1930*

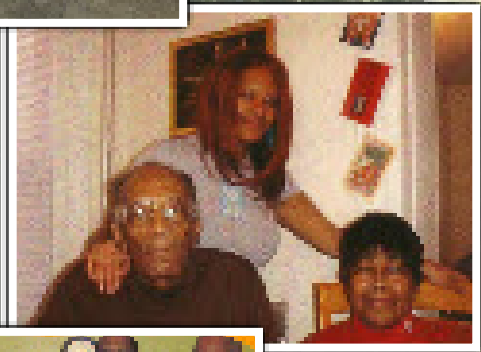
**Sunset**  
*October 5, 2010*

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH**

374 Dodd Street • East Orange, New Jersey

*Reverend Theodore A. Faison, Sr., Officiating*



*Precious Memories*

## *Obituary*

*L.J. Phelps, age 80 of Orange, New Jersey slipped away quietly and went home to be with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.*

*L.J. Phelps was born on March 6, 1930, the second child, to the late Johnnie Mae Phelps and Linwood Fenner of Creswell, North Carolina. He was predeceased by two brothers, James Ray Phelps (2008) and William Puddin' Phelps (2009). He was reared in a Christian home where he was taught to love and maintain family values. He had a deep respect for his mother and spoke very reverently of her labor of love.*

*L.J. Phelps attended the public school system in Creswell, North Carolina. As a young man he met and married Edith T. Littlejohn (deceased 2006) in 1948. They were married fifty-eight years. To this union six children were born, Leonard, Thomas, William, Marceline, Jerome, and Delores. "Pop Phelps" as he was affectionately called, loved his wife and children and worked tirelessly to support and protect his family.*

*To ensure a better life for his family and in pursuit of employment opportunities they moved to New Jersey in 1962. Prior to their relocation L.J. worked in the Logwood and Pulp Mill Industries in the south. He diligently searched for employment and landed a job at Orange Products in Orange, New Jersey. He worked long hours, traveled in inclement weather sometimes by foot or he would use public transportation. He had a phenomenal work ethic. He also worked at the Steel Foundry of New Jersey. L.J. always had a side job. He loved waxing cars; some would even consider him a guru, that for a minimal charge, he would lay an impeccable shine, i.e., he hand-washed, waxed, and manually simonized the vehicles. To our surprise, Dad never seemed worn or tired after these arduous tasks. After several years of laborious jobs, he secured employment at AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey as a maintenance supervisor until he retired in 1989.*

*The family has fond memories of Dad and the stories are often shared during family gatherings... He was cool. When asked what his initials stood for, he answered "Love Joy". Although he worked hard, on the weekends he shared quality time with his family. He was proud of his children and loved his wife. Oh how he would give accolades about his family... but at the same time he was a strong disciplinarian because papa didn't take no mess! Dad loved good soul music as well as the aroma of a good meal cooking on the stove (smile). After making sure things were copasetic on the home front, Dad would spend time with his buddies at Friends Pub in Orange. Dad lived a life of giving and it's evident by the many sacrifices he made for his family.*

*The last six years, Dad resided at St. Mary's Life Center in Orange. The staff at St. Mary's Life Center is to be commended for their care, especially Nurse Joanne Barner. Dad was not forgotten. Delicious meals were prepared several times a week, which he insisted upon. Dad was visited regularly by family members, often by friends and brought home on the weekends. He attended church services at the Living Water Center Church in East Orange, New Jersey.*

*Pop Phelps accepted the Lord as his personal Savior during his later years. This indeed was an answer to prayer! Praise God!!*

**L.J. Phelps** leaves many to honor and cherish his memory: four sons, Leonard Phelps, Thomas Phelps, William Ray Phelps and Jerome Phelps; two daughters, Marceline Phelps Blackwell (Clifford) and Delores Phelps; thirteen grandchildren, Sheena Oliver (Donnell), William Henry, L Jay Burks, LaDonna Alicia Phelps, Johnny Phelps, Asia Phelps, Jerome Phelps, Jr., Jade Phelps, Jherry Smith, Maryssa Phelps, Brandon Phelps, Justin McCullough and Lauren Phelps; six great-grandchildren, Keona Phelps, Jesmarcus Phelps, Michael Phelps, Williwow Amirah Webb, Bryce Oliver and Kaya Oliver; one brother, Sylvester Phelps (Mae Pearl); three sisters, Huldia Mae Phelps (Bobby), Sue Horton (Ralph) and Odessa Fuller; four sisters-in-law, Louise Phelps, Emma Phelps, Willie Buchanan (William) and Rose Coston (Pete); cousin, Johnny Phelps (Roxanne); also many nieces, nephews, other cousins, extended family, co-workers and dear friends.

# Order of Service

*Musical Prelude* ..... *J.E. Williams*

*Processional*

*Hymn of Comfort* ..... “*On Christ The Solid Rock*”

*Reading of God’s Word*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Solo* ..... *Martha Walcott*

*Acknowledgements &  
Remarks*

*Poem* ..... *Asia Phelps*

*Solo* ..... *Joshua Williams*

*Words of Comfort* ..... *Bishop James Everett*

*Deliverance Jesus Is Coming, Irvington, New Jersey*

*Apostle Joel D. Rudolph, Sr.*

*Christian Fellowship Center, Paterson, New Jersey*

*Reflections* ..... *Evang. William Buchanan/Hazel Outley*

*Family Tributes/Remembrances*

*Obituary Reading* ..... *Lori Adeoba*


*Selection*

*Eulogy* ..... *Reverend Theodore A. Faison, Sr.*

*Recessional*

**Interment**

*Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey*




*Our brother wished no  
one a last farewell,  
nor even said goodbye.*

*He was gone before we knew  
it, And only God knows why.*

*They say time heals all  
sorrow, And helps us to  
forget, But time so far only  
proves How much we miss  
him yet, God gives us  
strength to face it, And  
courage to bear the blow.*

*But what it meant to  
"love" and lose him  
No one will ever know.*

*Lovingly submitted  
Sue & Sylvester*



*Pop Pop you were grand  
father, dad, and friend  
When you were here  
I didn't have many fears  
'Cause I knew you would  
always be there  
We knew you deeply cared  
Since you are now gone  
We shed so many tears  
Now looking from above,  
Pop Pop  
You are back with your  
true love, Nanna  
I miss you and will  
love you forever!*

*Asia Phelps*

### *Acknowledgements*

*We the family of **L.J. Phelps** wish to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during our time of bereavement. We know that he has made you laugh or touched some part of your heart that you will never forget. Remembering this we would like to thank you for sharing this time with us in saying farewell for now to **L.J.** until that one bright morning when we see his face again in Heaven. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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