

Homegoing Celebration
for
Mr. Sylvester (Vess) D. Phillips



SUNRISE

April 2, 1910
Elkin, NC

SUNSET

May 7, 2008
Elkin, NC

Tuesday, May 13, 2008
One o'clock p.m.

Edward J. Spencer and Pattie J. Spencer
Memorial Chapel
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Elder Jimmy Houser,
Eulogist/Officiating

Interment

Little Richmond Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
Elkin, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Earth's Final Glimpse	12:30 until 1:00 pm
Words of Comfort	Guest Minister
Prayer	Guest Minister
Scripture	Old Testament
	New Testament
	Guest Minister
	Guest Minister
Solo	Deacon James Sales
Acknowledgements/Obituary	Mother Gail Love
Hymn	Elder Jimmy Houser
Eulogy	Elder Jimmy Houser
Recessional	(Congregation Standing)
Interment	Little Richmond Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Elkin, NC
The Final Flight	Spencer Funeral Home Staff

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

CASKET BEARERS

Nephews

Professional Services Directed by

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THE OBITUARY

Mr. Sylvester (Vess) Phillips was born in Surry County, North Carolina to Jonas and Roxanne Phillips on April 2, 1910. He joined his loving Savior on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the Elkin Health Care after a lengthy stay.

Vess attended the Little Richmond School through the seventh grade. Upon finishing school, he worked the family farm, then moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he met and married Leona Jackson (preceded in death) for 61 years.

Vess worked for over 30 years as a Longshore man. Upon retiring, he moved back to Surry County and worked as a construction/landscaper with his friend, Wayne Simpson for over 10 years.

Vess accepted Jesus Christ and gave witness to what the Lord had done in his life.

Vess leaves to rejoice in his love and memory two sisters, Signora J. Pettey of Elkin, NC and Irma McCord of Evanston, IL; one brother, Jonas Phillips of Charlotte, NC; two sisters-in-laws, Stella G. Phillips and Francis Phillips (Jonas); one daughter-in-law, Elemer Jackson; six grandchildren, Barbara Milburn, Early Jackson, Jr., Pernell Jackson, Kevin L. Jackson; fifteen great grandchildren and twenty-three great great grandchildren; six nieces; four nephews and eleven great nieces and nephews; cousins and friends. Vess (98), was preceded in death by ten siblings. Also, one son, Early Jackson, and two grandsons, Earl and Ralph Jackson.

ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS

"One night, a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand...one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path, there were only one set of footprints in the sand. He also noted that this happened during the saddest and lowest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord. 'Lord, You said once I decided to follow You, You would walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints, I don't understand why, when I needed You most, You deserted me.' The Lord replied, 'My precious little child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'"



Thank You

*The loss of the one we held so dear.
It was to us a great comfort indeed,
To see you in the time of sorrow and need.
So from our hearts which you tried to help mend,
We thank you sincerely again and again
For being such wonderful friends.*

The Family of –
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