



Nila Rae Phelps

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Nila Rae Phelps, 98, peacefully went home in the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Nila Rae was born December 6, 1924, in Oberlin, Ohio to the late Eugene and Thelma Derrick. She is also predeceased by her husbands, Robert Harvey Brandow and Richard Willis Phelps, Sr., siblings, Elbert Derrick, David Derrick, Warren Derrick, and baby brother Joseph Derrick.

Nila Rae Phelps is survived and will be lovingly remembered by her sister Phyllis Hurlbert, children Bobbie Rae (Harry) Bisher, Douglas (Gail) Brandow, Cheryl Lee (David) Vought, and Debbie Jo (Henry) Schwarz, grandchildren Mark Gina, Gennee, Harry, Shalana, Shannon, Joshua, Jesse, Jonah, Heather, Levi, Luke, Ethan, Daniel, and David, and 33 great-grandchildren.

Nila Rae had a life-long passion for Christian missions, medical work and spiritual mentoring. She was a Registered Nurse and ran medical clinics in India where she and her husband, Robert, were missionaries. Later on, she worked at hospitals and nursing homes in the U.S. She was also involved with Christian education and spiritual mentoring in a number of churches pastored by Robert, both in Michigan and Colorado. After Robert passed away in 1992, Nila Rae married Richard Phelps of Binghamton, New York, where they were active members of Park Avenue Baptist Church. Richard passed away in 2013 and Nila settled in Pinellas County, Florida, and was a member of Missouri Avenue Baptist Church.

The visitation is Tuesday, May 16, at Memorial Park Funeral Home, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, with the service at 4:00 pm. Mrs. Phelps will then be laid to rest in Michigan beside her first husband in Cascade Cemetery. There will be a memorial service for her in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this Summer (time and date to be announced; please contact family if interested).



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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, May 16, 2023


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

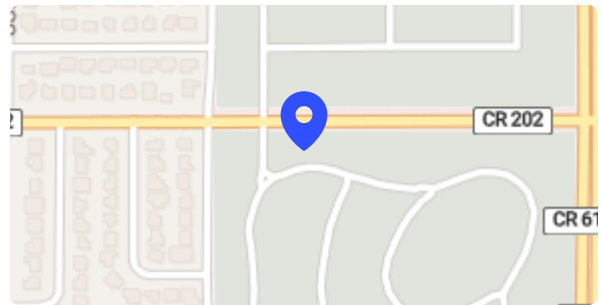


Celebration of Life Service

 **Tuesday**, May 16, 2023

 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
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Tribute Wall

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Maryrio posted:

Sorry to hear of Nila's passing....what a blessing she was to me and so many people.....Mary Rio

May 31 at 12:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Phelps family.



May 15 at 11:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nila by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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