



## Josephine Hazel Phillips

March 9, 1929 - October 9, 2025

Josephine Hazel Phillips, affectionately known as Josie, was born in Worton, MD on March 9, 1929, to the late Ruth Walker-Chandler and the late Andrew Pennington Butler. She was married to Medford Phillips of Worton Point, Md. Josie received her early education from a one-room schoolhouse in Butlertown, Md, and completed her education at Garnett School in Chestertown, Maryland.

Josie worked for Sweetie & Myrtle Williams in Worton, MD as a housekeeper, then she worked in Tally Ho Restaurant and Foxley Manor Motel in Chestertown, MD for the Williams Family, Vita Foods Company and after many years retired from The Campbell Soup Company.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, Butlertown, Maryland, and served under the leadership of many pastors. She delighted in providing excellent culinary service along with her cousins Marie Butler and Virginia Thompson for many years. Josie served on the Stewardess Board where she prepared Communion which is a sacred act of God. In addition, she served as an Usher, member, Women's Missionary Society, an early member of the Love Ye One Another Chorus. Under the leadership of Rev. Monique Upshur Davis, she was appointed one of the Spiritual Mothers of the church. She supported God's work through rendering her time, talent, treasures and proclamation of Jesus Christ.

Josie continued to enhance her relationship with God through reading the Bible daily, and Devotional Readings. Her favorite scripture was "Psalms 27"

which was also her mother's favorite scripture. Her life was also inspired by "Proverbs 3:5", Trusting in the Lord. She shared spiritual experiences that uplifted and encouraged others. In addition, Josie loved good singing, especially the older hymns, however, more recently, one of her favorite songs was "Every Praise is to our God" by Hazekiah Walker.

Josie loved plants and flowers, completing puzzle books, watching the Game Show Network and her favorite soap opera was "The Bold and the Beautiful". She loved God, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grand-children. She was proud of them; they meant the world to her. She made God's love visible through her family, church family, friends and the ecumenical community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Medford Phillips, her daughter, Corlis Phillips-Robinson, mother, Ruth Walker-Chandler, her father, Andrew Pennington Butler, a sister, Wyonia Walker, loving grandparents, Rev. Albert and Cora Walker.

Josie was a wife, loving mother and leaves to cherish her memory 3 daughters, Cheryl Saunders (James) of Big Woods, MD, Darlene Phillips-Fisher, Baltimore, MD, Diane Phillips, Wilmington, DE, and one son, Donald Phillips, Chestertown, MD, 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren and God-daughter Carol Phillips-Thomas.

She also leaves to cherish her memory, two loving sisters, Joan Walker-Hunter (Rev. Cordell E. Hunter, Sr. of Aberdeen, MD), and Barbara Chandler-Dozier of New Castle, Delaware, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves to cherish her memory special daughters, Ernestine Hynson Knotts, and Stephanie Lindsey, and a circle of special friends, Cynthia Oakley, Minervia (Lucy) Lively, Rosa Reed, cousin Jacqueline Whye Sisco, Shirley Butler Hopkins, Laretta Freeman, Dorothy Wilson, Thomas & Rosa Gross and a host of family and friends.

A funeral service will be held Friday October 24, 2025, at 11 am at Mt. Olive AME Church, Worton, MD, where friends and family may visit 2 hours prior

form 9 am until 11 am. Interment will be held immediately following at Mt. Olive AME Church Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **24**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt Olive AME  
24840 lambs meadow rd  
Worton, Maryland 21678

## Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive AME  
Worton, MD

## Burial

OCT **24** (ET)

Mt. Olive AME Cemetery  
Worton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - October 23, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Latoya lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips* ”



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**Latoya** - October 24, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dana Phillips lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips* ”



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**Dana Phillips** - October 24, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DH

“ *Doreen Walker Harris lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



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**Doreen Walker Harris** - October 24, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Our condolences on the passing of Sister Josie. She was a bright light who was always willing to share a smile. Sister Josie was a staple at our Bible study at St. George and always the encourager. Denise and I are sorry we cannot attend her homegoing service. Sister Josie will always be in our hearts. Rev. Leonard and Denise Palmer*

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**Leonard and Denise** - October 23, 2025 at 09:30 PM

MD

“ *Monique Upshur Davis lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



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**Monique Upshur Davis** - October 23, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with my family Aunt Josie was such a precious soul who will try be missed by the love she showed all of us. I will miss hearing your voice on Tuesday prayer line you would be praying for right with me. As you would always say “ I love you from the bottom of my heart”! Give mom a hug from me.



Denise Jones - October 23, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DW

“ Dorvonda Warren lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Dorvonda Warren - October 21, 2025 at 09:11 PM

DC

“ Donnette Commodore sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Donnette Commodore - October 21, 2025 at 06:50 PM

NW

“ Niara Wilson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Niara Wilson - October 21, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JT

“ Justin Tiller lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Justin Tiller - October 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Hazel Phillips.



October 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM

AF

“ Andelot Farm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Hazel Phillips.

Andelot Farm - October 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM

ET

“ Eddie&Trish Taylor lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Eddie&Trish Taylor - October 21, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephine Hazel Phillips.



October 21, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Tawatha Agee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Hazel Phillips.

Tawatha Agee - October 21, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Arlene & Patricia Wilson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Arlene & Patricia Wilson - October 20, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ Joyce D. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Josephine Hazel Phillips.



Joyce D. - October 20, 2025 at 05:44 PM

MT

“ *Mara Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



Mara Tolliver - October 19, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josephine Hazel Phillips.*



October 19, 2025 at 12:39 PM

AF

“ *Alton Somerville Jr & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Hazel Phillips.*

Alton Somerville Jr & family - October 19, 2025 at 12:39 PM

JP

“ *Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



Janet Pauls - October 17, 2025 at 08:18 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Phillips Butler lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



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**Lisa Phillips Butler** - October 16, 2025 at 11:22 PM

JD

“ *Cheryl, Joan and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you all. It is my prayer that God will comfort you all during this sad and difficult time. May he richly bless you as you mourn and may the light of His presence be a continual source of consolation. Hold tight to memories of Josie because wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. God bless.*



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**Joyce Devereaux** - October 16, 2025 at 10:23 PM

RB

“ *Regina Butler lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



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**Regina Butler** - October 16, 2025 at 08:39 PM

DN

“ *Debbie & Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



Debbie & Bob Nickerson - October 15, 2025 at 04:06 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Pauls lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



Geraldine Pauls - October 15, 2025 at 01:32 PM

GS

“ *My condolences to all of her family at this difficult time.*



George Short - October 15, 2025 at 12:38 PM

DW

“ *Darnique Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



Darnique Wiggins - October 15, 2025 at 09:09 AM

CT

“ Carol Phillips Thomas lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Carol Phillips Thomas - October 15, 2025 at 07:53 AM

JH

“ Joyce Henry lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Joyce Henry - October 15, 2025 at 04:17 AM

VP

“ Praying 🙏 for the Family James and Voncille Phillips.



Voncille Phillips - October 14, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Phillips- Jeter lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips



Carolyn Phillips- Jeter - October 14, 2025 at 09:10 PM

CJ

*Dear Aunt Josie, you were that beacon of light that shined on all of your family and those who knew you, though your gone your light will forever shine in my heart. I will miss you and always love you. Rest In Peace Auntie.*

**Carolyn Phillips- Jeter** - October 14, 2025 at 09:19 PM

JS

“ *To the Phillips Family May The Almighty Savior keep your in his comfort during this difficult time, hang on to the many memories your shared together it will get your through, God Bless all of you*



**James Munson Sr.** - October 14, 2025 at 08:57 PM

AF

“ *Virginia Commodore & Family*



**Alison Farmer** - October 14, 2025 at 08:55 PM

MP

“ *MR.&MRS.TONY ALTON PERRY,SR sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



**MR.&MRS.TONY ALTON PERRY,SR** - October 14, 2025 at 07:25 PM

JP

“ *Joan Y Phillips lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



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**Joan Y Phillips** - October 14, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hazel Phillips*



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**Jeanette Stubbs** - October 14, 2025 at 06:50 PM