



## Dr. Rev. Phillip J. Downs

October 23, 1955 - June 2, 2013

MANITOU BEACH – Dr. Rev. Phillip J. Downs Sr., 57, went home to be with his Lord, Sunday, June 2, 2013, at home where he was surrounded by the family he so loved.

Born October 23, 1955, in Highland Park, Michigan, he was the son of Jack and Virginia (Sabb) Downs. On October 24, 2009, he married Lori Raine (Cole) in Chelsea, and she survives.

Phillip served his country in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He received a Doctorate of Divinity and served as pastor for the past 15 years, most recently at Evergreen Ministries International in Chelsea. He was a member of Christian Motorcyclist Association.

Most precious to Phil was his relationship with his Savior Jesus Christ and the love of his family.

In addition to his mother, Virginia Taylor of Westland, Michigan and his wife Lori, he is survived by their children: Nicole (Michael) Bonem of Clarkston; Phillip (Leah) Downs of Madison Heights; Robert (Jamie) Raine of Adrian; Amber (Matthew) Steenbergh of Clarkston; Stephanie (Christopher) Swank of Thatcher, AZ; Yvonne Cole of Sterling Heights; and Taylor Cole of Manitou Beach; grandchildren: Aiden and Austin Bonem, Blake and Daniel Downs, Leigha, Ashlyn and Calista Raine; brother, Kevin Downs of Belleville; nieces, Ginny (Bill) Hunter and Lindsay Downs; aunt, Lillian Champagne of Washington; and two special women, Brenda Downs and Sandra Downs. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Downs.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at Wagley Funeral Home with Linda Brown and Pastor Bill Ellenwood Sr. officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Pastor Phil may be made to his family. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 5.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
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## Service

**JUN 6.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Rev. Phillip J. Downs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. I had the opportunity to be Phillips nurse. I seen first hand his courage, strength and compassion for others. Seems ironic I was there to care for him but he truly made my smile.*

**Paula Ulrich** - June 07, 2013 at 05:56 PM



“ *To the family Of Phil, First to Lori, I am so sorry for your loss of your Husband. Aunt Gen, Kevin and family of Phil We are so very sorry for the passing of Phil. He was a great man, and so friendly and warm. I know he will be sadly missed. Aunt Gen, as much as I want to console you, there are no words to make a mother feel better about loosing her child. Just know we have you all in our thoughts and prayers. And to all of Phil's cousins and Aunt Rose know we are also praying and thinking of all of you. You all were a very close family and he loved his family very much. Sincerely, The Bowden family, Annette, Butch and Dohnovan*

**Annette Bowden** - June 05, 2013 at 08:47 PM



“ *On behalf of the entire Norgrove family, we extend our deepest sympathy to all. May his memory be eternal. Neal, Linda and family.*

**Linda Norgrove (cousin)** - June 05, 2013 at 09:07 AM

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“ Phil walked the walk of his Faith. He also talked the talk. When somebody would ask him how he was doing he would reply: "Victorious in Christ". I have used this expression myself as a way to encourage others. Phil had a constant smile and a contagious laugh. He will be missed here on Earth. I truly believe that he is in the Heavens where there is no suffering or pain. We Love you Phil!

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**Joe Lowden, Dove Counseling (2009-2012)** - June 04, 2013 at 08:45 AM

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“ Dove Counseling of Jackson Mi will miss Pastor Phil! He was a dynamic board member for many years! He was a friend and encouraged us in our work. He shared our vision and laughed and cried with us..he will never be forgotten. He blessed our lives and we all look forward to seeing him again someday! I will miss his smile, and his greeting. He will stay in our hearts forever!! Our prayers are with his family, friends and congregation..Phil would want us all to overcome our grief and sadness. He loved us all so much! He lived and loved well! Blessings! Dian Breining Executive Director, Dove Health Alliance, Dove Counseling, Dove Wellness

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**Dian Breining, Dove Counseling** - June 03, 2013 at 08:00 PM

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“ Dear Lori & family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences for you and your family at this great loss. The first time we met Phil was at a WMF Convocation in Hot Springs, Arkansas where we talked about ministry and all that God was doing in our lives. We know that Phil was used mightily by God during his time here on earth and many people were blessed because of his compassion and ministry.

*Rod & Debbie Wilson*

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**Debbie Wilson** - June 02, 2013 at 07:55 PM

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“ *i just wanta say what a wonderful person phil was n how heart breakin this is he loved people friendly always had a smile n when lor n phil looked at each other you could see their love shine he will be so greatly missed chuck n gloria patterson*

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**chuck patterson** - June 02, 2013 at 03:38 PM

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*I send my deepest sympathy to Phil's loved ones in this difficult time. Please find comfort knowing that it will be " just a little while longer..there will be "exquisite delight in abundance of peace" (Psalms 37:10,11,29) At that time we will be reunited with our dear loved ones.*

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**J. Oleary** - June 06, 2013 at 02:51 PM