



## H. Phillip Anthony

January 15, 1932 - January 1, 2025

H. Phillip Anthony, 92, completed his race and has graduated to Glory on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Born in Detroit, Michigan, January 15, 1932, Phillip was employed as an Engineer Apprentice at the Ford Motor Company. But he left that career when called into ministry as a young man. A graduate of Detroit Bible College, Anthony soon was the young pastor at Calvary Baptist in Ovid, Michigan, and then was called to Aurelius Baptist. In 1964, he was called to Loomis Park Baptist in Jackson, Michigan where he and his wife Rose, would lead for the next twenty-five years. Many young couples would be called into ministry under his leadership in Jackson. Early in his tenure at Loomis Park, the church underwent a major remodel of the sanctuary. The evening before the inaugural service, an arsonist burned the church to the ground. Loomis Park decided to relocate to forty acres north of Jackson and rebuild. In 1967, Anthony led Loomis Park to dedicate their new campus to the Lord and the church became a dynamic fixture within the community.

After twenty-five years, Anthony and his wife relocated to Venice, Florida. Rose had suffered for years from crippling arthritis. The move to Florida was necessary for her health. The Anthony's began Colonial Baptist Church with no financial support and little to no resources. Rev. Anthony led Colonial to accept five acres of land located in Taylor's Ranch area in what is now considered to be one of Florida's fastest growing communities. They built their sanctuary and purchased additional land debt free. Rev. Anthony and his wife

Rose are well remembered for the lives they touched in faithful ministry for more than seven decades. Countless missionaries, ministers, pastors, and Christian counselors have been called to serve as a result of Anthony's influence. Their lives were marked by service to the Church and in the many lives they touched in ministry together.

Though Phillip retired after health problems at the turn of the century, he continued to serve on staff at Colonial Baptist and led weekly services at Sunset Lake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Venice for the five years Rose resided there. Most recently, he could be found studying the Bible and his quarterly while teaching a Senior Adult class at First Baptist Church, Venice. Dr. Thomas Hodge is considered a great friend of the family.

Rev. Anthony is survived by four children, Deborah and Daniel Stockton of Maryville, TN, Rachelle Anthony of Venice, FL, Daniel and Debbie Anthony of Thomasville, NC, and Stephen and Jeanna Anthony of Wilmington, NC. Phillip also had twelve grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, with family receiving friends of Rev. Anthony from 10 am to 11 am at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel. A service will follow at 11 am. Entombment will follow the service at Gulf Pine Memorial Park.

The family greatly appreciates those who have reached out to them the past few months and days as their father began to be in decline. His life was indelibly enriched by those expressing their thoughts and prayers for him.

Link to LIVE STREAM: <https://app.attend.live/viewer/event?idEvent=73AQR>

# Cemetery Details

## Gulf Pines Memorial Park

2401 Englewood Road  
Englewood, FL 34223

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 6.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel  
140 E. Venice Ave  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 488-7737  
info@toalebrothers.com  
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

## Service

**JAN 6.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ His encouraging words and prayers will live in our hearts forever. He will be missed. Kathleen Schweickert

Kathleen Schweickert - January 07, 2025 at 08:44 AM

NS

“ Pastor Anthony has always been a faithful friend, caring pastor and a prayer warrior. He served the Lord in Michigan and Florida with his whole heart, and with his beautiful wife Rose, they exampled the love of God to the communities they served. He constantly prayed for my wife and I and our sons. He moved to Venice when my wife and I were in our second year of marriage. He gave us wise counsel when we needed it and helped us have a strong marriage and always encouraged our sons in their faith and walk with the Lord. God's blessings of peace on Dan, Steve, Debbie and Rachel and their children.

Nicholas Snover - January 05, 2025 at 04:59 PM

CC

“ Colonial Baptist Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of H. Phillip Anthony.



Colonial Baptist Church - January 04, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of H. Phillip Anthony.

January 04, 2025 at 03:41 PM



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January 04, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of H. Phillip Anthony.*



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January 04, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *Bro Anthony came and visited me in the hospital two years ago. He didn't even know me. His prayer was so special, I felt a calm come over me and started to heal. Truly a man of God. So sorry to the family, he will truly be missed.*

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**Linda and Al Mount sister of Jodie and L** - January 04, 2025 at 09:12 AM

LM

“ Linda Mount purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of H. Phillip Anthony.



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**Linda Mount** - January 04, 2025 at 09:05 AM

PW

“ He was my Pastor for the first twenty five years of my life and was my friend for the last 33 years. He was a constant encouragement to me and was a faithful prayer warrior, bringing my family before the Lord’s throne. He never met my sons but prayed for them by name daily. I will forever be grateful for his spiritual influence on my life and look forward to joining him in Heaven very soon. I pray his family will be comforted by our Lord during this time.

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**Pam Weage** - January 03, 2025 at 06:16 PM

RB

“ I did not know Bro Phil but I knew is youngest son Bro Steve Anthony. Bro Steve was my Pastor for 7 years at Hill Crest Baptist Church located in Anniston, AL. In fact he baptized me. Bro Steve was one of the finest ministers I have ever known and I miss him. I am sure Bro Phil was a major influence on Bro Steve’s life. May you rest in God’s Heavenly abode with our Heavenly Father and your friends and love ones that have gone before you.

*Ray Bentley*

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**Ray Bentley** - January 03, 2025 at 05:00 PM

TP

“ *Transitions Class - PVBC purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of H. Phillip Anthony.*



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**Transitions Class - PVBC** - January 03, 2025 at 12:33 PM