



Anthony Joe Phelps

March 19, 1954 - February 20, 2019

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Anthony Joe-

Joe passed away suddenly on Feb. 20, 2019, leaving his cherished wife of 44 years, Shelia Owens, mother and step-father Bessie and Hayward Preston, dear friends Nancy and Walt Norris, Charlene and Bob Akins, step-brother and sisters David Allen Hardin, Cathy Sullivan, Mary Pat Martin, Bennie Jane Whitlock, and Bibianna Ostrand, niece Melissa Drake Smith and nephew Michael Scott Drake, and many cousins, as well as countless friends through his work with Metro United Way, the Greater Louisville Central Labor Council, and many other Union organizations. Preceded in death by his father James Arthur Phelps, step-mother Martha Elizabeth Phelps, sister Rita Phelps Drake, step-brother Pat Hardin and step-sister Joann Frank.

Joe was born March 19, 1954 in Louisville. A 1972 graduate of Butler High School, Joe was committed to the community and to his Union brothers and sisters. Joe retired from Philip Morris Louisville plant, and served as an officer in the Bakery, Confectioners and Tobacco Union. Joe helped negotiate benefits for his union members when the plant shut down in 2000.

Joe served as a volunteer Loaned Executive representing his union with Metro United Way in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s. He also worked and retired as assistant director of AFSCME Indiana Kentucky Council 962. Joe

joined Metro United Way fulltime in 2014 as Labor Liaison and Community Services vice president.

The legacy of Joe Phelps is the positive impact he had on hundreds of people through his decades of service to the community, his union families, veterans, and those in need. His passing leaves an irreparable scar on the hearts of many.

Visitation is Friday, March 1, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service is Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Metro United Way through this website: <https://metrounitedway.org/in-memory-of-joe-phelps/>

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Joe through Facebook. His pictures of his dad looked so much like my dad that I had to do a double-take the first time I saw them. After we talked on the phone, I did some checking and found that we were at least 4th cousins. I wouldn't be surprised to find a closer connection though. He was such a nice guy and I regret that I never actually met with him in person. I guess we always thought there was plenty of time. My condolences to his family and friends. He will definitely be missed every day.

Joseph Phelps - March 01, 2019 at 09:42 PM

LB

“ May it comfort and bring peace to Joe Phelps's family to know we had the highest regard for his integrity, concern and loyalty to his family and his union brothers and sisters. He always lent a helping hand to anyone in need.
Surely Joe's goodness and mercy will follow him and be bestowed on his family and he can dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
I shall forever cherish each moment I was in his presence. Friends Always Are

*Lou Nell Busby
OPEIU Local 277*

Lou Nell Busby - February 28, 2019 at 01:08 PM

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“ Joe was always so supportive with the Central Labor Council and always there with a friendly smile and it was always appreciated by me. Great guy!!
Sherry Sinegra Conner

Sherry Sinegra Conner - February 26, 2019 at 06:40 PM