



## Dr Jerry A. Phelps

December 1, 1935 - June 2, 2025

Dr. Jerry A. Phelps, 89, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025. He was born in 1935 in Louisville, KY to "Dockin" and "Nanee" Phelps (Dr. C.D. Phelps and Mary Hunsicker).

He graduated medical college at the University of Louisville, and married Joyce Young. They had 7 children together: Allan, David, Mary, Tommy, twins Doug and Mike, and Andy. He joined the U.S. Navy as a Commissioned Officer and served 8 years in Bethesda, MD and Camp Lejeune, NC.

The family returned to Louisville in 1969. He worked at the Methodist Hospital, and then the Suburban Hospital for 25 years.

After the passing of his wife Joyce, he married Imogene Lance for 29 years until his passing.

He was an anesthesiologist by profession, and an avid antique collector. His passion was 10 log cabins and barns in Anderson County, KY. His membership in The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors was featured April 9, 2024.

He was a member of the Community of Christ in Jeffersontown, KY.

He is survived by his 10 children, Allen Phelps, David Phelps, Mary Norfleet (Ralph), Tommy Phelps (Lisa), Douglas Phelps (Blair), Dr. Michael Phelps, Andy Phelps, Kathy Sampson (Barry), Gary Lance, and Tamara Lance; 14 grandchildren, Jason Norfleet, Abby Phelps, Dylan Phelps, Danielle Dietz (Jake), Elizabeth Phelps, DaCosta Phelps, Kasey Phelps, Michael Phelps, Rachel Phelps, Bradley Sampson, Brian Sampson, Kellie Gentry (Adam), Desea Lance, and Will Lance; and 6 great-grandchildren, Caleb Dietz, Zoey Dietz, and Mila Dietz, Jakob Sampson, Emmalyn Sampson, Zoey Sampson.

Per his request, there will be no services, no donations, and no flowers.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Imogene,

*So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to you and your family.*

*My occasional visits to your home over the past thirty-plus years are the source of many fond memories. Most memorable were the times when we shared a meal and discussed your many collecting adventures around, quilts, pharmacy and medicine. I was always impressed by the support you had for each other's passions and the way in which you adorned your home with your collections.*

*While I don't know much about quilts, I know that Jerry's collection and the depth and breadth of his knowledge was nothing short of extraordinary. His passion and energy for all his interests and the farm were humbling, but his kindness was most memorable of all. He was my respected mentor on many levels and contributed to some of the most important aspects of my collection. My only regret is that I never managed, in all your spare time (wink-wink), to get the both of you to Wooster for a look at the collection and to repay the many kindnesses shown me over the years,*

*Finally, with some hesitation, I will mention that I sit on the board of the Cleveland Medical Library Association with its Dittrick Medical History Museum that continues to make important additions to its collections. I chair the collection committee, and I make recommendations for new acquisitions. Also, I have personal interest in Leech Jars that you might be looking to find a new home for at some point as Jerry, and I discussed from time to time. Let me know if I can help in any way.*

*Warmest regards - Tony*

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**Tony Tizzano** - June 15, 2025 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Dr. Phelps is someone who I met and worked with in the '80's. His amazing ability to instill calm and confidence into anxious pre-op patients, especially children, was a gift had by few. I trusted his skills with my own child when the time came. Thank you, Dr. Phelps, for all the kindness and quality care you gave to us all. This world was a better place because of you and you will be missed.*

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**wanda clark** - June 06, 2025 at 08:45 AM