



## James Derwood Phillips

September 28, 1917 - September 28, 2012

Phillips, James Derwood, age 95, of Concord, AL, went home to be with the Lord Friday, September 28, 2012. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Mr. Phillips was employed at Pullman Standard for 44 years, accumulating more continuous service than any other active employee. For 54 years he was devoted to restoring Rock Creek Baptist Church, serving as its pastor for the past 34 years. He labored tirelessly to ensure that generations to come would have a special place of reverence to worship. J.D. was very proud of the fact that all three of his children graduated from The University of Alabama. He lived a life of service to others and was loved and respected by everyone that knew him. He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Vera Handley Phillips; his parents, Ella Grandy Phillips and Albert Sidney Phillips; his sister, Juanita Phillips Killough; his brothers, Albert, Lewis and Charles Phillips. He is survived by his children, Carol (Billy) Watson, Tom (Teri) Phillips and Rhonda (Rebel) Gray; his grandchildren, Matthew (Sarah) Phillips, Bari Watson, Josh (Julie) Phillips, Todd Watson and Joel (Jennifer) Gray; his great grandchildren, Audrey Stanberry, Arabelle Phillips, Xander Phillips and Zoe Phillips; his sister, Betty Phillips Rodgers; his brothers, Herman (Dolly) Phillips and Bill (Dolores) Phillips. Funeral services will be held at Union Hill Baptist Church, 7049 Taylor's Ferry Road, Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held Monday, October 1, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Jefferson Memorial Gardens Hoover. The family will receive friends Sunday, September

30, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the church. Online condolences may be sent to [bessemerbrownfh.com](http://bessemerbrownfh.com).

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“ *James Derwood Phillips*

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**Glenda (Todd) Powell** - September 30, 2012 at 12:25 PM