

# Rev. A. R. Phillips Passes; Was Prominent Citizen

The Rev. Albert Rufus Phillips of Dalton died last Friday at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem. The funeral was conducted at the First Baptist Church of King.

He was 81 years of age.

He was the son of Dr. Matthew Dalton Phillips and Margaret Melissa Dalton and was born at Dalton May 7, 1888. The Phillips family is one of the oldest and most prominent of Stokes County.

Mr. Phillips was a graduate of Wake Forest College and was a former principal and teacher in the Stokes County school system.

He served with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 1922 to 1925.

Phillips attended Dalton Institute and Leaksville-Spray Institute and was awarded an AB degree at Wake Forest College in 1913. He received a Th.M degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. in 1920.

He taught school while doing graduate work at Louisville. He had long been an advocate of better schools for Stokes County and for the entire state.

Thirty-three years ago Mr. Phillips had visions of improving the schools in Stokes County. It was March, 1936, that he first spoke out for improvements that would provide a super school in each county that would offer varied and elective courses to young men and women who did not intend to enter college.

The Phillips theory was applauded by the educators of the state, but in the dark years following the depression it was difficult to maintain bare necessities for the state's program of education. He was told by Lloyd Griffin, then secretary of the Education Commission, that such a



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plan "may be developed within 25 years."

Those and a few more years have passed and it is good to know that Stokes has schools equipped equally as well as any other county in the state.

He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, North Carolina. He returned to Stokes County in 1927 following his father's death.

One of Phillips' chief interests throughout his career was the high school system of North Carolina. During the 1930's, he saw the inadequacies of many rural high schools throughout the state; and he believed that rural counties, such as Stokes, could have better high schools by establishing two or three consolidated high schools which could offer high school students the best of teachers, equipment, and curricula.

He served in the North Carolina General Assembly as a representative from Stokes in 1933, and in the years that followed he maintained his interest in local governmental affairs.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ruth Burnley Cook of LaCrosse, Virginia; two daughters, Mrs. E. H. Moore of Pinnacle, who is a dietitian

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and employed by The Western Electric Company of Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Burlington; Mrs. William F. Hug, Baltimore, Md.; two sons, John D. Phillips of Raleigh and William R. Phillips of Pinnacle.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Carl J. Reifsnider, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Lee E. Kiser, Statesville; Mrs. Julia P. Mitchell, Chapel Hill, and Miss Ruth P. Phillips of Pinnacle. A cousin, Mrs. H. T. Apperson, lives in East Bend. There are seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, July 6, at the First Baptist Church at King, and was conducted by Dr. W. K. McGee and the Reverend Ray Pollard. The graveside service at the Phillips family cemetery was conducted by his son-in-law, the Reverend William F. Hug.

Wadesboro: Anson Record  
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer  
Wake Forest: Wake Weekly  
Wallace Enterprise  
Walnut Cove: Stokes Record

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# A. R. Phillips, Was Minister

Funeral services for the Rev. Albert Rufus Phillips, 81, of Pinnacle, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of King. He died Friday at Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Stokes County to Dr. Matthew Dalton Phillips and Margaret Melissa Dalton Phillips. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had served with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Buenos Aires, Argentina and as a Stokes County representative to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Burnley Cook Phillips; two daughters, Mrs. E. H. Moore of Pinnacle and Mrs. William F. Hug of Baltimore, Md.; two sons, John D. Phillips of Raleigh and William R. Phillips of Pinnacle; and four sisters, Mrs. Carl J. Reifsnider of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Lee E. Kiser of Statesville, Mrs. Julia P. Mitchell of Chapel Hill and Miss Ruth P. Phillips of Pinnacle.

Burial was in the Phillips family cemetery.

Mount Airy Times

Mount Holly News

Mount Olive Tribune

Murfreesboro: Roanoke-Chowan News

Murphy: Cherokee Scout

Nashville Graphic

Newland: Avery Journal

Newton Observer & News-Enterprise

North Wilksboro: Journal Patriot

Oxford Ledger

Pilot Mountain News

Pittsboro: Chatham Record

Plymouth: Roanoke Beacon

Raeford: News-Journal

Raleigh: Carolinian

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NAME

Rev. Albert R. Phillips

May 7, 1888

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Dr. W. D. Phillips  
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Married

Ruth B. Cook 1916

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## Baptist State Convention

NORTH CAROLINA

### DATA FOR FILES

Give (for the printer) your full name Albert Rufus Phillips  
Date of birth—month, day, year May 7, 1888.  
Your father's name Dr. Matthew Dalton Phillips  
Your mother's maiden name Margaret Melissa Dalton  
Where you were educated Leaksville-Spray Institute; Wake Forest College and <sup>13 BA</sup>  
Southern Baptist Theological Sem.  
Degrees received and the source B.A. and Th.M. <sup>1922 ThM</sup>  
Where and when ordained Shiloh Baptist Church, Pinnacle, N. C. March 12, 1916  
When and where you were married LaCrosse, Va. May 7, 1916.  
Give wife's maiden name in full Ruth Burnley Cook  
Give date of her birth—month, day, year September 3, 1891.  
Her parents' names J. J. S. Cook; Blanche Moseley Cook  
(If a second marriage, give like information) Mr. Cook's second wife---Helen E. Smith

Where have been your activities? Scott County, Indiana (Scaffoldlick Baptist Ch. 44  
Alpha Baptist Ch.); Eastover, S.C. (Eason Memorial & Beulah Baptist Chs. 1920-21) 4

Positions of honor and trust you have held—(Moderator, Trustee, Etc.)

Missionary to Argentina, South America 1922-24.

Secretary of Executive Committee of Argentine Mission; Treasurer of the

You are the author of—(Books, Monographs, Special Articles, Etc.) Mission 1923-24; Teacher of  
Bible in the Colegio Bautista 1923-24.

Pastor Nashville Baptist Church, Nashville, N. C. 1925--.

Kindly give reference to any write-up, or other articles commendatory of your work which might aid in the preparation of a personal sketch

Give on back of this sheet any further information; nationality, remote ancestry, names of children, foreign travel, industrial engagements and other items of interest.

The information here sought is for use in the preparation of a Biographical Work of the North Carolina Baptist leaders. We hope no name will be omitted.

A personal sketch written by yourself or some friend will be greatly appreciated. Fill and send this blank now; the sketch may come later.

Mail to

J. T. ALDERMAN, Chairman,  
Henderson, N. C.



Daughter--Margaret Louise Phillips; Born~~X~~ Louisville, Ky., January 16, 1920

" Evelyn Dalton Phillips; Born, Calle Ramon Falcon 4100, Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 2, 1924.

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Besides my work in the Boys' School in Buenos Aires, where my work included the teaching of Bible, English and the work of keeping accounts for the school; I had the privilege as a member of the Executive Committee for the Mission to ~~XXXX~~ bring about the dissolution of a native church which had adopted the position in which they denied the Deity of Christ.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX The continued ill health of Mrs. Phillips brought us home in 1924, and as there was no great improvement in 1925 we were asked by the Board to wait another year. Now there is no prospect of returning either from a money standpoint nor of health.

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