



Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot

January 6, 1953 - October 31, 2024

“My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.”
(Psalms 57:7 KJV)

Danny Philpot was born in Lexington, Kentucky on January 6, 1953. He passed to his heavenly home at age 71 on October 31, 2024, surrounded by the family he loved so much.

Surviving family includes his loving wife, Barbara Davis Philpot, Alpharetta, Georgia; three children, Micah Daniel Philpot of Lexington, Ky; Mary Philpot Wortz (Gary) of Lexington, Ky; Parker Judson Philpot (Allie) of Marietta, Ga; and four grandchildren, Peyton Renee Wortz, Brayden Thomas Wortz, Sadie Meschell Philpot and Mable Grace Philpot; and one brother, Timothy Philpot (Susan) of Loxley, Ala. Danny is preceded in death by his parents, Ford R. Philpot and Virginia Robinson Philpot.

Danny’s wife Barbara was the romance and love of his life for thirty-seven years. It was impossible to think of Danny without Barbara.

His happiest days on earth were the days when his children were born. His pride and joy Micah in 1974, and then the little girl he wanted so much, Mary in 1976, and finally his baby boy Parker in 1990. And then grandchildren Peyton, Brady, Sadie, and Mabel. He loved them all to the end.

He had the best of both worlds as an Alabama football fan, a Kentucky basketball fan, and an Atlanta Braves fan. Hunting, fishing, and golf were life-long passions.

Danny graduated from Tates Creek High School in 1971, where he was president of his Senior class and a football and baseball star. He then attended Asbury College (B.A. 1975) and Asbury Theological Seminary (M. Div. 1978), and later received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Danny's life was largely influenced by a profound experience of salvation through Jesus Christ as a high school junior at age 17 and almost immediately began a career in ministry. His nickname on the football team was "Rev", and his passion for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ never really stopped.

He pastored Methodist churches in Kentucky while still in college and seminary, and then, upon graduation at age 25, he was selected to be the founding pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. The church opened in the Fayette Mall Cinema in July 1978, and quickly became a church home for over five hundred people. Danny also preached as an evangelist around the United States and Zaire, Africa with his father, Ford Philpot in the 1980's.

In 1986, Danny moved to the Atlanta area, where he continued in his pastoral role at Mt. Pisgah UMC, Oglethorpe UMC, and Christ UMC in Roswell, Georgia. Danny retired as a United Methodist pastor after twenty-five years and went into the business world with Olan Mills, but his ministry continued and even flourished as the Chaplain of the American Legion Post #201. His friends at the Legion became his best and final congregation.

In 2009, Danny survived a massive heart attack which led him to start a blog

called Fixed Hearts (fixedhearts.blogspot.com). He loved to tell the story of his 'near death experience' to anyone who would listen about his personal encounter with Jesus on the other side. Jesus sent him back to Georgia, knowing that there was more work to be done on earth. Just like King Hezekiah, Danny heard a similar voice: "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life." (Isaiah 38:5). His last fifteen years were a fruitful testimony to the grace of God and the reality of Heaven for Danny.

In lieu of flowers, condolence gifts may be sent to a charity founded by Danny's father in 1959. "Fishhook International" actively supports Missions and Evangelism in India:

Fishhook International (www.fishhook.org), P.O. Box 910691, Lexington, Kentucky 40591-00691

On Friday, November 8, 2024 at 2pm, a Service of Celebration will be conducted at Alpharetta Methodist Church, 69 N. Main Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009 with Rev. Warren Lathem presiding.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall

AL

“ American L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.

American L. - November 18, 2024 at 10:51 AM

RP

“ I worked with Danny as many of us did with Olan Mills. We all had the greatest time as we worked with churches daily and found a way to minister thru our employment there. We were family. Sending prayers of strength. We all know God is well pleased with Danny's life and love for the Word of God.

Roberta L Pantaleo - November 09, 2024 at 10:45 PM

BP

Thank you so much, Roberta! Danny had such fond from Olan Mills! He was very special, and will be missed terribly!

barbara philpot - November 11, 2024 at 08:16 PM

CS

“ Commonwealth Eye Surgery purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.



Commonwealth Eye Surgery - November 07, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.



November 06, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Barbara, I'm so sorry for your loss. I only met Danny a couple of times when y'all flew on the plane to Sea Island. Such a kind man. May God give you peace and rest.
Marcy Eisenburg

marcy eisenburg - November 05, 2024 at 05:43 PM



Thank you so much, Marcy! He was one of a kind and will be missed greatly. He always enjoyed y'all's talks. So kind of you.

Barbara Philpot - November 09, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ Danny was a wonderful friend of my brother Ben. As a member of our HS football team, our coach asked Danny to pray before every game. Great loss.
Paul Ferrell

paul ferrell - November 05, 2024 at 05:22 PM



Thank you, Paul! I've heard Danny talk about you and Ben for many years. Ben did a wonderful job at the service. Loved hearing him sing. Danny was one of a kind. We will all miss him so much.

Barbara Philpot - November 09, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RS

“ Danny had this unique gift of making everyone around him comfortable and cared for. It is his turn now to be comforted by The God of all Comfort, who comforts and heals us of all of earth’s pain.

Richard samuel - November 05, 2024 at 12:20 PM

BP

Thank you, Richard. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Barbara Philpot - November 09, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.



November 04, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.



November 04, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.

November 04, 2024 at 07:17 PM

AF

“ Asbury Theological Seminary Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.



Asbury Theological Seminary Family - November 04, 2024 at 09:09 AM

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“ Asbury Theological Seminary Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.

Asbury Theological Seminary Family - November 04, 2024 at 09:09 AM

AX

“ Alan and Dorothy Champagne xo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.

Alan and Dorothy Champagne xo - November 02, 2024 at 12:04 PM

AX

“ Alan and Dorothy Champagne xo purchased the Garden Accent - "When someone you love..." for the family of Rev. Dr. Danny Philpot.



Alan and Dorothy Champagne xo - November 02, 2024 at 12:04 PM

GR

“ Danny stood for his convictions. We miss him. But He is in heaven.

Ghunakumar Rathinam - November 02, 2024 at 10:49 AM

RT

“ Hard to imagine a world without Danny. He was a larger than life character and will be dearly missed. What a great friend and encourager he was to all. Enjoyed some great times together and learning about life from him. Glad to have known him. Prayers for Barbara and family as well as a multitude of friends.

Richard Tucker - November 01, 2024 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ I will be forever grateful to Danny for his role in leading me to my born-again experience on the evening of February 27, 1970. His testimony of surrendering his life to Jesus, along with Ben Ferrell's sharing, inspired me to acknowledge Jesus as my Savior and Lord. That was 54 years ago, and I never turned back. Who knew then that this decision would lead to marriage, fatherhood, and ministry to other believers who struggle with unwanted LGBTQ issues in their lives? Thank you, Danny, for your testimony, and for being an example to me and thousands of others throughout your life of a faithful servant of the Lord.

Daniel Mingo - November 01, 2024 at 05:09 PM

RP

I had the awesome pleasure of meeting Danny when we are acquired Olan Mills, and merged into Lifetouch. Well, I can say about Danny. He had a heart of gold. Such a compassionate and beautiful person. Every time I imagine his face, I smile. rest in peace dear friend.

Russ Petz - November 01, 2024 at 07:31 PM

JE

Great Memories of Danny from our Olan Mills Days. II Corinthians 5:8
Jim English

Jim English - November 09, 2024 at 01:44 PM