



## Rev. Robert F. Rhodes D.D.

November 29, 1929 - August 5, 2018

Rev. Robert F. Rhodes D.D.

Age 88, Resident of Washington Township and formerly of Roseville, Michigan. Entered eternal life on August 5, 2018 in Utica, Michigan. Entered into life on November 29, 1929 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Coy and Mabel (nee Cole) Rhodes.

A graduate of Bob Jones University with Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies, and also honored with an Honorary Doctorate.

Rev. Rhodes met his wife Marcella while pursuing his degree at Bob Jones University. In 1952 they married and he began his first pastorate for Village Missions in Nebraska. He would continue his ministry over the next six years in Missouri until he was called upon to become the head pastor at Calvary Baptist Church of Roseville, Michigan. He would go on to lead Calvary Baptist for over 35 years from 1962 until his retirement in 1997, he led the church through several large building programs and completed the relocation of the campus to Shelby Township in 1996. Even upon his retirement he would work countless hours in assisting his son-in-law in becoming the head pastor of the new campus- Shelby Bible Church. He enjoyed golfing, traveling with Marcella and family, wood working, movies, and spending time with his family.

Beloved husband of the late Marcella Nicoll Rhodes of 65 years.

Loving father of Sharon (David) Hall, and Sandra (Rev. Howard) Casey.

Proud grandfather of Natalee (Wes) Whitesell, Brandon (Lindsay) Hall, Christy (Brian) Burke, Julie (Mike) Oxendine, Chris (Tracy) Casey, Jeff (Andi) Casey, Ashley (Ben) Leinster, Ryan (Jenny) Hall, Andrew Hall, Catherine Hall, and the late Benjamin Sikkelee.

Dearest great-grandfather of 17 great-grandchildren.

Dear brother of Stephanie Rhodes, Shirley Bishop, and the late Coy F. Rhodes Jr. and Coylene Rhodes.

Visitation at Shelby Bible Church, 47905 Hayes Road (Btwn 21-22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Township, Monday, August 13, 2018 4-8pm. In state Tuesday, August 14 9am at Shelby Bible Church until time of funeral service 10am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. Family request donations to Shelby Bible Church. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shelby Bible Church  
47905 Hayes Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Instate At Church

AUG 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Shelby Bible Church  
47905 Hayes Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Funeral Service

AUG 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Shelby Bible Church  
47905 Hayes Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315



# Tribute Wall

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“ *The man that led me to Christ after my asking many questions after church 3 Sundays in a row. Pastor knew the Holy Spirit was working in my life, and York me to the front middle pew, where he showed me verses of the Bible, and I accepted Christ. Loved this man. Was broken hearted when they left Missouri and moved to Michigan. Thank you, Lord, for putting this Godly man in my life. See you in gloryone of these days!!*

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**Penny Keele Gillem** - May 02, 2022 at 07:42 PM

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“ *Pastor Bob led me to Christ when I was in the 5th grade. He and Marcella were my greatest spiritual mentors. I dearly loved them!!!*

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**Penny Gillem** - January 21, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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“ *When I first moved to Roseville in the early 70s, my cousin invited me to her Church, Calvary Baptist. I never met a sweeter, gentler couple then Pastor or his wife that had such a love and passion for JESUS ....I was a member for years...my children and I really grew in the LORD during our years there. I met them a few years back at a luncheon for Stella Cox, a missionary in Japan... I really enjoyed reconnecting with them. Now that they are reunited in Heaven enjoying being with JESUS, we have the knowledge and comfort of knowing we will see them a again when it is our turn journey onward.*

*May the arms of our Beloved SAVIOR encompass and comfort you and your family at this time.*

*Marty (Moroz) Polakowski*

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**Marty Polakowski** - August 16, 2018 at 08:23 AM

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“ *The Memphis Rhodes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Robert F. Rhodes D.D..*



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**The Memphis Rhodes** - August 11, 2018 at 01:15 PM