



## John A. Phelps

January 13, 1932 - December 13, 2024

John A. Phelps, 92, of Cornelius, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2024 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville.

He was born on January 13, 1932 in Wokingham, England, to the late Charles Fredrick Phelps and Elizabeth Hinch Phelps. Mr. Phelps was a Korean War veteran serving in the British Army. He was a retired chaplain helping with the Cornelius Police Department and the Iredell County Prison Ministry. Mr. Phelps enjoyed photography, playing pool, and ballroom dancing. He was a world traveler and had an amazing life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Tildesley.

He is survived by his 11 children; brother, William Phelps; sister, Patricia Pennicott; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 4, 2025 from 10:00-11:00 AM with a Celebration of Life following at 11:00 AM at Grace Covenant Church in Cornelius with Rev. Paul Turbedsky officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, PO Box 977, Mooresville, NC 28115, to help with funeral expenses.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Phelps family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Covenant Church  
17301 Statesville Road  
Cornelius, NC 28031

## Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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17301 Statesville Road  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann and Yvette and their families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John A. Phelps.*



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**Ann and Yvette and their families** - January 02, 2025 at 02:51 PM

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“ *Opa was such a beautiful and loving soul. He was known for bringing people together and making them family. His passion was leading people to the Lord and it wasn't unusual to hear him speak of someone he'd struck up a conversation with while he sat on his bench (he loved to feed the ducks), accepting the Lord as Savior, and choosing him to baptize them into the faith in his neighborhood pool. It was his children and grandchildren who lit up his world. He spoke so proudly of each and how each one shared love with him in their own ways and brought him such joy. He recounted things said, times and meals shared, provisions and gentle care taking that made his life so much richer. He wanted to remain on earth to see each one achieve life goals, graduations, marriages, etc. so he could root them on and be an encouragement but his physical limitations were a source of continual frustration to him, so I take heart knowing he is now free. [If matchmaking could be initiated from the beyond, I'm quite sure he would be sending a godly woman Chris's way. :) ] All my love to the Phelps family during this season of severe loss. What a great heritage you all have, Opa has prayed for each and will be saving you a place on That Great Day.*

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**Jane Lursen** - December 21, 2024 at 05:29 PM