

IF HE COULD TELL YOU

By Adlee Hodges©

*If he could tell you
He would surely say...
I'm in a better place
I'm with my God today*

*He didn't have to say
Wait for me, wait for me
God was ready to receive him
In His arms so tenderly*

*The Heavens opened wide
To welcome his saved soul
And when he saw God's face
He cried Behold, Behold...*

*I am here Lord
At your command
Thank you for all the years
You allowed me on land*

*Life for me was loving
Loving was giving
Giving was caring
Caring was sharing
These are the legacies that I leave*

*But though he loved life
In his very special way
If he could tell you
He would surely say...
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of David C. Crump would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have helped greatly during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

The Principal's Wave

By Philip Robinson

As the principal, Mr. David Crump arrived early to set the tone of the day. When the students finally descended from the buses, and exited from their parent's cars, Mr. Crump started each morning with a wave. It was a friendly gesture to everyone. No one couldn't say they weren't welcomed to a place of learning.

On a daily basis, Mr. Crump stood front and center at the threshold to usher these young curious minds right in. Mr. Crump embraced the credo that whenever students obtain an education they will witness how many doors it opens. The students at his school were eager and prepared to learn.

Mr. Crump's wave symbolized his understanding quality, the willingness he had to always listen, responded with kindness and ultimately lent a hand towards achieving resolutions. His showed that he cared.

In addition to the wave, Mr. Crump's had the most sincere and heartwarming smile which made many a heart feel at ease.

Staff and teachers also experienced the warmth of his greetings.

Mr. Crump's example inspired other hands to wave.

Mr. Crump's presence showed the students what a dedicated worker looked like; impeccably dressed, and always respectful to everyone in the school community. He personified a gentleman of fine qualities.

His wave represented a jump start to keep things moving.

Now, Mr. Crump's wave is to say Farewell. God has called him home. He will be missed by many but has left a legacy of caring and dedication. The memories of Mr. Crump stand tall.

In Loving Memory of

David C. Crump

March 5, 1949 ~ June 19, 2025



FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 at 11 AM

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

180 Blue Hill Ave, Milton, Massachusetts

Rev. James Fripp, Officiating





Life Reflections



On Saturday, March 5, 1949, in Gary, Indiana, a little reddish-brown baby boy named David C. Crump was born to the late Frank and Mary Crump. What an exciting day that was.

David grew up in a Christian home and attended church regularly at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion in Gary. He received Christ at an early age and never forgot the Christian values planted in him during his formative years. In 1967, David graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School. While there, he became a member of a very talented singing group of young men who called themselves “The Epics”. They patterned themselves after the “Temptations” and were quite popular and in demand. The Epics were known all over the city, winning all but one of the talent shows on which they performed. David’s heart was broken to witness “The Jackson Five took home the trophy on that occasion. We know now that David was the last surviving member of the Epics. Surely, they have joined together again and are singing harmoniously, entertaining the heavenly masses.

David’s education continued when he relocated to Massachusetts in 1967, where he first attended Northeastern University and later Boston State College, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Education Degree on June 4, 1971. And he didn’t stop there. He went on to receive his Master’s Degree in Education from Boston College and a Master’s Degree in Computer Science from Bridgewater State.

While at Northeastern University, he met Sandra Gibbs, who became the love of his life and later his bride. As the story goes, she saw him first while looking out a window on campus and decided that she wanted to meet this fine-looking young man – and the rest is history. They married on February 19, 1972, at Concord Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts. It was a day to remember---bitterly cold, lots of snow outside, with nothing but warmth and happiness inside. It was a beautiful, well-attended ceremony and celebration. They left for a glorious honeymoon in Bermuda. This devoted duo of 53 years shared a deep love of travel. They enjoyed cruising – (yes, he performed on stage, mesmerizing audiences while singing his favorite songs). In addition, many wonderful, fun-filled vacations were spent in the Dominican Republic.

David began his professional journey as an educator in the Massachusetts school system, starting at Willard Elementary School in Concord, MA. His unwavering dedication led him to become an Assistant Principal at Pierce Elementary School in Brookline, MA, and ultimately, the Principal at Harrington Elementary School in Lexington, MA, where he retired. At Harrington, he not only inspired students through his leadership but also captivated them with his singing performances on stage. In recognition of his impact, the auditorium at Harrington is named in his honor.

With regards to family, whenever David visited family back in Gary, he always had a riddle or math question for his nieces and nephews. It was quite interesting to see him interact with them as they tried to unravel the query and come up with the right answer. Some of them still remember one or more of those instances. It is safe to say that David was always ready to challenge them to think.

As a youngster, David was somewhat reserved and quiet until it was “Showtime.” As an adult, David was well-read, well-dressed, quiet, kind, kid-friendly, well-prepared, and a dedicated educator and leader who expected the best and always gave his best. He touched and influenced many lives. Family members, friends, and colleagues have nothing but wonderful things to say about him. He was loved and respected by many and will be missed but never forgotten. His earthly assignment was fulfilled. He passed the ultimate

test and is now at rest. It was during the early morning hours of Thursday, June 19, 2025, that he transitioned peacefully at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and reached his new heavenly home.

Siblings preceding him in death are: Vivian R. Carter, James Albert Mariner, Beatrice Yvonne Sibley, Dorothy Cecelia Henderson, Lorraine Antionette McNair, Arthur Morrison Crump, Pearl Holderby, Eddie Crump, Bennie Crump, and Frank Crump – and we must not forget his beautiful dog, Makena, whom he loved dearly.

David is survived by his beloved and devoted wife Sandra, his last sibling, Adlee Hodges of Marietta, Georgia, sister-in-law, Janet Crump of Mansfield, Texas, and four generations of nieces, nephews, and cousins. From his “School-Family” his close-knit Principal Group, school staff, colleagues, friends, and students. His special and devoted friends, Lisa Quarles of Queens NY, Philip Robinson and Joseph Jackson of West Roxbury, MA, and Bettie and Dr. James Nolan of Chestnut Hill, MA.

We can truly say that David was loved, highly respected, and appreciated by all who knew and interacted with him. His was a life well-lived.



Order of Service



Organ Prelude		Adam Littlejohn
Invocation		Rev. James Fripp
Opening Hymn	<i>“Great is Thy Faithfulness”</i>	Adam Littlejohn
Words of Comfort		Rev. James Fripp
Scripture Reading	<i>Old Testament Psalm 100</i>	Joseph Jackson
	<i>New Testament John 14:1-3</i>	Darcel D. Clark
Musical Selection	<i>“The Lord’s Prayer”</i>	Lori Dow
Special Reflections		Malcolm Astley Philip Robinson Adlee Hodges Lisa S. Quarles
Obituary Reading		Vivian Y. Ward
Musical Selection	<i>“Precious Memories”</i>	Minister Roscoe Mills
Eulogy		Rev. James Fripp
Closing Song	<i>“When We All Get to Heaven”</i>	

Interment

Forest Hills Cemetery

95 Forest Hills Ave
Boston, MA 02130

Repast

Concord Baptist Church

180 Blue Hill Ave.
Milton, MA