



## Mr. Philip Goodwin Freelon

March 26, 1953 - July 9, 2019

With sorrow and fond memories, the passing of Philip Goodwin Freelon on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 is being shared by his loving wife Nnenna Freelon. Phil was not a native of Durham, North Carolina even though many thought he was. However, he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late parents, Allan and Elizabeth Freelon.

Freelon added unique attractions to several cities inclusive of The National Museum of African American History and Culture (Washington, DC).

This remarkable man will linger in the hearts of admirers world-wide as we celebrate his legacy.

In lieu of flowers, Phil has asked that those who want to honor his legacy become sustaining donors of Northstar Church of the Arts, which he founded in 2018 with his wife, so that the same creative and spiritual energies that nurtured him throughout his life, may positively impact others, especially in his adopted home of Durham, North Carolina.

Honoring the life of Phil Freelon, a memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., at Durham County Human Services, 414 East Main St., Durham, North Carolina 27701.

"All is well with his soul"

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **28.** 3:30 PM (ET)

Durham County Human Services  
414 E Main Street  
Durham, NC 27701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Philip Goodwin Freelon*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *My condolences to the beautiful Freelon family. Phil was an architectural genius with a kind and unselfish spirit. May his legacy be a comfort to those who knew him and a beacon to those who wish they had.*

*Praying God's strength and peace.*

*Diane Washington Carroll*

**Diane Carroll** - September 18, 2019 at 05:13 PM



*Working with Phil on the new Emancipation Park Project in Houston was most memorable! His personality was always genuine. We ,the Black Architects are Professionally proud.*

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*Willie C. Jordan, Jr. NOMA, NCARB, AIA*

**Willie C. Jordan, Jr** - October 02, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ *A kind and gentle soul. After watching Peirce interview with Tim Pulliam several times the love and the tribute to the wonderful husband, father, father in law and grandfather what great memories. Not since Luther Vandross " To Dance with my father again " that you could sense the love and most of all the respect for each other among family and friends. What a legacy ... stay in your truth-continued blessings to the family.*

**Sandra Battle** - July 12, 2019 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Whatever soothes your spirit, comforts your soul, and brings you peace--that's what I wish for you at this sad time. I have genuine admiration, respect and appreciation for all that your family has done to make this a better world. Thank you!*  
*Paula Quick Hall*

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**PAULA QUICK HALL** - July 12, 2019 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Though I did not know Mr. Freelon personally, I had the opportunity to attend a function where his wife sang for my church (St. Paul AME Church of Raleigh) as part of the Governor's Arts Program, and I enjoyed her performance in the movie "What Women Want." My prayers go out to Mr. Freelon's wife and family, and I pray GOD will give you all the strength to celebrate his life and legacy. May GOD bless his soul and spirit, and may he rest in peace. GOD bless.*



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**Debbie Poindexter Richerson** - July 11, 2019 at 09:08 AM