

Remembering Rev. Stephen R. Fulton September 4, 1942 to June 16, 2017

Rev. Stephen Ralph Fulton, devoted Pastor and Trustee of the First Spiritual Temple since March 31, 1977, passed away in his sleep on June 16, 2017. Born on September 4, 1942, in Worcester, Massachusetts, he is the beloved son of the late Ralph David Fulton and Clara Belle Hussey, *nee* Powers, as well as “adopted” son of the late Nicholas Stefanidakis and Despina Stefanidakis, *nee* Eleftherakis.



A Navy veteran, he served on the USS Tattnall in the early 1960's. He leaves behind his beloved partner of 47 years, Rev. Simeon Stefanidakis, of East Sandwich, Massachusetts; his sister, Sharon E. MacPhee; two nephews, Vernon and Johnathan MacPhee; one niece, LeeAnn MacPhee; grandnieces and grandnephews; and two of his best friends, Edward O'Dwyer and Marie Higgins.

As Pastor and Trustee of the First Spiritual Temple, he worked with Rev. Simeon to rebuild the Church from an unknown entity to what today is acknowledged around the world as a place where the true message and meaning of Spirit and Spiritualism are expounded.

He was a fine trance and physical medium, through whom so much wisdom and inspiration was given from his Spirit guides: *Syrsha*; *John, Ho-Tung*; *Pharos*; the *Evangelist*; and, of course, our beloved *Christal*. Their voices have been silenced, but their words, love, and compassion will forever be etched into the fiber of the First Spiritual Temple.

He was an avid animal lover and “father” to a multitude of cats and four beloved Boston Terriers: Wrinkles, Rocky, Christal, and Seth. He also had a way with plants. While recuperating at Heritage Cape Cod, patients often brought him sick plants and, under his care, they all revived.

He will be remembered for his sharp wit, his devotion to God, Christ, and Spirit, and his indomitable strength and courage. He once gave a sermon at the Church, entitled, “*When the Pastor Is Not Healed*,” addressing why, in his opinion, his years of chronic pain continued to plague him, despite all the prayers sent his way. It was a testimony to his utter faith in the Will of God and the many lessons one learns through hardship.

Our founder, Marcellus Seth Ayer, had a motto: “***Do well thy work, for it shall succeed in thine or in another's time.***” Indeed, Rev. Stephen did! Godspeed to you, our beloved Pastor, Trustee, and Friend!

~ A memorial service will be held at a date and time to be announced ~

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