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The Canaan Baptist Church family of faith is profoundly saddened to announce the passing of our beloved Pastor Emeritus, the **Reverend Doctor Gus Roman**, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025.

Pastor Roman faithfully and tirelessly served the Canaan congregation across two distinguished tenures, from 1967 to 1980 and from 1993 to 2006. Throughout his twenty-six years of devoted leadership, Canaan was blessed to witness remarkable growth in local and global missions, ministries, discipleship, and community engagement.

In 1970, under Pastor Roman's visionary leadership, our growing congregation relocated from "Little Canaan" at Haines Street and Belfield Avenue to our current edifice, and, through God's provision and Pastor Roman's stewardship, the mortgage was retired within three years. His anointed preaching, compassionate pastoral care, and unwavering commitment to the advancement of God's Kingdom have left an indelible impact on countless lives in Philadelphia and throughout the world.

Pastor Roman was also a spiritual father and mentor to Pastor Derick Brennan, prayerfully preparing and presenting him to the congregation as his successor, with the affirmation of the Canaan family.

Alongside his beloved wife, Mrs. Eunice Roman, their children, and grandchildren, Pastor Roman's legacy of faith, leadership, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him and through the ongoing ministry of Canaan Baptist Church.

We ask that you pray for an outpouring of God's love, strength, and peace upon the Roman Family and all who are experiencing the pain of his passing.

Life Celebration and Homegoing arrangements for the late **Reverend Doctor Gus Roman** are as follows:

Lying in Repose & Public Viewing

Thursday, May 8th, 2025
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia
3600 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140
<https://zionbaptphilly.org>

Final Viewing & Homegoing Worship Service

Friday, May 9th, 2025
Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Worship: 10:00 AM

Salem Baptist Church of Abington
2741 Woodland Road
Abington, Pennsylvania 19001
<https://sbcabington.org>
