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God Hates Fags' church founder Fred Phelps dies

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Fred Phelps died on Wednesday

The founder of the adamantly homophobic Westboro Baptist Church, Fred Phelps, has died.

According to [WIBW-TV](#) in Topeka, where the church is based, a son of Phelps, Timothy confirmed that Phelps died before midnight on Wednesday.

His daughter, Shirley Phelps-Roper also confirmed the news to the Topeka Capital Journal.

Steve Drain, spokesman for the church said that Phelps, 84, had been cared for in a Shawnee County facility.

The anti-gay church claims that everything bad that happens to Americans from the [death of soldiers](#), [mass murder](#) through to [natural disasters](#) are a punishment of God for the existence of gay people in the United States.

It gained international attention for its “god hates fags” slogan.

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