

*In Loving Memory
of*



Sunrise

February 10, 1940

Sunset

February 4, 2012

Alma F. Shepherd

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

PHILEMON BAPTIST CHURCH

246 Shepherd Ave. • Newark, NJ

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Obituary

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. - Proverbs 31:31

Born to Gaynell Anderson (deceased) and Albert Johnson (deceased) in Columbia, South Carolina on February 10, 1940, **Alma Francis Shepherd** is a phenomenal woman. "Was" implies that her effect on her loved ones has ended - indeed not. Her last days will forever be a testament of her strength and courage. Her dedication to her husband of forty nine years, Ossie Shepherd Sr., and family created a standard of hope in knowing that a woman who puts home first still exists. Her humor and sass has left her family with memories to always cherish and to pass down her story to the generations to come.

As a retiree of over twenty years of service at Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Alma dedicated her life to serving others. She never waivered to her family through winfall or crisis. She always provided love and guidance. She will be missed.

Alma Shepherd was preceded in death by her younger brother, Mr. Theodore Johnson.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, Ossie Shepherd Sr, three children, Christopher Johnson, Virginia G Baker, and Ossie Shepherd Jr. a daughter-in-law, Susana Melo-Shepherd, sister in-laws, Margaret Washington, Virginia Rivers, Henrietta, May, Diane Johnson, brother in-law Roy Shepherd, David Rivers numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends to tell the story of her legacy.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Family and friends are invited for a repast back at the church.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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