

*Celebration of the Life
of*



Claude Andre Sharps

February 4, 1947 – September 25, 2012

Service

Monday, October 1, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey 07102

Obituary

Claude Andre Sharps was born on February 4, 1947, in Baltimore, MD. He was the first of two children born to Vivian Arlene Hicks and Robert Reed Sharps (the second son of Robert). As a child, he was baptized in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME). Unexpectedly, Claude entered into eternal peace on September 25, 2012.

After completing high school in Baltimore in 1965, Claude was inducted into the U.S. Army on November 28, 1967. During combat duty in Vietnam, Claude served as Artillery Surveyor. He was assigned to C Battery 3rd Battalion 18th Artillery and earned the rank of Sp 4 (T).

He was honorably separated from active military duty on July 2, 1969. Claude assumed permanent residence in Newark, New Jersey. Subsequently, he attended the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), graduating with a BS in Industrial Administration in 1982. In 1996, he received a certificate from the Micro Tech Training Center in East Orange, NJ. In 1997, he earned a diploma in Computer Programming from the Chubb Institute in Jersey City, NJ.

Claude was employed in various capacities from head pressman/production supervisor to cashier and apartment building manager. Since 2006, he worked at Crossfield Products in Roselle Park, NJ.

Although never married and without children, Claude leaves behind: two brothers, Ronald and Dallas (and their wives Angelique and Vickie, respectively); uncles, Carlton Hicks, Lionel Sharps, and Norvain Sharps; aunts, Gloria Sharps Dove, Clara Sharps McClure, and Verdell Sharps Poindexter; and nephews, numerous cousins, other relatives, and a number of friends who shared his passion for horse racing.

Order of Service

Prayer

Scripture

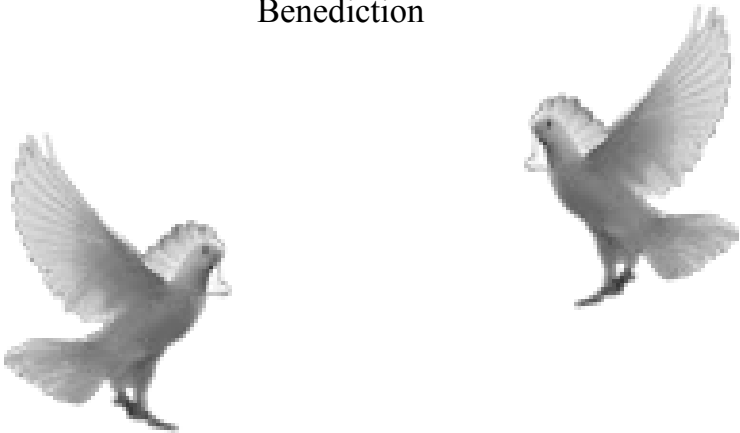
Music Selection

Reflections and Acknowledgments

Eulogy

Rev. Marsha Sapp
St. James AME Church

Benediction



Interment

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown Borough, New Jersey

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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