

*Homegoing Service for*  
*Elder John E. Schenk*  
*“Pop-Pop”*

*Sunrise*  
October 11, 1921

*Sunset*  
May 13, 2013

Service  
Saturday, May 18, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

**ROSE OF SHARON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
825 West Seventh Street  
Plainfield, New Jersey

## Obituary

*We all bow in humble submission to the will of all Mighty God who does all things well. It has pleased God to remove from our Midst, Our Beloved Father, Brother, Elder on Monday, May 13, 2013.*

**Elder John E. Schenk**, 91, departed this life on May 13, 2013 at JFK Medical Center in Edison, NJ. Born in Sommerville, NJ, he resided in Plainfield, NJ for several years. After returning from the U.S. Navy he moved his family to South Plainfield and resided there for over sixty-one years.

As a young man he started working at Kings Supermarket and proceeded to move up the ranks to Assistant Store Manager. During this time, he participated in the Golden Gloves until he took a position at American Cyanamid in Bound Brook, NJ. It was during those early years that he decided to enlist in the U.S. Navy. American Cyanamid held his job open until he returned after completing his tour of duty for his country in which he served during World War II, the Korean Conflict and completing tours of duty in both the Philippines and the Caribbean.

Once he returned to his job, he moved up the ranks to hold the position of Chief Boiler (Black Seal) Operator until he retired completing a career over thirty years.

Elder Schenk was a faithful servant with the Upper Room Gospel Church where he served as a Deacon and Chairman of the Deacon Board. Elder Schenk helped find the building for Shield of Faith Ministries together with Pastor Darryl M. Howard, as well as becoming the Elder in the church. Elder Schenk enjoyed his leisure time fishing, barbecuing, dancing and spending as much time as he could with his family and friends engaging them in deep conversation over the bible, fishing, cooking and doing right by others.

Reference: Philippians 1:6-9

Elder Schenk was pre-deceased by his loving wife, Josephine V. Schenk and his parents, John Oliver Schencks and Ida May Hall. He is survived by: sons, John O. (Elaine) Schenk and James R. (Eileen) Schenk; his daughter, JoAnn Esaw (late Willie Esaw); his aunt, Dorothy Brooks; his sister, Gloria Bonds and his brother, Eugene Hall. He is also survived by; **twenty grandchildren**, Sharon (Micheal), Kecia Ann, Michelle, John Jr. (Brenda), Keri (Christina), Joseph (Colleen), Khalilah, Debonette, Antoinette, Jamie, Kenny, Heather, Paul, Sean, Rachel, Alex, Westley, Marquis, Gloria and Naimah; **twenty-seven great grandchildren**, Lianne, Kenya, James, Daphanie, Kevin, Jason, Kierra, Monica, Danna, Davon, Michael, Khari, Brianna, Sundiata, Kakuyon, Ymir, Taylor, Naomi, McKenna, Arianna, Westley Jr., Jamir, Jay'Quan, Jayson and Angel; **three great great grandchildren**, Marquavis, Riley and Elijah.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Organist Charles Jones

Officiating Pastor Darryl M. Howard  
Shield of Faith, South Plainfield, NJ

Solo ..... Valarie Knight

Scripture Readings ..... Pastor Darryl M. Howard

Praise Dance Selection ..... by Valarie Knight and the Praise Dancers

“Man Over Board” Poem ..... by Evangelist Barbara William Johnson

Acknowledgements  
& Obituary ..... Angela Kilgore & Gloria Esaw

Reflections ..... 2 minutes maximum (please)

Musical Selections ..... “Dance With My Father”

Eulogy ..... Pastor Darryl M. Howard Shield of Faith  
South Plainfield, NJ

Closing Hymn..... “Amazing Grace” by Organist Charles Jones

Recessional

Pallbearers ..... John O. Schenk Jr., Keir Schenk  
Caralton Caver; Jason Walden; Kenneth McCauly

Designated Driver ..... Mr. Joseph E. Schenk – Ronald Taylor

## **Interment**

Hillside Cemetery  
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

# *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father who art In Heaven Hallowed  
be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will  
be done, On earth as it is in Heaven, Give us  
this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors, Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever,  
Amen.*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family would like to thank extended family and friends for all their support and love you have shown us in this trying time. Love Always.

Special thanks to both the Rose of Sharon Community Church Family and the Shield of Faith Ministry.

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