

In Loving Memory of

Robert Nathaniel Shell

Sunrise
February 19, 1918

Sunset
July 13, 2014

Friday, July 18, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

378 East Milton Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey, Officiating
Mack Williams, Organist

Life Story

Robert Nathaniel Shell passed away on July 13, 2014 at Delaire Nursing Home in Linden, New Jersey. He was born February 19, 1918, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He is the second child of the late Thomas Scott Shell and Mayme Gail Shell.

Robert was baptized at an early age at the Second Baptist Church, Rahway, New Jersey, under the pastorate of Reverend Norman Olphin. He was active in Sunday school and other church activities.

Robert attended the Rahway Public School system, and graduated from Rahway High School in 1936. Following graduation, he worked different jobs for a couple of years. In 1938, he began work at Merck and Company, Rahway, New Jersey. Robert started in maintenance, then security. He worked at Merck for over forty years.

On December 25, 1940, Robert married Estelle Morrow at the AME 2 Church, Carteret, New Jersey. From this union was one son, the late Robert Thomas Shell, Sr. Robert and Estelle were married forty-eight years, until her passing on May 27, 1988.

Robert loved and enjoyed people. He was a mentor to many youth in the community. He enjoyed sharing his experiences, and today, many people fondly remember his advice and kindness. He served in the Rahway Police Auxiliary, and was a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts. He also enjoyed activities such as fishing, barbecuing, and playing board games. One of his favorite games was bingo.

As his health declined, Robert spent his final years at Delaire Nursing Home in Linden. He never let his circumstances steal his joy. One of his favorite activities was bingo. He was greatly loved and admired by patients and staff.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his brother, Dr. Theodore A. Shell; daughter-in-law, Ann Shell; two grandsons, Paul A. Shell and Robert T. Shell, Jr.; eight great grandchildren, Monique, Teirrah, Naszier, Vamauri, Vitton, Kailyn, Kiyilani, Zaive; one cousin, Geraldine Shell Ferguson; two sisters-in-law, Jeanette Shell and Marion Shell; two nephews, Thomas E. Shell (Virginia) and David J. Shell; one great nephew, John T. Shell; and a host of cousins and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Order of Service

- Processional Clergy and Family
- Opening Hymn “When We All Get To Heaven”
- Prayer of Comfort Clergy
- Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 23 Thomas Shell
New Testament - 2nd Timothy 4:4-8 David Shell
- Solo Ms. Cortell Tappan
- Reflections Mr. Paul A. Shell
- Acknowledgements/Condolences Ms. Monique Jackson
- Reading of Obituary Ms. Teirrah D. Shell
- Solo Mr. Teddy Pendleton
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey
- Benediction/Recessional Clergy and Family



Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.

I've endured pain
and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about
tomorrow.

But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.

You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to
say ...

You always told me,
"get some rest,"

Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,

The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize
this was meant to be, I thank God because He came for me.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

The family would like to thank the Delaire Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their kindness and support during Robert's stay.

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