

In Loving Memory of



Ronnie A. Hartshorn

Sunrise

October 2, 1935

Sunset

May 10, 2015

Service

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

640 S. Springfield Ave. • Springfield, New Jersey

Pastor Clarence Alston, Officiating

Obituary

Ronnie A. Hartshorn was born on October 2, 1935 in Kenilworth, New Jersey to William and Leila Hartshorn. He was a longtime resident of Piscataway, New Jersey.

Ronnie grew up in Kenilworth and graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, New Jersey. In high school, he studied agriculture and excelled at basketball, baseball and track. His classmates saw him as happy and debonair.

In 1954, Ronnie enlisted in the Air Force. He was Honorably Discharged in 1958.

On August 20, 1960, Ronnie was joined in holy matrimony with Janet E. Gwathney and from this union three children were born.

Ronnie graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology in 1965.

Ronnie was very talented and owned his own painting business for several years and prided himself on the quality of his work. During Ronnie's thirty year career, he was employed as a microbiologist at The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A&P) and a Regulatory Affairs Manager at Pharmacaps Pharmaceuticals. He also worked at Grand Union Inc. as a Laboratory Quality Control Manager until he retired in 1994.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His hobbies included watching baseball, taking day trips and most of all playing his saxophone, flute and clarinet along with his two favorite Jazz musicians, Dave Brubeck and Chuck Mangione. Ronnie enjoyed taking his children to air shows at Maguire Air Force Base as they were growing up. He also enjoyed traveling to Orlando, Florida during the holidays with his grandchildren. His favorite baseball team was the New York Yankees.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William L. Hartshorn and Leila Hartshorn.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife, Janet E. Hartshorn; three children, Phyllis L. Hartshorn, Janice Hartshorn Green (James) and Rene J. Hartshorn; four grandchildren, David B. Adams, Joshua A. Hartshorn, Jaden Nicole Green and Darien James Green; and a host of relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Hymn *“Blessed Assurance”*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 90:5-17

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”*

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Selection **“The Lord Is My Shepherd”**

Remarks

Selection *“I Will Trust In The Lord”*

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

Pall Bearers

David Adams Joshua Hartshorn
James Green Ernest Gwathney
Todd Hicks

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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