

Celebration of Life for
Mr. Kenneth Sharpe

Sunrise
July 23, 1966

Sunset
May 8, 2016



Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

First Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

1-15 Leslie Street
(corner of Clinton Avenue)
Newark, NJ 07108
Pastor Dellroger Dunmore

Rev. Mary Simonson, Officiating
Evangelical Reform Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Obituary

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in god; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” John 14:1-4

Kenneth “Kenny” Sharpe, 49, of Belleville, NJ peacefully went to be with the Lord on Sunday May 8, 2016 at 6:42 AM. He was born on July 23, 1966 in Newark, NJ to his proud parents, the late Katie Rose and Arthur Lee Sharpe Sr. Kenny had a praying mother and father and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior at a young age. Kenny was happily married to his loving, devoted wife, the late Stacey Vania (Griffin) Sharpe who was his high school sweetheart and best friend. They had known each other for 33 years and were married for 26 years. To this union two beautiful children were born, Devin Sherrod, 21 and Danielle Kayla, 13. They were blessed with twin grandsons, Tyree and Taron Sharpe, 2.

Kenny grew up and received his education in Newark, NJ and East Orange, NJ. After graduating from East Orange High School in 1984 Kenny went on to join the United States Army where he dutifully served for 2 ½ years. While serving in the United States Army Kenny was a Rifle M-16 Marksman and Hand Grenade Expert. He received the Army Achievement/Oak Cluster, a Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army Lapel Button. After serving in the army Kenny was employed by Med Path in Teterboro, NJ, Conrail and then Getty Gas Company for over 20 years as a Petroleum Supply Specialist.

Kenny was a devoted husband, father, son, son in law, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to many. He cherished time spent traveling with his wife and being with his children, grandchildren and family. He will be remembered for the love and devotion he had for all them and the joy they brought to his life. Kenny enjoyed spending time with family, cooking on the grill, working in his beautiful well-kept yard, playing pool, scrapping and watching sports.

Precious memories remain with those who loved him dearly: his two wonderful children, Devin Sharrod and Danielle Kayla; grandsons Taron and Tyree Sharpe; brothers, Arthur Lee Sharpe Jr. (Gwen) of Hillside, NJ, Anthony Sharpe Sr. (Evelyn) of Irvington, NJ, sisters, Cathy Davis (Eugene), Belinda Sharpe, Kimberly Sharpe Waldron (Mark), Lillie Sharpe all of East Orange, NJ; special mother, Etta M. Griffin and brother in law, Leland M. Griffin (Vanessa); aunts, Lizzie A. Durham of East Orange, NJ and Hattie L. Cooper of Orange, NJ. Kenny is mourned by his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Kenny touched the lives of many with his sense of humor, generosity and love for others. He will be missed by all.

Kenny will now rest peacefully for eternity with his wife, Stacey Vania Griffin and parents, Katie Rose and Arthur Sharpe Sr.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....	Elder Aaron Melton
Officiating.....	Rev. Mary Simonson
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Hymn.....	“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament: Psalm 28:1-9.....	Pastor Robert Foster
New Testament: First Corinthians 13:4-13.....	Rev. Joan Burney
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Dwayne McCants
Selection.....	Sister Glendoreia Diop
Remarks and Reflections.....	Sister Barbara Wells (2 minutes each please)
Obituary.....	Sister Barbara Wells
Selection.....	Elder Lauren Melton
Eulogy.....	Pastor Dellroger Dunmore
Recessional.....	“Sign Me Up For The Christian Jubilee”

INTERMENT

Fairmount Cemetery
Central Avenue, Newark, NJ

REPAST

Immediately following burial at
First Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1-15 Leslie Street (corner of Clinton Avenue) Newark, NJ

I'm Free



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Author Unknown

Pall Bearers

Pete Sharpe Jr.	Eugene Davis
Mark Waldron	Michael Joyner
Elbert L. Cooper Jr.	Don Morrow

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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