

In Loving Memory of

Edwin Shepherd

Sunrise: February 9, 1925

Sunset: May 23, 2016

Service

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Soloist

Obituary

Edwin was born in Harlem, New York to the late Adonis and Tabitha Shepherd. "Eddie" as he was called was the eighth of ten children.

Eddie received his education in the New York City school system. Growing up Eddie enjoyed spending time with his sisters and brothers, they were a very close family. Eddie served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. Uncle Eddie always had a war story to tell.

Eddie met and married his beloved Gloria Sisco and wedded on New Year's Eve 1955. Gloria preceded him in death in 1999. They also had one daughter, Betty who preceded them in death. Uncle Eddie is what he was affectionately known as by all his nieces, nephews, neighbors and kids he helped raise. There was no Christmas like the ones at Uncle Eddie's house. There was always a gift for everyone under the Christmas tree. His niece, Donna who became his caretaker always called him Uncle M&M because when she was a child he would always bring her M&M's when he came to visit. Uncle Eddie was the photographer in the family, he had pictures and videos of all the family events. He loved watching Cowboy and Indian movies, wrestling and in recent years he loved to watch Tyler Perry's *The Haves and The Have Nots* and *If Loving You Is Wrong*.

Uncle Eddie was ninety-one years of age, but he knew everything, he never missed a beat. He was up-to-date with all the current events and had a very strong opinion of the candidates for the upcoming presidential election. He was so happy to live to see the first African-American president.

Uncle Eddie will forever be missed by his family. He was the only sibling remaining out of the Shepherd clan. Edwin was preceded in death by his siblings, Sidney, Claudine, William, Theodore, Joseph, Evelyn, Edith, Gwendolyn and Arthur. Edwin leaves behind: a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

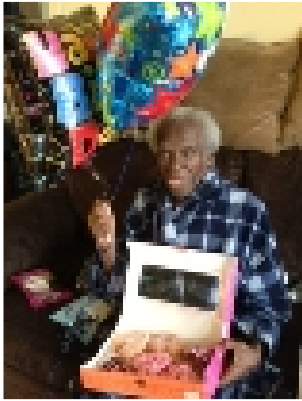
Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*



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!*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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