

In Loving Memory of



Arvie

Shepard

Sunrise:

September 15, 1921



Sunset:

August 25, 2016

Obituary

Arvie (Pope) Shepard, the daughter of the late Ethel (Johnson) Pope and Collin Pope was born on September 15, 1921, in Philomath, Georgia. She moved to Union Point, Georgia after the death of her mother, where she was raised by her (deceased) loving aunt and uncle, Pat and Geaner Boykin. She attended school in the Georgia Public School System.

Arvie left Georgia at the age of eighteen years old to come to New York City to live with her (deceased) aunt, Annie Morgan. She later met and married Richard Shepard (deceased). They produced two sons, Marvin Shepard and Raymond Shepard (deceased).

Arvie retired from working in the housekeeping industry in New York City.

Arvie entered into eternal rest on August 25, 2016, at the Amsterdam House Nursing Home, New York City.

Arvie was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy Burke, Pecola Shepard, Beatrice Blackshear and Ethel Marie Pope, granddaughter, Linda Shepard.

Arvie leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Marvin (Rowena) Shepard; grandchildren, Marvin Shepard, Jr., Victoria (Gary) Harris and Richard Shepard; great grandchildren, Monasha (Moses) Thomson, Aisha Shepard, Alisha Shepard, Nasirah Shepard and Aliyah Shepard; great great grandsons, Gavin and Chase Thomson; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends; and her very special friend, Eunice McIntosh.

Arvie was a remarkable woman, her life wisdom was priceless, and more than often dead right. Her smile and laughter was contagious. When down, you only had to speak to her, and she would brighten your day. Although she couldn't solve your problem, she made you feel better about any outlook, whether good or back.

***Your battle is over, you have fought a good fight. You have kept the faith,
and you have the victory. Rest on Arvie.***

***Written in sorrow, but in love
The Family***

Service

Friday, September 2, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

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Scripture Readings

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Committal

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Interment

Calverton National Cemetery • Calverton, New York

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she 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 me." 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."

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.

-Author unknown

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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