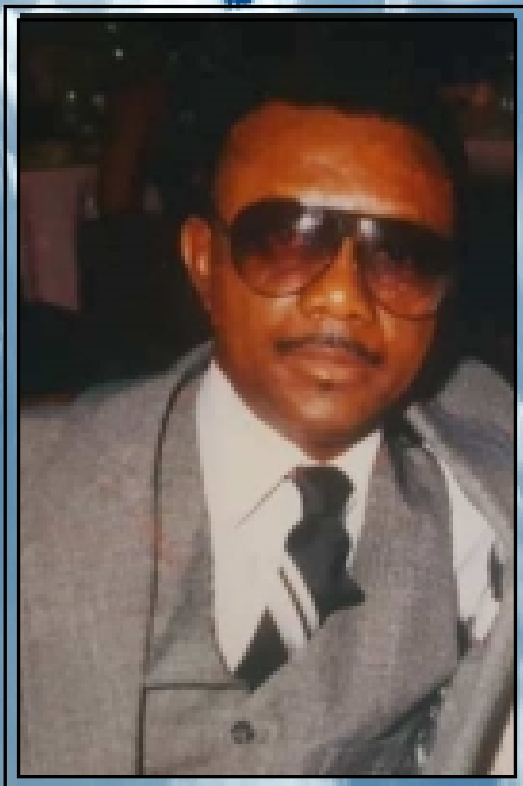


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Curtis Shaw**

**Sunrise**  
June 19, 1939

**Sunset**  
April 12, 2020



*Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.*

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*Rev. Robert Allen, Officiating*  
*Emory Lee, Organist*

# Reflections of Life

Curtis Shaw was born on June 19, 1939 in Raeford, North Carolina to the late Dannie and Lillie Shaw. He entered eternal rest on April 12, 2020, Easter Sunday morning, while in the Rutgers University Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Curtis spent his childhood in North Carolina and like so many others of his generation, ventured north to find better career opportunities and to fulfill some of his hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

While in NJ, Curtis met the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth (Rollins) Shaw. They were united in marriage on June 12, 1965 and were married for 55 years. While this union did not produce any children, Curtis and Mary opened their hearts and home to several children over the years and became loving, caring parents to Chivone Crouthers.

Curtis' smile and charm would light up a room. He was good-hearted, friendly and very approachable to any and everyone. He was definitely the life of the party. You would often find him in the corner with his legs crossed having a cold "bur" surrounded by family and friends. Curtis had a flare for fashion and you rarely saw him without his favorite hat. He had a love for lightning. He would hang decorative lights all around the house. It was Christmas in their home all year long! He was also a handyman that specialized in repairs made with his favorite tools...black electrical and grey duct tape.

Curtis had several job opportunities prior to his long-term employment with the State of New Jersey followed by a long career with the United States Postal Service. He retired from the US Postal Service after 20 years of service. He spent his retirement years enjoying the company of his wife and visiting his friends.

He was preceded in death by four of his siblings: Alberta, Viola, Mahis, Albert Lee and Mallie L Shaw. He leaves to cherish his memory and mourn his passing his loving wife, Mary Shaw of Newark, NJ; daughters, Valerie Curtis of Piscataway, NJ, and Chivone Crouthers of Newark, NJ; three brothers: Dan Ervin (Martha-deceased) and James Shaw (Bessie) of Fayetteville, N.C.; Lonnie Shaw (Deborah) of Richardson, TX; one sister: Vera Ardoin (Paul-deceased) of Columbia, S.C.; sister-in-law, Annie Daniels and brother-in-law, Davis Rollins of Newark, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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