



Honorary Pallbearers

Kenneth Bell
Leslie Smith
Pastor Greg Ford

Johnny Dudley
Lee Hamilton
John Henry Shepherd

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their deep appreciation for the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

~The Family~

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Home Going Celebration

For the Life of



Sunrise:
October 7, 1938

Sunset:
January 27, 2021

Sis. Christine Shepherd
Graveside Services

Sunday, January 31, 2021- 1:00 P.M.

St. John Baptist Cemetery

FM 2276

Kilgore, TX

Gregory Ford, Pastor



Obituary

Christine Shepherd (Sheppard) **October 7, 1938 - January 27, 2021**

Christine Williams Shepherd was born October 7, 1938 to parents Charlie Williams and Louisa (Sibley) Williams in Rusk County TX. Christine accepted Christ at an early age, attended school in Rusk County, and later united in marriage with Robert Lee Shepherd on February 15, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd welcomed their daughter, Ruby Nell, on September 23, 1955 and settled into family life with him working as a mechanical engineer for the Texas Railroad Commission and her as a homemaker. Mrs. Shepherd was one of the first black women to work for the Kilgore Independent School District, serving in the Food Services department. She later retired to help raise their grandchildren.

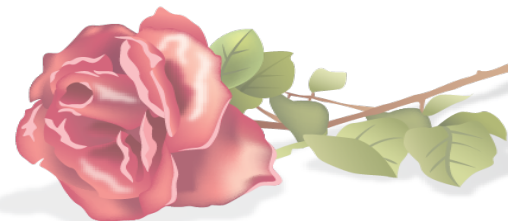
She was known for her loving and nurturing personality and served as a mother figure to many throughout her life. Her greatest joy was her family, and that joy illuminated every place she visited. Mrs. Shepherd served on the Mission and Deaconess boards at St. John Baptist Church in Steber Grove for many years. She was preceded in death by her daughter in 2013, and her husband in 2014.

She departed her earthly body Wednesday January 27, 2021 and leaves beloved family to cherish her memory, including her sisters; Charlean Dudley, Frances Henson, Geneva Taylor (Cecil), and a special niece, Yemaya Taylor Daniels. She also leaves her granddaughter Camellia "Christie" Prentice, grandson Kevin Sheppard (Umyia), great grandchildren Christopher & Samuel Manns, Ke'Von, Kelaigha, Kerrigen, & Kamren Sheppard, Aden Portley, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

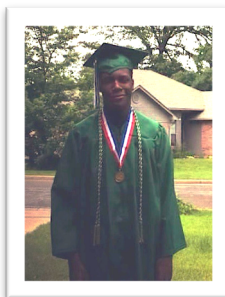
"Together at Last"



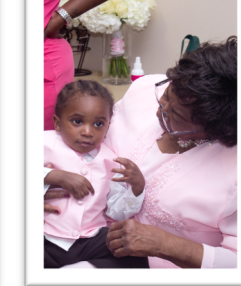
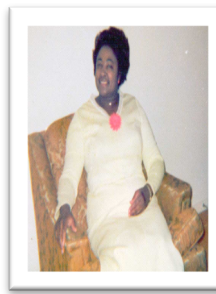
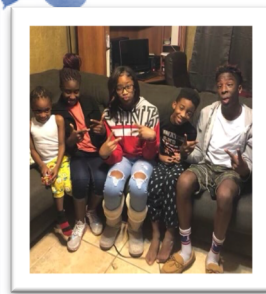
As we sit in Heaven and watch you every day. We try and let you know with signs that we never went away. We hear you when you're laughing and we watch you as you sleep, we even place our arms around you to calm you as you weep. We see you wish the days away, begging to have us home. So, we try to send you signs so you know you're not alone. Don't feel guilty you have life. Life that was denied to me. Heaven is truly beautiful just you wait and see. So, live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free. Then I'll know with each breath you take you'll be taking one for me.



Precious Memories



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**"Mama, you always said you wanted to
soar like an eagle...now you are.
We love you and will miss you dearly!**

*- Christie, Kevin, Ungia, Christopher, Samuel,
Ke'Von, Kelaigha, Kerrigen, Aden, & Kamren -*



Order of Service

Processional
The Ministers, Pallbearers, & Family
Cunningham Funeral Directors in Charge

Scriptures:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer.....Pastor Randy Ross
Impact Church
Longview, TX

Resolutions.....St. John Baptist Church

Solo.....Sis. Larissa Rosborough

Words of Comfort.....Bishop Frankie Steward
Keys to the Kingdom Outreach Ministry
Longview, TX

Presentation.....Cunningham Director's

Last Glimpse til' Glory

Committal Service

Recessional