

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Joseph C. Reed, Sr.

Sunrise
July 24, 1932

Sunset
October 12, 2013

Service

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

Shiloh Baptist Church

99 Davenport Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Malachai Brantley, Officiating

Obituary

Joseph C. Reed, Sr., was born on July 24, 1932 in Amelia County, Virginia. He lived a long life of service, and Christian fellowship. As a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, Joseph served for many years on the usher board. He was also a member of Sons of Joseph Lodge No.1 of the Garden State Grand Lodge of Irvington, New Jersey.

Not the least of Joseph's accomplishments was his eight years of service in the United States Armed Forces. Receiving an honorable discharge in 1960, he held this chapter of his life in high regard, often telling stories so vividly that others said that he should have written a book. Sharing these stories and his wisdom are fond memories that will live on with his family and friends.

Choosing to continue service as a civilian, Joseph worked for a number of years for the United States Department of Defense, earning many service awards, including the following: Military Traffic Management Command, Outstanding Government Service Department of the Army, Official Commendation for Outstanding and Sustained Superior Performance A skilled brick mason and painter, Joseph lent his talents to many large projects including the construction of houses in his native state of Virginia.

Among those who mourn Joseph's passing are: his wife Vanessa Reed of East Orange, NJ; three sons, Joseph Reed, Jr. of East Orange, NJ, Kevin Reed of Harlem, New York, Derrick Reed of Ohio; a daughter, Donna Haskins of Farmville, VA, niece and nephews, Yolanda, Edward and Craig Coles of Newark, NJ; his sister, Cora Reed and brother, Henry Reed of Farmville, VA, sister-in-law, Hattie Van Romondt of Rice, VA; three grandchildren, Dianna, La Shaunda and Iyesha Haskins and two great-grandchildren, Jamira Haskins and Jay Shawn Graine, all residing in Virginia, and a host of other nieces and nephews and cousins. Joseph was pre-deceased by his brother, Percell Van Romondt.

Joseph will also be mourned and greatly missed by Virginia and Louis Lott who were his generous care givers, for whom the family is most eternally grateful.

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb! The Son of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world. Christ will open the Kingdom of Heaven to all who believe in his name, saying "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom...Prepared for you" May Mr. Joseph Reed receive "new shoes", a "new robe and crown" and hear his Savior say, "Well done!"

Order of Service

Processional

Selection..... *“I’m On The Battlefield For My Lord”*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Reflections

Prayer

Selection..... *“Precious Lord Take My Hand”*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy *Pastor Malachai Brantley*

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Footprints

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

-Mary Stevenson



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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