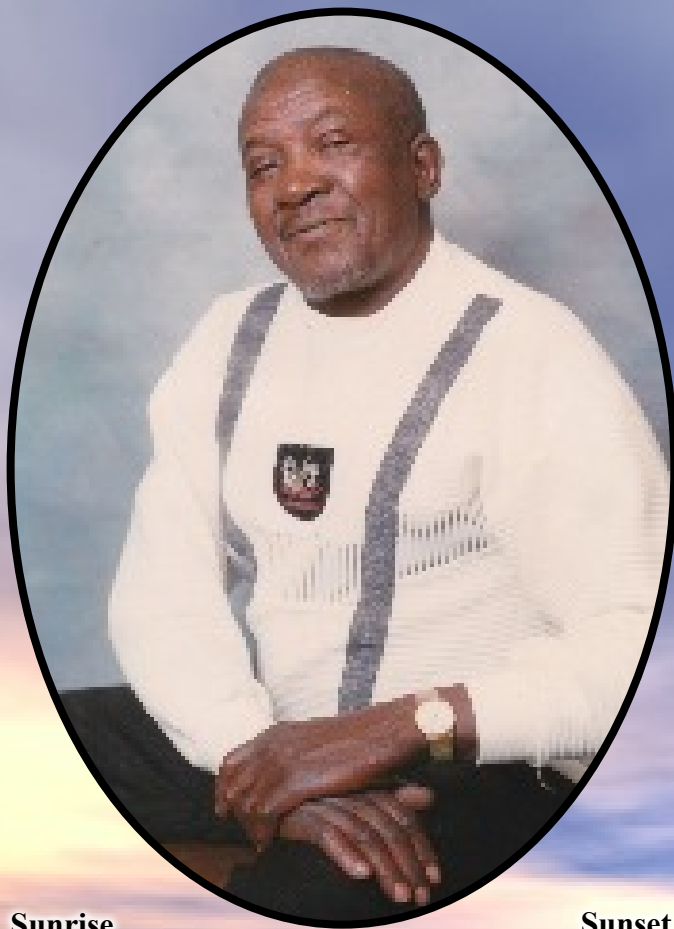


*In Loving Memory of  
Ossie Shepherd, Sr.*



**Sunrise**  
January 4, 1940

**Sunset**  
December 3, 2014

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014 - 12:00 Noon**

**Philemon Baptist Church**

246 Shephard Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

On Tuesday, December 3, 2014, **Ossie Shepherd Sr.**, age 74, lost his battle with cancer. Even though he lost on this day, he has had many victories during his journey. When the doctors told him he would only live 3 more months, he lived another year. When he was told he would not beat cancer once, he beat it twice. Today, we honor his legacy of hard work, strength, and dedication.

On January 4 1940, a hard working, family man was born on a small farm in Summerville, South Carolina. Before settling in Newark, NJ in the 1960's, "Shep" graduated from Alston High School, in which he was an avid football player.

In 1963, Ossie Shepherd Sr. married the late Alma Francis Johnson. Together, the couple raised three children Christopher Johnson, Virginia G. Shepherd, and Ossie Shepherd Jr.

A popular and dedicated worker, Ossie Shepherd Sr. was employed as a longshoreman for forty four years. Ossie Shepherd Sr. is preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Alma Shepherd, and daughter Virginia G. Shepherd.

Ossie Shepherd Sr. is survived by his son Ossie Shepherd Jr. and stepson Christopher Johnson; his grandchildren Latarsha Mitchell, Christopher Clark, Stacey Jones, Laquanah Cooper, Danielle Shepherd, Maia Shepherd, Logan Shepherd; his siblings, Margaret Washington, Virginia Rivers, Moses Shepherd, Beulah Mae Coardes, and Henrietta Divens; and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

*Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Eulogy

Viewing

Committal

Recessional

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *I Am Resting*

*I've parted this life my loved one,  
But worry not for I am not gone,  
I am merely resting.  
Don't cry or mourn  
For God is with you and in your hearts.  
Carry on.  
We will miss each other,  
But remember God is with us all.  
Be strong my loved one,  
For I am not gone,  
but merely resting.  
-Author unknown*



## *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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