

*Celebration of Life*  
*Sheldon William Finney Sr.*  
*"Sonny"*

**Sunrise**  
September 1, 1924



**Sunset**  
January 17, 2015



*Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 8:00 AM*

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
130 Main Street  
Orange, New Jersey  
**Pastor Gerald Lamont Thomas, PhD, Officiant**  
**Rev. Anita Bethea, Organist**

## Obituary

*Sheldon "Sonny" William Finney, Sr.* Was born on September 1, 1924 in Newark, New Jersey, to the late Harry B. and Mary E. Finney nee: Berry. He departed this life on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

Sonny attended public school in Union, New Jersey and graduated from Union High School in 1941. He later married Isabelle James on January 28, 1947 in Newark, New Jersey. To this union, four children were born: Sheldon Jr., Ronald, Donna, and Brian.

Sonny was employed by Curtiss Wright Corps as a welder and later worked at Autoland in Springfield, New Jersey before retiring.

Sonny had a very close bond with his sister Geri, who was responsible for introducing him to his wife, Isabelle whom he adored. Everyone knew whatever "Izzy" wanted, you can be sure Sonny took care of it. He doted over his wife until her passing in 2004.

Sonny loved to listen to jazz and was the master chef of the house. Family knew the kitchen was off limits when jazz was playing and the kitchen doors were closed. Sonny had a big laugh that could brighten your day and was well known around Vauxhall. He enjoyed weekend family functions, spending time with family in Newark and in Piscataway. Many of these memories are captured in the hundreds of pictures he has taken in a span of over 70 years.

Sonny leaves to treasure his life his two sons, Sheldon Finney Jr. and Brian Finney, three daughters-in law, Jacqueline Finney, Gwendolyn Cummings, and Ermina Williams, 12 grandchildren, Dawn, Rishanna, Thela, Sheldon III, Kimberly, Karen, Michelle, Naseed, Khaalis, Darlene, Jasmine, and Darrell, 17 great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends. Sheldon William Finney Sr. has joined in eternity his wife, Isabelle Finney, his daughter, Donna Finney, his son, Ronald Finney, his sister, Geraldine Chase, and his parents Harry and Mary Finney.

Lovingly submitted by the Family

Order of Service

Rev. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Officiating

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Consolation # 79.....“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

1

Great is Thy faithfulness, “O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.



**Chorus**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!



Scripture Readings.....Rev. Eleanor J. Edwards  
Old Testament: *Psalm 23*  
New Testament: *Revelations 21:1-4*

Prayer of Solace

Reading of the Obituary.....Rishanna Finney

Cards/Acknowledgements.....Michelle Finney-Powell

Words of Comfort

Solo .....“Amazing Grace”

Eulogy .....Rev. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Ph.D.  
Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ

Recessional.....The Family

Interment.....Fairmount Cemetery, Newark NJ

## *Pallbearers*

*Sheldon Finney Jr.*

*Khaalis Finney*

*Eliot Lee*

*Brian Finney*

*Naseed Gifted*

*M. Ulysses Lee*

## *Together Again*



### *The Master Called*

*I'm Sorry I had to leave you, my loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation, a heaven bound ticket for one  
And I knew that He would call me when He felt my work was done  
I know that your hearts are heavy because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me, I knew I could not stay  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you, my loved ones, oh so dear  
But you see, the Master called me and now I'm resting here  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory and to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus and we'll meet again someday.*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the **Sheldon Finney Sr.** wishes to acknowledge the many words of comfort, cards, prayers and other expressions of kindness shown them during their time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.*

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