

*Celebrating the Life of  
Larry Anthony Sheppard*

**Sunrise**

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1960

**Sunset**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



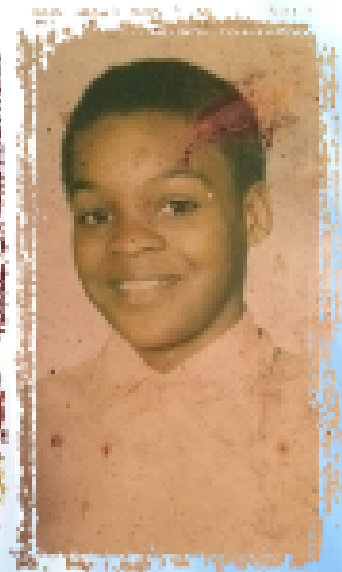
**Service**

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 11:00am

**Cotton Funeral Home**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, NJ 07112

**Pastor Margie Lewis, Officiant**



*Precious*

*Memories*



## Obituary

**Larry Sheppard** was born September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1960 in the Bronx, NY to the late Frank Sheppard and the late Louise Sheppard. Larry departed this life on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 in New York, NY.

Larry attended the High School of Fashion Industries in New York, NY with a focus in clothing design. While learning how to sew and make clothing, he also used his gifted hands to create floral arrangements at the Garden Path Florist located within the World Trade Center. He had been working there since the age of 12 until gaining employment with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. In January of 1990, Larry began working for the MTA as a bus operator, contributing nearly 30 years of devoted service until he was called home.

He was known to be a hard worker dedicated to providing for his family. At work, he was known as, "Shep" and he was special to everyone in the depot. Outside of work he maintained the persona of being the well-dressed guy, with the cool car and the nice jewelry. A few of his hobbies included chess, playing pool, watching sports and listening to old school R&B music. He liked to joke and poke fun at his family and friends, if you were in his presence then you were guaranteed to get a good laugh. Larry was truly a great man.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Christine; four children, Larry Jr., Ayanna, LauraLee & L'oreal; one brother, Frank (Magda); two sisters, Dorothy, whom he was preceded by in death & Lynda; two nieces, Tiffany and Danielle (Matthew); three nephews, Christopher, Frank and Rick; one grandchild, Izaiah; and a host of family & friends.

## *If Tears Could Build a Stairway*

If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories a lane.  
I would walk right up to Heaven  
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say "Goodbye".  
You were gone before I knew it,  
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,  
and secret tears still flow.  
What it meant to love you -  
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me  
to mourn for you no more;  
To remember all the happy times  
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,  
I pledge to you today~  
A hollowed place within my heart  
is where you'll always stay.

*Author: Unknown*

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Hymn of Comfort..... Shante Lewis

Prayer of comfort..... Tommy Pearson

Scripture Reading .....Willie Smith

New Testament- Psalms 23

Old Testament- John 14:1-6

Reflections .....(2 min max)

Musical Selection..... Shaun Mills

Obituary & Acknowledgements.... Christopher Carter

Poem selection..... Danielle Merchling

Special reflections..... MTA (2 min max)

Musical Selection..... A Gate Called Beautiful

Eulogy..... Pastor Margie Lewis

Recessional

Final Viewing

**-Interment-**  
Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery  
1500 Stuyvesant Ave, Union, NJ 07083

## **Repast**

Bethune Banquet Hall  
26 Washington St., East Orange, NJ 07017

**Pallbearers**

Larry Sheppard Jr.  
Christopher Carter  
Frank Sheppard  
Frank Sheppard Jr.  
Rick Sheppard  
Charles Steward



***Acknowledgement***

The Sheppard family extends deep appreciation to family & friends for expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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