" She fought a good fight; she finished her course…"
(II Timothy 4:7b)

A Service of Victory for



Sunrise:
May 22, 1960

Sunset:
October 23, 2026

Judy SHEPARD

Service
Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 3pm

Emanuel Baptist Church
1880 Pelham Street, Elmont, New York
Minister Avery Bizzell, Officiating

JUDY'S LIFE REMEMBERED

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and Earth.
- Psalm 121: 1-2

THE OBITUARY

Judy Shepard was born on May 22, 1960, in Jamaica, New York to the union of Tommy C. Shepard and Lizzie Dean People-Shepard, she entered eternal rest on October 23, 2026, at Queens Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. Judy was educated in New York City public schools. She graduated from August Martin High School in Jamaica, Queens in 1978. Judy was curious about things around her, so she had a desire to learn more. She continued her education at The State University of New York at New Paltz earning a bachelor's degree in 1982. She was a member of the distinguished Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. sorority and sang in the choir. Upon her graduation she pursued and began her career in social work and became a case worker. She took pride in making sure her clients were taken care of. Judy worshiped the Lord throughout her life.

On March 2, 1997, she answered the call to salvation and accepted Christ as her savior under the leadership of H. David Parker. She was very active in the church. She sang with various choirs and participated as a Girl Scout leader.

Judy loved water and nature. She loved going to the beach to watch the waves as well as catching a movie in Central Park. She enjoyed music and loved to sing. She was one of the founders and members of The Voices of Unity. As one of the family soloists and her signature song was His Eye on the Sparrow.

Her favorite food was her mother's cornbread, fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. Krispy Kreme donuts with hot chocolate that was the icing on the cake.

Judy was preceded in death by: Tommy C. Shepard and Lizzie Dean People-Shepard (parents and John Robinson Jr. (God brother). Left to cherish her memories are Debbie A Shephard-Ratliff (sister), David V. Ratliff (brother-in-law), seven aunts, one uncle, Gina Gasper-Cuffee (sister of the heart) and three God children: Kaimairiya Guffee, Leontae Cuffee, Natasha Robinson and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

NO MORE CHAINS HOLDING ME, MY SOUL IS RESTING.
PRAISE THE LORD HALLEUJAH IM FREE.
SLEEP IN PEACE

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Prelude ..... Musician

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Hymn ..... "Amazing Grace"

Invocation ..... Pastor Trevon Fergerson

Scriptures
Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Charles Williams
New Testament - John 14: 1-6 ..... Deacon Bruce Williams

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Daryl Ware

Special Music Tribute ..... The Voices of Unity

Acknowledgements ..... Regina Armstrong
Robert Witherspoon Jr.

Selection ..... "Going Up Yonder" - EBC Mass Choir

Obituary ..... Regina Armstrong

Reflections ..... Two Minutes

Solo ..... "His Eye is on the Sparrow" - Bridget-Pratt-Dunlap

Eulogy ..... Minister Avery Bizzell

Final Remarks ..... E. L. George Funeral Home

Closing Prayer ..... Minister Avery Bizzell

Benediction ..... Minister Avery Bizzell

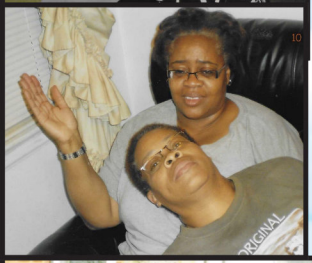
Recessional Hymn ..... "I'll Fly Away"

Repast

Will follow after service.







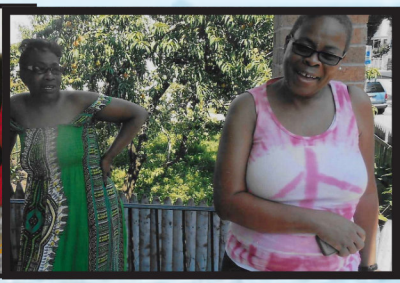
TRIBUTE TO JUDY

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, now I'm free
I'm following the path God had laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to joke, to play.
Task left undone must stay that way
I have found that peace
At the close of the day.
If my parting had left such a void,
then fill it with a remembered joy
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
do not lengthen it now with grief
Lift you hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, so he set me free







Acknowledgement

Aunt Elsa, thank you for the love, care and unwavering devotion you showed Judy, day in and day out, both before and after she entered the nursing home. Your presence and compassion meant more than words can express. I have the deepest respect and gratitude for all you have done for Judy. Your love will never be forgotten.

With all my love and appreciation.
Debbie

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