

*In Loving Memory of*



*Frederick Shoffner*

*Sunrise: August 11, 1943*

*Sunset: November 15, 2017*

Service

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017 - 12:00 Noon*

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# Obituary

**Frederick Shoffner** aka "**Sonny**" took his rightful place in heaven at 7:30pm, on November 15, 2017 in his sleep while relaxing with his wife in their Lake Ariel Poconos escape.

Born August 11, 1943 in Greensboro, North Carolina to Ethel White and George Shoffner, Sonny spent his formative years running the streets with his best schoolmate Aldo James. As a pre-teen, he got his first taste of the Big Apple, and that bite was tasty enough for him to realize he would one day make New York City his home. Shortly before his 20th birthday the opportunity arose and Sonny made the move.

After arriving he quickly established himself in society and began working in the garment district. A hard worker, Sonny stepped up his game once he started driving a truck. He later moved to AAA Ambulette services before finding his footing at the United States Post Office on 125th in Harlem USA, where he briefly played on the baseball team.

A lover of all sports, Sundays were reserved for this passion and his uh-huh..., "medicine", at least that's what Sonny cleverly called it when his young grandchild asked about the scent that filled the air. These moments, and so many others were examples of Sonny's joyful, easy going and harmonious spirit.

Sonny was never one to sit back and watch life pass him by. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and offer a comforting smile. His mission was to enjoy life and make sure everyone around him also partook in the fun. It was impossible to be in his presence and not have your heart exhale, 'this is living'.

Sonny is survived by his wife of 32 years aka 'hey babe', Iris Shoffner of Lake Ariel, PA. In marrying Iris, Sonny not only gained a wife, but four children who he loved and adored, Alice Faye Manley-Harley (Jonathan), Joe L. Manley (Mercedes White-Jones), James Manley (deceased) and Wayne Manley (Douglas Jordan). He remains adored by his grandchildren, Karla Nicole Manley (Michael Leary) and Ashley Monique Faulkner.

From a previous marriage he is survived by his children, Valerie Shoffner (NY), April Shoffner (SC) and Trina Shoffner (SC); grandkids, Kalila, Aikeisha, Cecil, Cliffon in New York and Asia, Shoffina and Renee of South Carolina; fourteen great grandchildren; and his loving siblings, Johnnymae Cain, and Harriet Washington. Sonny's legacy is championed by a team of nephews, nieces and grand nieces from Buffalo, New York to New York/New Jersey region.

Sonny was greeted in heaven by his siblings, Tom, Donald, Constance and Ethel, affectionately known as "Sweet Pea".

Sonny may have left this world, but don't grieve for him, God called him home and now he's free!

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

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*Selection*

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*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey*

# I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God 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 work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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