

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Shellie E. Adkins**

*Sunrise*  
*April 19, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*October 31, 2019*



**Service**

*Wednesday, November 6, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Marquis Lewis, Officiating*

*Minister Kyle Abercrombie, Eulogist*

# Obituary

**Shellie Adkins** was born on April 19, 1933, to the late Jim and Clara Adkins in Miller County, Colquitt, Georgia. He was educated through the Miller County Public School System in Georgia. Shortly afterward, he migrated North in search of economic opportunities. However, before departing from the South, Shellie embarked upon his most celebrated achievement; he met and married the love of his life, Mary Jones, in Colquitt, Georgia. In the spring of 1952, Shellie and Mary exchanged vows and entered into holy matrimony. The sixty-seven-year union produced three lovely daughters Shirley, Catherine, and Ebony Adkins.

In 1953, Shellie and Mary migrated to Newark, New Jersey, where he obtained employment as a Butcher at Midtown Butcher Company in Newark, New Jersey. At Midtown, he also served as a lead union shop steward, until his retirement in 1985. His role as a union steward afforded him the ability to promote fairness and equality in the workplace.

In retirement, it was evident that Shellie enjoyed being in the company of his family and friends. He will be remembered as a vibrant, loving, and dedicated man who treasured his family and friends. He always had an ear to listen, and an open heart to help anyone in need. One of his favorite pastimes was to spend time with his great-grandchildren.

In his final days, Shellie was surrounded by his family and friends, who loved him best as he transitioned in the loving arms of an angel. He entered into eternal rest on October 31, 2019.

Shellie was preceded in death by his two daughters Shirley and Catherine Adkins; brothers: Anderson, Henry, James, Eddie, Walter, John C., Rev. Warren, and Levi Nehemiah; sisters: Maria, Annie Mae, Louise, Vera Mae, Alice, and Sarah.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories, his lovely wife Mary, daughter Ebony Adkins; brothers: James II and Samuel; sisters Catherine, Mollie, Ruby, and Clara; sisters-in-law: Lola and Vivian; grandchildren: Tasheria, Cynthia, and Ronell; great-grandchildren: Jocelyn, Jada, Zyana, Zymaya, Denise, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He also served as an honorary father and grandfather to many.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

*(Two minutes each please)*

Acknowledgements

*Lucille Hammiel*

Obituary

*Lucille Hammiel*

Selection

Eulogy

*Minister Kyle Abercrombie*

Recessional

## **ENTOMBMENT**

Clover Leaf Memorial Park

Woodbridge, New Jersey

*Repast*

*TREC Recreation Center*

*55 Ludlow St.*

*Newark, NJ 07114*



## *Those Who Love Me*

– Unknown

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess

How much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown

But now it's time I travel on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a little while that we must part,

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and dear.

And then, when you must come this way alone

I'll greet you with a smile and

"Welcome Home."

## *Palbearers*

RONELL ADKINS

DERRICK MILLER

ALGERNON JACKSON

BARRY JACKSON

BRANTON JOHNSON

ANTONIO HENDRICKS

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Shellie E. Adkins** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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