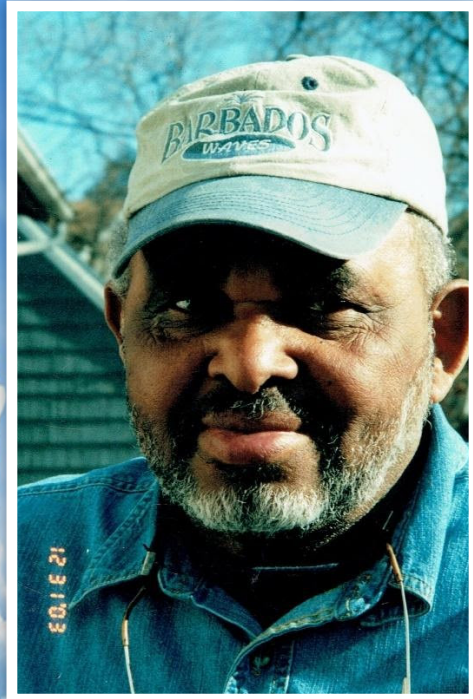


*Memorial Service*  
*In Loving Memory*  
*of*



*Shirley William Davenport*

June 18, 1935 - October 11, 2020

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Bright Hope Baptist Church**  
6 Mission St • Montclair, NJ 07042

# *Obituary*

On Sunday October 11, 2020, just about the break of day, our beloved Shirley William Davenport took the Savior's hand and transitioned from labor to reward.

Shirley William Davenport, a retired Letter Carrier and proud proprietor of D'port Taxi, Inc. was born in Cumberland County, VA on June 18, 1935 to cucumber and tobacco farmers, the late Harry and Mary (Fleming) Davenport. He was the youngest of seven children and attended the public schools of Cumberland County. Prior to leaving Virginia, he accepted Christ as his savior and was baptized at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Cumberland, Va.

Shirley moved to New Jersey in 1954, where he secured a job with Berless Cartons in Paterson, NJ. Shirley eventually moved to Montclair, where he met Letitia Henson on the steps of the Bright Hope Baptist Church in 1956. Shirley joined Bright Hope in 1957 before entering active duty in the US Army. He and Letitia were married on October 24, 1959. God blessed their union with four children.

After leaving active service, Shirley returned to Montclair and went to work at the U. S. Postal Service in 1962. He was a letter carrier for more than 27 years and served as the president for the Montclair branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees. In this role, Shirley and Letitia attended conventions in Boston, Hartford and Atlantic City.

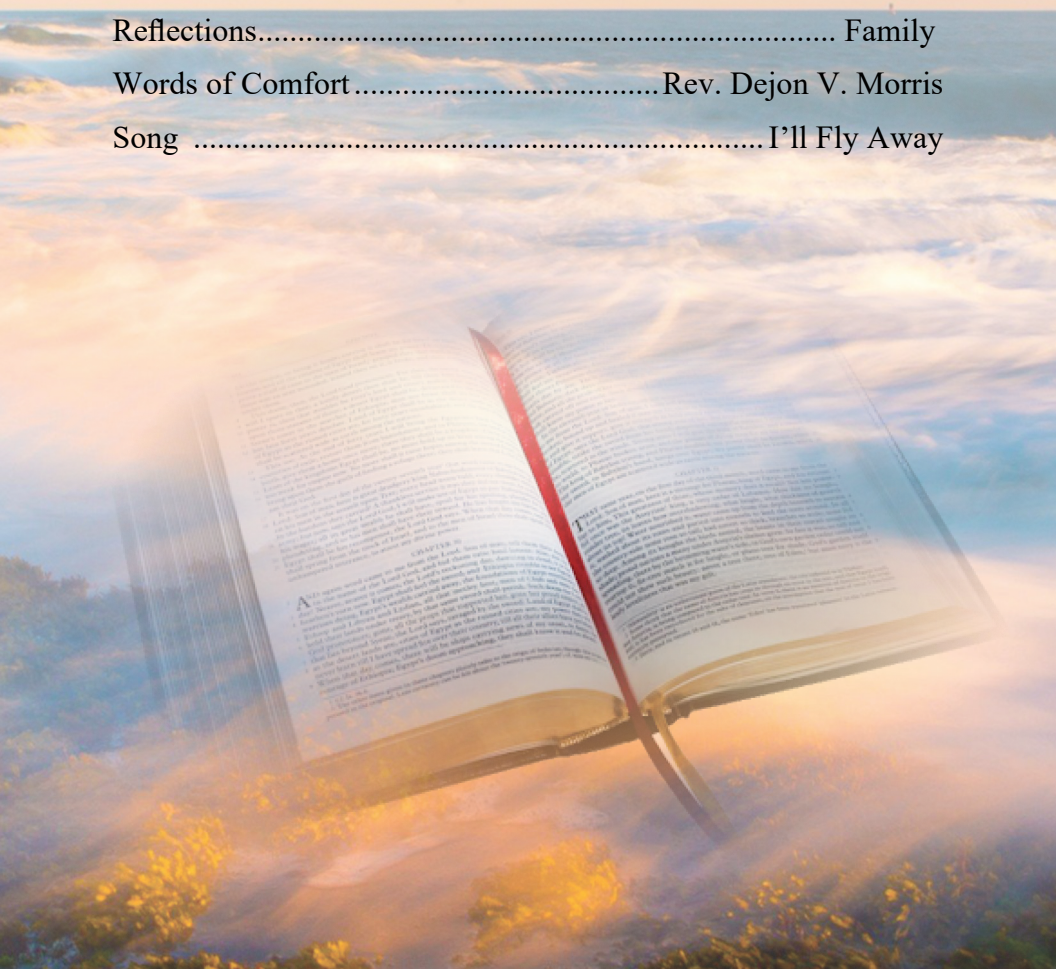
Shirley loved to help people and was always willing to serve. He had "Here comes help" and "There goes help" painted on the front and rear of one of his cars during the 1960's. Shirley loved Bright Hope where he served as a Sunday School Teacher, Men's Usher, Trustee, and Church Treasurer. He would often stop by the Youth Center and church to check on the buildings and ensure things were operating smoothly.

Always a public servant, Shirley was an active member of the Montclair Branch of the NAACP and served as the President. He received an award in recognition of his community involvement in 1999. He also served on the Montclair Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Shirley leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 61 years, Letitia, three sons Ronald (Julie) Yukon, OK, Reginald (Stephanie) Plainfield, NJ, Rodger Montclair, NJ, one daughter Sharon Montclair, NJ, one brother-in-law Cornelius Henson (Hazel) Washington, DC, fourteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Order of Service

Song .....	Hold To God's Unchanging Hand
Old Testament – Psalm 23 .....	Alexandria Davenport
New Testament – John 14:1-3 .....	Julia Gutierrez
Prayer of Comfort .....	Min. Denise Warren
Solo .....	Lisa Porter-Bethune
Obituary Reading .....	William Davenport
Resolution .....	Aja Webber
Reflections.....	Family
Words of Comfort .....	Rev. Dejon V. Morris
Song .....	I'll Fly Away



# *God Saw You Getting Tired*

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn't make you stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best

Frances and Kathleen Coelho

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Shirley William Davenport** wishes to thank everyone for your love and support as we navigate this change in our family.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

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