

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Shirley M. Sheppert*

*Sunrise*  
*November 10, 1938*

*Sunset*  
*November 12, 2021*



*Service*

***Friday, November 19, 2021***

*Viewing: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*

*Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m.*

**Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church**

88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

***Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts, Officiating***

## *Reflection of Life*

**Shirley Mae Allen**, daughter of the late Cora L. Hawkins, was born on November 10, 1938, in Lumber City, Georgia. She was the eldest of 4 children. Shortly after graduating from McArthur High School in 1957, she met and married the late James Ellis Sheppert, Sr. on July 1, 1961, at the tender age of 22. To accompany her 2 previous daughters, together they had 2 more children, James Jr. and LaGuanda.

In 1977 she joined Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church where she devoted her life to serving God and taking care of her family. She worked tirelessly over the years until her retirement from Novartis Pharmaceutical Company in September 1996. She has since been a long-standing member of the Sr. Usher Board, the culinary committee, and a host of other organizations throughout the church.

In her free time, she enjoyed playing pinochle, bingo and baking cakes for her family and friends. She also received great joy in helping raise her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley was predeceased by her mother Cora, grandmother Mamie, husband James Sr., sister Mamie, and her eldest daughter Brenda. She leaves to cherish her loving memory 3 children: Sallie F. Turner (Calvin) James Jr., and LaGuanda Frazier (Gregory); 1 sister: Janie Allen; 1 brother: Thomas Brown; 5 grandchildren: Derrick (Alexis), Chante (Wali), Isaiah, Jeremiah and Malachi; 8 great-grandchildren: Khalil, Royal, Genesis, Tamia, Isaiah, Tristan, Cooper and Ryleigh; and a host of other family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Musical Selection

Poem

Resolution & Acknowledgements

Obituary

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

## ***Interment***

*Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey 07205*

## ***Repass***

*Gallopang Hill Inn  
Union, NJ 07083*

# *Don't Cry For Me*

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.  
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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