#### Pallbearers

Richard Edmondson Michael Edmondson Mikelyn Edmondson Rex Mowman Steve Mowman Charles Shepard

#### "Set Free"

Don't grieve for me 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 my peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy, A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, these things I too shall miss. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undo grief. Lift you hearts and share with me, God wanted me now and set me free.

### Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

Arrangements

A Service Of

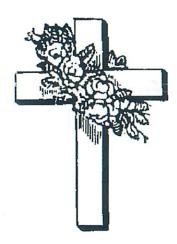
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# In Loving Memory

Of Johnnie Shepard, Sr.

1919 1999



Friday, March 26, 1999 1:00 p.m.

New Zion Baptist Church 1501 South Thirty-Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40211

Dr. A. Russell Awkard, Pastor

- Will

#### Obituary

OHNNIE SHEPARD, SR. son of the late Robert Shepard and Mary Miller was born on December 25, 1919 in Haywood County, Tennessee. He departed this life on Friday, March 19, 1999 at the Baptist East Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky.

He was reared and educated in the public schools of Haywood County, Tennessee and accepted Christ as his Savior at the Douglass Chapel AME Church of Stanton, Tennessee. Johnnie was a self-employed Blacksmith and Farmer.

He was married to Mattie Mask and to this union 5 children were born. Two sons, Harold and Johnnie, Jr. preceded him in death. Because of his love for children he nurtured and reared three additional children, Lashonda Bank, Donnisha Bank and John Terry.

Johnnie became ill and his children moved him to Louisville to care for him in his infirmed years.

He leaves to witness his homegoing and cherish his memory two daughters: Bonnie Mowman, Louisville, and Betty Edmondson, Cincinnati, Ohio; son, Donald Shepard, Chicago, Illinois; sister Callie Shepard, Cleveland, Ohio; brother, Casper Shepard, Louisville; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and 7 great, great grandchildren; a close friend, Savanna Harris, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

— The Family

### Order of Service

Processional The Family
Opening Hymn" "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Scripture: Psalm 23 The Ministry
Prayer
Solo
Acknowledgments
Remarks Ministers
Solo
THE MESSAGE Rev. Jerry Radford
Closing Prayer
Benediction
Recessional

Interment
Douglas Chapel Cemetery
Stanton, Tennessee

## HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

FOR THE LATE BRO. JOHNNIE SHEPHARD

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1999 2:30 P.M.

DOUGLAS CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH 3659 STANTON KO-KO ROAD POST OFFICE BOX 249 STANTON, TENNESSEE 38069

REV. RICK ROUSE, PASTOR

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL
SONGCHOIR
PRAYER
SCRIPTURE OLD TESTAMENT NEW TESTAMENT
SONGCHOIR
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENTSIS. DOROTHY HODGE BRO. JOHN A. BOND JR
SOLOSIS. GIRLEAN WILEY
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTSHATTIE WATKINS
OBITUARY(Read silently)SOFT MUSIC
EULOGYPASTOR ROUSE
RECESSIONAL

<sup>&</sup>quot; THE FAMILY IS ASKED TO RETURN TO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, AFTER THE INTERMENT AT THE CEMETARY."