



Helen Dorian Sheppard

January 24, 1962 - July 24, 2020

Helen Dorian Sheppard,, was born on January 24, 1962, to parents, Roland and Sadie Sheppard, in Lewes, Delaware. Helen was the sixth child born of that union. Helen was born with Down syndrome and only given four years to live. Thank God for Jesus, because as of January 24th of this year, Helen turned 58 years old. Helen was a very happy person. She loved everybody and she called everybody her friend. A little over a year ago Helen was diagnosed with dementia which seemed to progress rapidly throughout the years. After spending a few weeks in the hospital, she came home on Thursday, July 23, 2020, and passed peacefully on July 24,2020, at 12:35 p.m., with her sister, Elaine, aunt, Estelle and the nurse. She just went to sleep.

Helen was a very independent person. She was able to clean her house, make her bed, wash dishes, feed and dress herself, help with laundry, as well as other chores. She loved church and loved singing. She also loved playing the tambourine and calling on Jesus. One of her favorite songs was, Jesus Got A Hold of My Life, and He Won't Let It Go. She loved singing Break Every Chain with Minister Spencer.

Helen attended Howard T. Ennis School, in Georgetown, Delaware, where she received her certificate of completion . After that, she started working at Kent Sussex Industries (K.S.I.) in Milford, Delaware. She worked there for

over 30 years. Helen also worked at Burger King, the Harrison House, Proctor & Gamble (P&G), as well as, a few other places. She loved going to K.S.I. and working at Burger King. Recently Helen had started going to Chimes in Millsboro, DE where she was known as the "social butterfly".

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, several brothers and sisters, and also by her foster parents, Willis and Rosa Harmon. Helen spent over 30 years with them after the death of her mother, Sadie and her aunt, Alice.

Left to cherish Helen's beautiful memories are her four brothers, Roland Sheppard of Jacksonville, AK, John Sheppard of Marietta, GA, Ricky Sheppard of Millsboro, DE and Robert Collins of PA; four sisters, Joyce Floyd (Victor) of Worton, MD, Elaine Sheppard of Lewes, DE, Doris Gaines of Salisbury, MD and Rozalind Collins of MD, two step-sisters, Takisha Tunnell of Georgetown, DE, and Shawna Cephas of Ellendale, DE, and siblings; one uncle, Calvin Butler (Estelle) of Milton, DE; one aunt, Geneva Felton of Chestertown, MD; and foster brother, Jerome Woods. She also leaves her church family; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, as well as her co-workers at various day programs.