



James Sheppard Jr.

February 8, 1939 - June 12, 2023

James Sheppard Jr, 84, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at home to be with the Lord after a long illness on Monday, June 12, 2023, in Salisbury, MD. Born February 8, 1939, he was the son of the late James Sheppard Sr. and Lottie Mae Murphy Sheppard.

James also known as (Shep) attended Worcester County Schools. He worked for Peninsula General Hospital, Perdue Hatchery, and Campbell Soup Company, he also was employed by Pep Boys Automotive in Salisbury, Md., for over 35 years, where he retired and began his lawn care business.

Deacon James Sheppard was a longtime member of the United Faith Churches of Deliverance in Salisbury under the leadership of Bishop George Copeland. Deacon Sheppard served on various auxiliaries such as the Crusade and Pastor's Aide teams, sang with the Mass Choir, and was church security, and parking attendant. He was the first driver for the hayrides during the Church's Fall Harvest Event. "Whatever his hands found to do he did it with joy!"

He leaves to mourn his passing one son, Terrance (Tameka) Purnell of Wilmington, DE; two daughters, Sherry Sheppard Bailey of Salisbury, Md., Juanita (William) Warren of Mardela Springs, Md., one sister, Rebecca Sheppard Avance of Baltimore, MD., fifteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-

grandchildren, including Ramell and Rakeaf Sheppard whom he and his wife Sarah personally took care of for many years, and eleven great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind to cherish his memory; several nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Jane Sheppard, one son Ivory Anthony Sheppard, and three grandsons, Terrance Purnell Jr., Steven Travis Warren, and Ivan Antoine Sheppard. Seven siblings, Ada Mae Duffy, Lonnie T. Sheppard, Lillie E. Sheppard, Bessie P. Anderson, Preston E. Sheppard, Robert Sheppard, and Mary E. Sheppard.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Faith Church of Deliverance
Jersey Road
Salisbury, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Sheppard Jr..* ”



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