

## *Tributes Of Love*

**Mom,**

*I still see your face before me. Your voice I long to hear. I miss and love you dearly. God knows, I wish you were here. Tears fall freely from my eyes, like a river filled with grief. My only comfort now, is that, from pain you've found relief. Missing You.*

**Love Donna**

If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me, place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her I love her and I miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away." **By Delores M. Garcia-**

**To My Amazing Mother,**

Mom, you have gained a really great pair of wings. Thank you, Mother, for raising me to be the woman I am today. I want to thank you Mom for always believing in me.

Thank you for your encouraging words and your helpful advice. I will miss you my dear Mom. I will long to hear your voice and see your beautiful smile when I walk through the door.

I know GOD is real Mom, and I know I will forever long to hear your voice Until then Mom, dance and rejoice with Daddy. I love you so much my dear Mother. Please rest now.

**Love Jackie-**

*I wish I could be with you one more time to see your smile and hear you laugh, but I know that you're in a better place. I will miss you dearly.*

**Your Daughter Connie**

*My mother, my queen, my everything! I am thankful for the quality time we spent and to witness the angels coming for you was a blessing, I will always cherish. I love you mother and happy to be a product of you.*

**Your Daughter, Palma Crayton** ❤️❤️

**Mom,**

*I said a prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!*

**Love Your Daughter, Wynndi**

## *Active Pallbearers*

Lester Gillespie Jr.  
Timothy Sheppard Jr.  
Johnny Bowers Jr.  
Devin Sheppard

Anthony Jones Jr.  
Gregory Sheppard Jr.  
Tyras Gillespie  
Aaron Jones

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Cornell Evans  
Freddie Green

Elmore Leach  
Tyrone Glasco

## *Family Acknowledgement*

*The family of Mrs. Ella Louise Sheppard expresses the greatest appreciation for the show of love and sympathy shown by everyone. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, calls, visits, words of comfort, and prayers. **God bless each one of you.***

## *Internment*

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**  
9:00AM

## *God Saw You*

*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 and saw you fade away. And though we loved you dearly We couldn't make you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

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## *A Celebration Of Life*

*For*



*Mrs. Ella Louise Sheppard*

*Sunrise*

July 10, 1936

*Sunset*

November 28, 2022

**Monday, The Fifth Day Of December**

*The Year Of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Two A. D.*

**The Morning Hour Of Eleven A.M.**

**Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church**

1534 Peck Ave

San Antonio, Texas

**Rev. Dr. L. J. Gillespie, Sr.**

*Pastor/Officiating*

## Life's Journey

**Ella Louise Sheppard** was born on July 10, 1936 in San Antonio, Texas. She was the first of eight children born to Tommie Shaw Sr. and Irene Harris Shaw. Ella received her education in the San Antonio School System, graduating from St. Peter Claver School. Ella accepted Christ at an early age at the New Light Baptist Church.

**Ella** entered the workforce and was employed for the Baptist Hospital System and the San Antonio State School where she later retired. Ella united in holy matrimony to Raleigh Sheppard in February 1956 and to this union ten children were born. Their love was bonded by God, and they were dedicated to one another.

**Ella** continued her relationship with the Lord and went on to join the Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church in 1986. She was a faithful member until her health began to fail. She loved her Paster and the Greater Love Family. Ella loved her children, grandchildren, and she was delighted to be able to see one of her two great great grandchildren this year. Ella enjoyed watching the cooking channel, trying different recipes, and working on word puzzles. We truly loved Ella but God Loved Her Best.

**Ella** was preceded in death by her parents, Tommie Sr. and Irene Shaw, her husband, Raleigh Sheppard, daughter, Juanita Green, three brothers, Milton Shaw, Tommie Shaw Jr. and Robert Shaw, one brother-in-law, Fred Hodge, son-in-law, Vernon Crayton and her grandparents, aunts and uncles. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Michael Sheppard, Connie Bowens (Johnny), Palma Crayton, Guy Sheppard (Brenda), Mark Sheppard of Longview, Texas, Timothy Sheppard (Catrina), Kenneth Sheppard, Jacqueline Sheppard of Manor, Texas, Donna Sheppard, Wynndi Vann (Sherita) of Spring, Texas, Raleigh Sheppard Jr. and Tyron Taylor (Roslyn); twenty-five grandchildren, fifty-five great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; four sisters, Mattie Penn of Gardena, California, JoAnn Lewis, Brenda Alexander and Shirley Pankey; two sisters-in-law, Annette Hodge and Eva Marcee (George) both of Austin, Texas; family and caregiver, Betty Roberson; close family and friend, June Leach and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order Of Celebration



Processional	Clergy, Pallbearers and Family
Selection	"Let The Church Say Amen"
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Rev. Kyle Arnell, Sr.
New Testament	Rev. Marreece Dean
The Prayer	Rev. Kevin Nelson
Selection	The McNeil Sisters
Resolution	Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church Sis. Gladys Hodges
The Family Tribute	Sis. Toni Evans
Remarks(Limit Two Minutes Please)	Daughter – Connie Bowens Deacon – Robert White New Light Village Family – Ricky Parker Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren
Solo	Nekiva Anderson
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. L. J. Gillespie Sr.
The Recessional	



## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me



When tomorrow starts without me, and I am not here to see;  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things we did not get to say.  
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.  
And each time you think of me, I know that you will miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,  
For all my life I'd always thought I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving all of you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.  
But then I fully realized that this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.  
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.  
When God looked down and smiled at me  
From His great golden throne,  
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.  
Today your life on earth is past, but here it starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow, today will always last,  
And since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past.  
But you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things  
You knew you shouldn't do.  
But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free.  
So won't you take My hand and share my life with Me!  
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.