TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy we had so many years. I gave you love; you can only guess How much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But now it is time I traveled on alone. So, grieve for me a while, if grieve you must, Then, let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, So, bless the memories within your heart. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near. And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear, All my love around you real and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.



Acknowledgemen

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who expressed kindness and love during this time of bereavement. A special thanks for the help and care given by Hospice of Spartanburg, South Carolina. May God keep each of you.

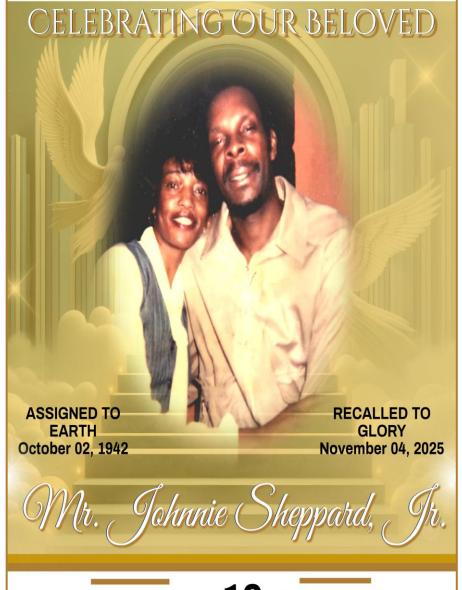
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In His Loving Memory

Mr. Tohnnie Sheppard Tr., age 83,

of Blakelyville Road earned his Heavenly Wings on November 4, 2025 surrounded by his loved ones.

Johnnie was born to the late Johnnie Sheppard, Sr. and Elizabeth Goodman Sheppard on October 2, 1942.

He was raised and educated in Laurens County, South Carolina.

As an adult, he gained employment with Mile Gotslob, Inc in New York City as a Maintenance technician. When Johnnie and his family relocated back to Clinton, South Carolina, he became a dedicated maintenance technician at Laurens County School District 56.

He was a man of many trades who could build almost anything. This skill was instilled in his daughters and several of his grandchildren as well.

He never had any formal training but loved playing the piano/organ by ear since he was a child. He did this just to relax or for entertainment at family gatherings. Additionally, he was an avid reader driven by an endless thirst for knowledge.

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, the Lord said it was Johnnies' time. He was met at the Pearly Gates by his parents; his son, Tonnie Sheppard; his grandson, Tony Turner; his sister, Carrie Wilson; and brother, Raymond Leake.

Johnnie will be missed by his wife of over sixty-four years, Ida Smiley Sheppard; his daughters: Vallet (Leroy) Hymes, Vellet (Robert) Dogan, Bonnie (Larry) Jones and Tamiko Hendrickson; twenty-one grandchildren, forty-three great grandchildren and many other loving relatives and close friends.