

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'.



Acknowledgement

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.

~The Family~

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CELEBRATING OUR BELOVED



ASSIGNED TO
EARTH
October 02, 1942

RECALLED TO
GLORY
November 04, 2025

Mr. Johnnie Sheppard, Jr.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER **10** 2025 | 11:00 AM

Childs Funeral Home Chapel
301 W Carolina Avenue
Clinton, South Carolina 29325

Reverend Anthony Sims, Officiating

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL
SELECTION "I'm Gonna Be Ready" BY YOLANDA ADAMS
SCRIPTURE READING
NEW TESTAMENT PSALMS 23
OLD TESTAMENT II CORINTHIANS 5:1
PRAYER OF COMFORT MINISTER

REMARKS

MRS. VALLET HYMES MRS. VELLET DOGAN
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS CHILDS FUNERAL HOME
SELECTION "Walk Around Heaven" BY PATTI LABELLE
WORDS OF COMFORT REVEREND ANTHONY SIMS
CLOSING PRAYER MINISTER
COMMITTAL SERVICE
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In His Loving Memory

Mr. Johnnie Sheppard Jr., 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.

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