

A Word of Thanks

The family of Rickey Shepard wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Staff, caregivers Jocelyn "Joe" Davies and Chanae Allen – Ballantine, Marlan Gary Funeral Home, and family and friends for all the acts of kindness shown to our family during this time of bereavement. Whether you sent a card, flowers, spoke comforting words, lent a shoulder or whispered a prayer, we appreciate it all and it has not gone unnoticed. May God bless you all.

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;

So He put his arms around you
and whispered,

"Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.

A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!

To offer condolences to The Shepard Family,
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Homegoing Celebration for

Rickey Kent Shepard

December 7, 1957 - August 23, 2024

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Visitation: 10:00am Service: 11:00am

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

A Faithful Journey to Eternal Rest

Rickey K. Shepard, born on December 7, 1957, to the late Richard and Ernestine (Wade) Shepard, entered this world as a blessing and left it in the peaceful embrace of the Lord on August 23, 2024. Affectionately known as "Rick", he was the youngest of four siblings and was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Ernestine Shepard; his father, Richard Shepard; his brother, Richard (Gill) Shepard; and his dear sister, Gwendolyn M. Shepard.

Rickey's earthly journey was marked by his unwavering faith, love for music, and devotion to prayer. As a member of Mount Zion Ministry Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, Rickey found joy in worship and was a testament to God's grace and love. He attended Stepping Stone Adult Day Services, where his light shone brightly to all who knew him.

Rickey's loving spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of his surviving family members: his brother, Michael A. Shepard; nieces and nephew, Tahnika Allen, Tasia Allen, and Tahj Robinson; and his great-niece and great-nephew, Amelia Owusu and Kingsley Owusu. He also leaves behind uncles, Frank (Maggie) Wade of Los Angeles, CA; aunts, Jean Hawkins, Joyce Shepard, and Darlene Baldwin, all of Columbus, Ohio; his devoted niece, Chanae Allen Ballentine, and nephew, Delvin Ballentine, stood by his side with unwavering dedication, sharing in the love and care that defined his final days, along with his best friend, Jocelyn Davis (known as Joe), and Michael of Day Hab. A host of other relatives, cousins, and friends join in remembering Rickey's gentle and joyful spirit.

Rickey found delight in the simple pleasures of life, whether it was a McDonald's cheeseburger or the company of those he held dear. Though Rickey has left this physical world, his soul rests in the arms of our Heavenly Father. His life, filled with love, music, and faith, will be missed but never forgotten.

Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE Aaron Hollingsworth

- PARTING VIEW Immediate Family

- SCRIPTURE READINGS Elder Timothy Williams
OLD TESTAMENT Psalms 23
NEW TESTAMENT..... John 14:1-3

- PRAYER OF COMFORT..... David Bennett, Cousin

- SELECTIONQuan Howell

- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS David Bennett, Cousin

- REMARKS Joe, Care Giver
Michael, Brother
Chanee, Niece

- OBITUARY Read Silently

- SELECTION Dione Bennett, Cousin

- EULOGY Pastor Lance E. Humphrey
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

- BENEDICTION Pastor Lance E. Humphrey

- RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family, and Friends