

*Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



*Joyce M. Shepherd*

MAY 4, 1937 - DECEMBER 28, 2023

**SERVICE**

SATURDAY JANUARY 6, 2024

AT 1:00 PM

METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH

8955 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY AT REED ROAD

HWY 288, HOUSTON, TX 77051



## *Joyce M. Shepherd*

Joyce Mae Harris was born on May 4, 1937 to John and Ernestine Harris in Houston, Texas. She was the fourth of nine children and graduated from Jack Yates High School in 1955. Joyce Mae love for sewing not only fueled her creativity but also allowed her to express the joy of crafting unique pieces for her family. Artis Shepherd courted her, and they exchanged vows on May 20, 1957 and became Joyce Mae Shepherd. Together, they were blessed with three children: Cheryl Foster, Brenda Myles, and Gwendolyn Douglas. Over the course of three decades, she transformed her love for sewing into a rewarding career as a seamstress.

Joyce Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Artis Shepherd, and by her parents, John and Ernestine Harris, along with her brothers John Harris Jr. and Carl Harris, and sisters Bonnie Williams and Geraldine Garrick.

She is survived by her daughters; Cheryl Foster, Brenda Myles (Donate), Gwendolyn Douglas. Her siblings; Bennie Edwards, Donald Harris, Patsy Talbert and Gloria Foster. Grandchildren Rodney Douglas, Jason Foster, Larry (Lauren) Fowler, Christopher Fowler, Tracy (Headley) Massias, Dennis Douglas Jr., Hermoine Douglas and a host of great grandchildren

# ORDER OF *Service*

Saturday January 6, 2024

1:00pm

Welcome to the Met!

Metropolitan CME Church  
8955 South Fwy @ Reed Road  
Houston, TX 77051  
713 748 5947

Senior Pastor: Rev. Allen Page III

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE

"I love you Lord Today!"

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Pastor Page

READING OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

Headley Massias

SOLO

"Precious Lord"

*Joyce's sister Bennie Edward*

EXPRESSION OF LOVE

Family Friend: *Debra Utley,*  
Grandson: *Rodney Douglas*

MUSIC SELECTION

*E.J. Strong*

EULOGY

Rev Allen Page III

RECESSION

Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

# Precious





# Memories

# Family Tributes

To my mother in heaven, thank you for always loving and guiding me. Even though you are no longer here with me, I can still feel your love guiding me. You are always in my heart. I love you and miss you dearly.

- *Love you, Cheryl*

When I think about the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31, it reminds me of my mom. What a sweet soul. When I call to ask how she's doing, she turns the conversation, asking me if everything is okay with me. Always willing to help, no matter what it is.

- *Love you, Brenda*

My family remains united thanks to the enduring love of my mother. She instilled in us a deep love for the Lord, and I will always appreciate the affection she has shared.

- *Love you, Gwen*



Your love was a blessing.  
Your memory a treasure.  
You are loved beyond words,  
and missed beyond measure.

- *Love, Tracy*

You gave me the strength to restore my love for family again. What a blessing it has been to have spent this past year with you and Marty – an experience I will always be grateful for, cherishing the memories that renewed my faith in GOD everlasting love. Thank you.

- *Yours truly, Hermoine Joyce*

Love you grandma – You truly were a special, special woman! You may have passed on, but your memories would always live on within us. Thank you for your sacrifices.

- *Love, Rodney, Jason,  
Robert, Chris and Dennis*

My grandmother is the most beautiful and elegant lady in the world. Thank you for always making us feel safe, loved and cherished. Love you Grandma.

- *The Great, Jade Allan, Dylan,  
Riley, Jade, West, Kamari,  
Ezekiel, Jo Jo, Sky.*

*Family Tributes*



## *Active Pallbearers*

LARRY FLOWER  
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER  
RODNEY DOUGLAS  
DENNIS DOUGLAS JR.  
JASON FOSTER  
HEADLEY MASSIAS

## *Acknowledgement*

OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY. THE LOVE SHOWN HAS GIVEN US GREAT COMFORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. IT IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED BY

THE SHEPHERD FAMILY.

## *Burial*

4918 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD.  
HOUSTON, TX. 77021

## *Repast*

METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH  
8955 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY @ REED ROAD  
HWY 288, HOUSTON, TX 77051

## *Final Arrangement Entrusted to*

McCoy & Harrison  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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