



Charles Edward Sheppard

August 28, 1944 - April 15, 2026

Charles Edward Sheppard was born on August 28, 1944, in Gaston County, North Carolina, to the late Clyde and Isabella Sheppard. He was the fourth of seven children.

At an early age, Charles accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Bessemer City, North Carolina. He received his education in Cherryville, North Carolina, and graduated from John Chavis High School with the Class of 1962. During his school years, Charles was a talented athlete who participated in baseball, football, and basketball.

He continued his education at Gaston Community College and Rowan Technical College. Charles was employed by Plantation Pipeline, where he worked faithfully until his retirement in 1999.

Charles proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, where he attained the rank of E-5 and received an honorable discharge. While serving, he met the love of his life, Mary Langford. They met on September 17, 1965, in Savannah, Georgia, when Mary was visiting her brother at the same Air Force base. Four years later, they were united in marriage.

In the early 1970s, Charles and his family joined Greenforest Community Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. George O. McCalep, Jr. After receiving his New Member Certificate, Brother Sheppard became a dedicated member of the Trusteeship, serving faithfully for many decades

from Shamrock Drive to Rainbow Drive. He was also an active participant in Sunday School, beginning with Deacon Outlaw's Adult Two class and later joining the Victory Fulfillment Hour Class. Charles further served in the Male Chorus, Veterans Ministry, and Audio Ministry.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Clyde, Lester, Rayford, Carolyn, and Jenelle.

He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy his devoted wife of 56 years, 3 months, and 14 days, Mary Langford Sheppard; his children, Charlotte (Anthony) Adams, Michael Sheppard, Berwin Sheppard, Evangelina Sheppard, Tabitha Sheppard and Kevin (Tanisha) Sheppard. His beloved grandchildren: Brandon (Nigeria) Sheppard, Dominique (Kayla) Adams, Natasha Adams, Erica Jenkins, Romello Sheppard, Nyla Sheppard, Kennedy Sheppard, Cameron Sheppard, Coby Sheppard, and Casan Sheppard; and great-grandchildren, Brandon Sheppard Jr., Naeem Sheppard, and London Adams. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles: Mammie Lipscomb, Robert Sheppard, Elizabeth Smith, Pauline Thompson, and Rosalie Sheppard; his siblings and in-laws: sister-in-law Helen of Houston, Texas; Joyce Sheppard of Passaic, New Jersey; Ernest Merritt of North Carolina, and Huston (Sharon) of Gastonia, North Carolina; along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and church family members.

Charles Edward Sheppard will be deeply missed. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, and he kept the faith.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals, Decatur, Georgia 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett and Son Funeral Home - Flat Shoals Location
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034

Family Hour

APR 24. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greenforest Community Baptist Church
3250 Rainbow Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Burial w/ Military Honors

APR 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, Ga 30114

Tribute Wall

WC

“ Sending up love and prayers for the family, may GOD bless, strengthen and comfort you during this time of mourning 🙏

Warren Clark - April 25 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ The Langford, Harris, and Hicks Families purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Charles Edward Sheppard.



The Langford, Harris, and Hicks Families - April 24 at 06:30 AM

TF

“ The Langford, Harris, and Hicks Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Sheppard.

The Langford, Harris, and Hicks Families - April 24 at 06:30 AM

RM

“ REV.Robert Maddox lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Sheppard



REV.Robert Maddox - April 23 at 06:21 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Wilsonart Atlanta Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Charles Edward Sheppard.



Love, Your Wilsonart Atlanta Family - April 22 at 12:06 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Wilsonart Atlanta Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Sheppard.

Love, Your Wilsonart Atlanta Family - April 22 at 12:06 PM

CJ

“ With deepest sympathy and heartfelt remembrance of the many moments we shared through Greenforest Trusteeship, Fulfillment Hour (Sunday School), the Drama Ministry, the African American Art Shows, and Tres Dias.



Those experiences brought learning, fellowship, and lasting memories that will always remain a blessing to us. May God's peace and comfort surround you during this difficult time, and may the memories we share continue to bring light to your heart.

—Cassandra & Eugene Jackson, Kenya Lynch, Roger McLin & family

Cassandra Jackson - April 21 at 11:31 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Sheppard.*



April 21 at 11:14 AM



“ *Carole Isom lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Sheppard*



Carole Isom - April 20 at 02:06 PM



To Mary sheppard & Starr family condolence from Nancy Roberts & family

Nancy Roberts - April 20 at 04:53 PM



We will miss his warm smile and kind ways. As the trustee at the church, he always took the time for the children to give them wise counsel. He spent lots of time with my son Warren who seemed to enjoy Brother Sheppard's catching him doing something he should not have been doing. Brother Sheppard was always kind. Love and prayers to the family.

Min Sandra Ukah

Sandra Ukah - April 23 at 04:39 PM

LB

“ *Linda Byers lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Sheppard*



Linda Byers - April 18 at 04:42 PM

ML

My prayers are with you and the family! God bless you and keep you safe in his arms.

Margie Labiran - April 26 at 12:18 AM

ML

My condolences goes out to you and your family Mrs. Mary

Margie Labiran - April 26 at 12:19 AM