

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Richard, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness, prayer, phone call, visit, text message, and words of comfort shown during this difficult time. Your love and support have brought us strength and peace as we honor and celebrate the life of our beloved Richard. A special thank you to everyone who stood beside us throughout this journey and helped carry us through moments when it was hardest. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love shown to our family and forever hold it close to our hearts. May God continue to bless each of you!
with silent appreciation.

THE FAMILY OF RICHARD SHEPHERD

Pallbearers

Johnny Lee Walter Thomas

Willie King Keyocee Horton

Hook Family/Friend

Flower Ladies

Family

Interment:

Early Hope Baptist
Church Cemetery



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Richard

A. SHEPHERD

SUNRISE: 9/06/1964 SUNSET: 05/18/2026

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

1:00 PM

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

2177 USHER ST NW

COVINGTON GA 30014

PASTOR RONNIE M THOMAS, JR, EULOGIST

FAMILY & FRIENDS *Tributes*



“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS, ALWAYS IN OUR MEMORIES”

“A HEART OF GOLD STOPPED BEATING;
BUT A LEGACY OF LOVE LIVES ON”



“A LIFE SO BEAUTIFULLY LIVED
DESERVES TO BE BEAUTIFULLY
REMEMBERED. HE WAS THE LIGHT IN
EVERY ROOM HE ENTERED.”

“HE MAY BE GONE FROM THIS EARTH,
BUT NEVER FROM THE HEARTS OF
THOSE WHO LOVED HIM. HE LEAVES
BEHIND LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.”



FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts*

Though you've left us, you're not truly gone.
Your love and light still carry on,
In every heart, in every prayer,
Your memory lives beyond compare.

The laughter shared, the love we knew,
It fills our hearts, strong and true.
Though we miss you more than words can say,
Your spirit guides us every day.

The days ahead, the tears we'll face,
Will soften in your loving grace.
Held in our hearts, our love endures,
Forever strong, forever pure.

Prayer

GRACIOUS LORD,
We entrust Richard into Your loving care. May his soul find rest in Your presence — where there is peace, no sorrow, only eternal comfort. We know his faith, kindness, and love will forever be a guiding light to us. We ask for strength, peace, and healing as we carry forward, holding Richard's spirit in our hearts, never to be forgotten. Amen.





Order of Service

PRELUDE

Pastor Ronnie M Thomas, Jr

PROCESSIONAL

Well Done

Scripture Reading

New Testament:

Dea. Bessie Johnson

Old Testament and Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Avis Williams

Solo

Spencer Robinson

Remarks

Willie King

Diamonique Brown

Solo and Words of comfort:

Rev. Nicholas A. Curry

EULOGY

Pastor Ronnie M Thomas, Jr

The Funeral Directors

Presentation

Lester Lacky and Sons

Funeral Home Inc.

RECESSIONAL

Goin' Up Yonder



Celebrating

THE LIFE & LEGACY



Richard "Ax" Shepherd, was Born on September 6, 1964 to Florene and Albert Shepherd (Deceased), in Covington Ga. He lived a life defined by hard work, dedication, and love. His passion for construction took him far in the community, he was deeply respected for his expertise and the pride he took in his work Beyond his professional life he was a man of deep love and was devoted to his family.

He was the beloved husband of Carolyn Shepherd (Deceased); a devoted father to his daughter, Portia Farley (Keyocee Horton) and Bonus Daughters Stacy Notae, Tasha Notae, Ashly Notae.

He was proceeded in Death by his father Albert Shepherd, wife Carolyn Shepherd, Maternal grandparents Irene and Olin Tyler, Paternal grandparents Minnie Kate and John L Shepherd, and his siblings Sherry Ann Belcher & Robert James Jefferson

He leaves to cherish his memories, His mother Florene Shepherd-Williams, His daughter Portia Farley (Keyocee Horton), His bonus children, 11 grandchildren. His siblings Angela Shepherd and Marvin Shepherd (Maternal) & Kathy Jefferson, Raymond Graham, Tamika Jefferson (Paternal) and His uncles Billy Shepherd and John Edward Shepherd.

Special Friend; Willie King

He touched the lives of many through his kindness and strength, he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Though he has departed form this earthly life, his memory will remain a lasting source of comfort and inspiration.

May his life be honored and his spirit rest in eternal peace.



