



THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.

HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN
IN GREEN PASTURES:
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL:
HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH
THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:
FOR THOU ART WITH ME;
THY ROD AND THY STAFF
THEY COMFORT ME.

THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME
IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL
FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE:
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.

Pall Bearers

FAMILY & FRIENDS

From the Family

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, YOUR LOVE,
AND YOUR CARE,
FOR STANDING WITH US AND BEING THERE.
THROUGH EVERY TEAR, GOD'S COMFORT WE FEEL,
HIS GRACE AND MERCY SO PRESENT AND REAL.
MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE,
FOR SHOWING HIS LOVE THROUGH EVERYONE.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT, I SAY, AND WILLING RATHER TO BE ABSENT
FROM THE BODY, AND TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD."

— 2 CORINTHIANS 5:8

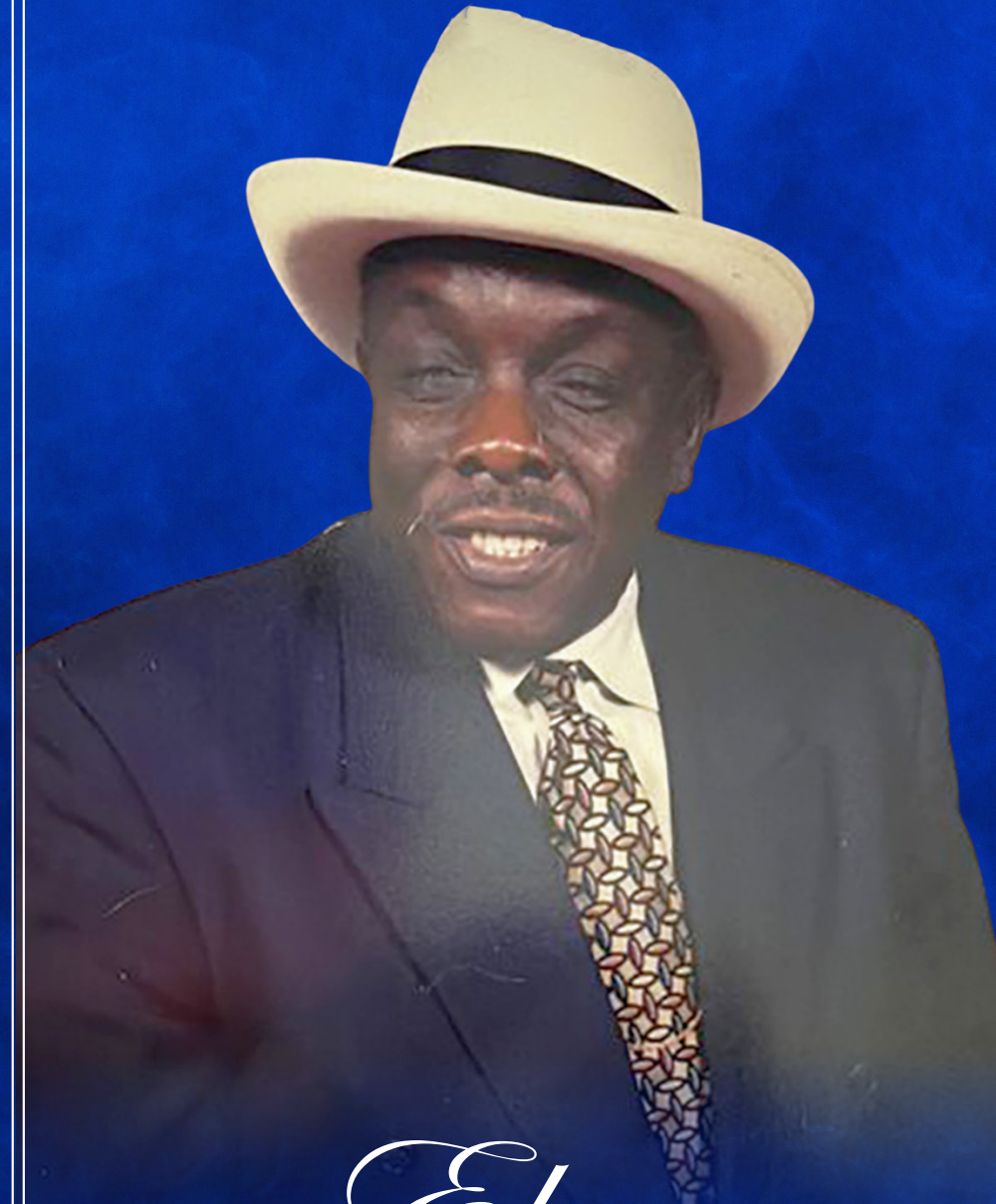


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Celebrating THE LIFE & LEGACY OF



Elmo SHEPHERD, SR.

FEBRUARY 23, 1935 — MARCH 29, 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 | 12:00 PM
SHILOH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
211 DURHAM ST, SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

Celebrating THE LIFE & LEGACY

Deacon Elmo Shepherd, Sr., age 91, peacefully transitioned from this life on March 29, 2026. Born on February 23, 1935, he lived a long and faithful life marked by devotion to God, his family, and his community.

Deacon Elmo Shepherd, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Victoria Shepherd; his brothers, Alvester Shepherd, James Shepherd, Harold Shepherd, and Edward Shepherd; his sisters, Claudia Shepherd, Earlene Shepherd, and Elizabeth Ellis; and his children, Elmo Shepherd, Jr. and Kent Shepherd.

FAITH AND SERVICE

Deacon Shepherd was a man of deep faith who served the Lord with humility and dedication. As a devoted deacon, he was a pillar in his church, always willing to lend a helping hand, offer wise counsel, and share the Word of God. His presence brought comfort and strength to many, and his legacy of service will continue to inspire all who knew him.

FAMILY LIFE

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He cherished his family and took great pride in the lives and accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. His guidance, patience, and unconditional love created a strong foundation that will carry on for generations.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Elmo Shepherd started his own concreting company through determination, discipline, and skill. He worked with his hands to provide for his family. He took pride in honest work and in doing every job with integrity. Every foundation poured and every project completed reflected his strong work ethic. Faith is the cornerstone of Elmo Shepherd's life. He loved the Lord and continues to love Him deeply.

His relationship with Jesus Christ sustained him through every season of life. Elmo Shepherd served faithfully at Holy Temple Church where he served for many years as chairman deacon. His service to the church was not just a position, but a calling rooted in obedience and devotion to God. Though he is no longer with us in body, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who loved him.

Deacon Elmo Shepherd, Sr. leaves to cherish his loving memory his devoted children: Alexander Shepherd (Karen) of Selma, North Carolina; Timmy Shepherd (Darlene) of Selma, North Carolina; Janice Hinton (Ronald) of Smithfield, North Carolina; Barbara Shepherd of Selma, North Carolina; and Michael Shepherd (Daniele) of Selma, North Carolina. He is also survived by his siblings: Mildred Stowe; Bernice McNair (Mack); Juliet Davis; Irene Alford (Greg); Wesley Shepherd (Vivian); and Velvaline Sanders (Nathaniel). Cherishing his legacy are his beloved grandchildren: Marcus Stevens, Terry Stevens, Jasire Carter, Shantae Jackson, Michelle Powell, Sharita Shepherd, Christina Shepherd, Kevin White, Kim Shepherd, Alexander Shepherd II, Markel Shepherd, Jonathan Shepherd, Sabrina Shepherd, John Shepherd, Devon Hinton, Alyiah Hinton, Michael D. Shepherd, and Montrell Shepherd; along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

"Well done, thy good and faithful servant."



ORDER of SERVICE

PRELUDE

Soft music prior to service

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy, Family, and Loved Ones

MUSICAL SELECTION

Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament:

Pastor Robert Sanders

LIFT Community Church, Garner, NC

New Testament:

Pastor Malcolm Sowell

LIGHT House City of Refuge, Goldsboro, NC

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Pastor Alan Williams

United Love Holiness Church, Selma, NC

SOLO

Tina Ray - "I Trust in God"

REMARKS

(2 minutes each)

Family - Vevaline Sanders (Sister)

Church - Terrence Smith (Deacon)

Community - Belinda White (Longtime Friend of the Family)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY READING

Elmira Howell

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EULOGY

Pastor Pete Bryant

Holy Temple Church of God of Selma, Inc., Selma, NC

MORTICIAN'S BRIEF

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RECESSIONAL

Choir / Musical Selection

