



## Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd

October 24, 1941 - May 4, 2024

JOSEPH HILLARD SHEPHERD (SHEP) was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on 24 October 1941 to the late Annie Pearl Boykin and Alton Shepherd. He was the fourth of five children born from this holy and glorious union.

Joseph accepted Christ at a young age.

In 1945, at the age of four, he and his family relocated to the Charter Township of Royal Oak, Michigan.

Joseph was a dedicated employee at Chrysler Corporation for 35 years, culminating in a successful career, and well-deserved retirement.

In 1985, he met Ms. Charlene Sanders, and was joined in holy matrimony on June 13th, 1986, with a loving marriage that lasted over 38 years.

Joseph was an advent baseball fan, played for, and traveled with the Detroit Old-Timer's baseball club for nearly a decade, known more famously as "Shep". He passed on his passion for baseball, as a junior league baseball coach.

Loving, strong, dedicated, and disciplined are four words that illustrates a portion of his character, but not his total being. A mentor with focus, who was as solid as a rock on the outside, but as caring as a spirit on the inside, better describe his person.

He epitomized the type of hard-working and resourceful man to model, who was straight talking with his words, but levelheaded in his response. He is and will forever be loved and missed.

Loved by many, treasured by most, welcomed by his community, and missed

by all, is the feeling that touches your heart when Joseph's name is spoken. His bright smile and careful wit matched his great character, which will forever resonate with those who knew him.

Joseph departed this life at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan on May 4th, 2024.

He leaves to cherish, rejoice, and celebrate his spirit a loving and devoted wife, Charlene, three children; Devon and Tracy, in Michigan and Terrence (Anne Marie), in Virginia as well as loving nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and close friends, who will forever love him.

We celebrate a good man, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, as he walks with Jesus and who is forever with us. May Joseph rest in glory and peace.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

19807 Woodward Ave  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, May **19**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, May **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Celebration of Life

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Monday, May **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
[info@pyefuneralhome.com](mailto:info@pyefuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Barbara Ann Smith-Jones lit a candle in memory of Joseph Shepherd*



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**Barbara Ann Smith-Jones** - May 25, 2024 at 08:36 PM

KB

“ *Keri Burks lit a candle in memory of Joseph Shepherd*



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**Keri Burks** - May 22, 2024 at 04:13 PM

CJ

“ *Gay..With deepest sympathies in the loss of your dear brother-in-law and to Charlene my deepest condolences in the loss of your beloved husband...love Carmen*



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**Carmen jones** - May 20, 2024 at 07:56 AM

RB

“ *Roberta B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.*

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**Roberta B.** - May 19, 2024 at 01:48 PM

FB

“ Our Hearts go out to you Charlene  
At this difficult time. Shep was a very proud  
and loving man.  
Remembering all the good times we shared  
With you guys.  
May the Lord strengthen you and give you peace.  
Love Always  
Fred and Roberta Bennett



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**Fred @ Roberta Bennett** - May 19, 2024 at 01:45 PM

FB

“ Fred @ Roberta Bennett lit a candle in  
memory of Joseph Shepherd



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**Fred @ Roberta Bennett** - May 19, 2024 at 01:28 PM

AH

“ Adam, Karen, Dave and the Staff of Hart  
purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the  
family of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.



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**Adam, Karen, Dave and the Staff of Hart** - May 18, 2024 at  
04:00 PM

AH

“ Adam, Karen, Dave and the Staff of Hart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.

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**Adam, Karen, Dave and the Staff of Hart** - May 18, 2024 at 04:00 PM

DK

“ *Shep, you will be truly missed. I Thank God for you 🙏 and I guess I can give your bed up to someone else. Dola Kilgore*



Dola Kilgore - May 18, 2024 at 01:44 PM

JO

“ *James O. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.*



James O. - May 16, 2024 at 05:13 PM

JO

“ *James O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.*

James O. - May 16, 2024 at 05:13 PM

GK

“ *Gone but never forgotten. You have left a mark on our hearts that will never be erased.*

*In loving memory:*

*Gay, Tonisha & Anthony*

Gay Kilgore - May 15, 2024 at 11:32 PM

GK

“ *Gay Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Joseph Shepherd*



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**Gay Kilgore** - May 15, 2024 at 11:28 PM

VE

“ *Vernice, Dola, Robert, Gay & Eric purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.*



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**Vernice, Dola, Robert, Gay & Eric** - May 15, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JJ

“ *To my beloved Brother Terrence Kilgore and family: May GOD send Peace, Comfort, and Righteousness in the HOLY SPIRIT during these difficult moments in CHRIST YESHUA name amen!!! Please know that the Custis Family is "standing in the gap" for you and yours. Don't hesitate to reach out when and if you need anything.*

*Humbly submitted,  
Brother Custis & Family*

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**J. Stanley Custis, Jr.** - May 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.



May 11, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Jay and Darwana Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.

Jay and Darwana Hall - May 11, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.



May 11, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Sam and Joyce Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Hillard Shepherd.

Sam and Joyce Jones - May 11, 2024 at 10:30 AM