



Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd

January 30, 1936 - March 22, 2021

Reverend Everett Elwood Shepherd, age 85, of Christiansburg, VA, stepped onto Hallelujah Square on Monday, March 22, 2021. He heard the call of His Heavenly Father saying “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Everett ministered for over forty years, with unwavering faith doing the work of the Lord in this community that he loved so much. He pastored for several years at Ellett Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church, and most recently at New River Holiness church. Over the years he evangelized at numerous churches, also ministering in nursing homes.

He lived his life to the fullest, doing the things he loved most. Riding motorcycles and horses, playing his guitar and singing bluegrass gospel. He was a skilled crane operator for many years, a job he enjoyed so much, retiring from Radford Arsenal. Above all, he loved spending time with family and friends, never failing to talk about his love for Jesus with each and every one.

Everett was preceded in death by his one and only child, Larry Gene Shepherd; father and mother, Edward M. Shepherd and Helen Caldwell Shepherd; sisters, Ruth Moore, Nita ‘Eunice’ Burk, Louise Sarver, Claudine “Dean” Henderson, and Conston Spradlin; brothers, Paul ‘Harvey’, Archie and Marshall Shepherd.

Left to cherish and honor his memory are his loving wife of 66 years, Norma “Darleen” Shepherd; granddaughters, Lori Tibbs (John), Anita Bland (Craig); great grandchildren, Madison, Haley, Jordan, Hannah, John Isaac and Michaela; great-great granddaughter Zoe; brother, Jack Shepherd (Dot); sister Frances Flores (Marcelo); daughter in law, Pamela Brumfield.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with John Tibbs and Rodney Linkous officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service.

If there were ever any words that Everett would want to say to friends and family, it would be to make sure you are ready to go to heaven.

“And we’ll all live forever, in Hallelujah Square”

Our family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Good Samaritan Hospice for their kind and loving assistance with helping our precious Everett make his transition to his heavenly home.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

BS

“ This is to all the family of Reverend Everret Shepherd . I am so sorry for your loss of a great warrior and a man of God ! I will never forget him . Sorry I missed the celebration of his life . He truly did make a difference in my life . The time I got to spend with him and his entire family through the years. I will cherish the memories always . God . Thank you for Everret & his Family.



Brian Lee Sisson

Brain Sisson - May 18, 2021 at 09:03 AM

EW

“ So sorry Darleen .I just saw the page with the memories everyone posted ,as with all of them I can say the same ,He was truly a great man of God loved his preaching If I remember right he preached Edd Womack's funeral, I may be wrong but I am pretty sure he did. WE used to go to his church sometimes and really enjoyed it. My prayers are with you ,I know well what you are going through ,but we know he is happy being with his Lord .one day we will all be with our loved ones forever ,Praise God
God be with you love you
Emma Womack



Emma Womack - April 15, 2021 at 01:10 AM

TL

“ Tony And Gloria Lafon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd



Tony and Gloria Lafon - March 27, 2021 at 10:48 AM

TL

We treasured every moment we spent with Everett He was one in a million. A precious gift from God to us al . A treasured pastor and friend. We know Everett is rejoicing in heaven now. Looking forward to rejoicing with him one day. To Darlene and family may you be comforted by God's peace and strength. Love and prayers

Tony and Gloria Lafon - March 27, 2021 at 10:59 AM

KS

Rev. Everett, and my dad, Bud Shepherd (B.A.) were cousins. When my dad died unexpectedly in 2005, Everett spoke at his funeral. Just as my dad would have wanted, Everett spoke of those rowdy Shepherd boys of 114, and Coal Hollow. I'm sure my dad was smiling down and sharing a laugh with this wonderful man. He gave great comfort to a family in shock and suffering overwhelming grief. Everett, may God bless you for the comfort you brought to so many of us. Rest in peace. Kathy Shepherd

Kathy Shepherd - March 31, 2021 at 01:45 AM

AS

“ Sorry for the loss of your husband. I worked at the River Garage at the Arsenal and when he came to bring in the equipment he was operating, he always had a faithful word to say. May God be with you at this time. I live on Peppers Ferry Road across the tower for cable in the white house with the blue roof next door to Jube.



Ann Sarratt - March 26, 2021 at 12:53 AM

VG

“ *Rev. Sheppard with truly be missed. I remember as a kid hearing him preach made me truly believe. I know he is up there with dad in the Hallelujah square. Darlene and the rest of the family are in our prayers.*

Virginia Goodson and Penny Taylor.

Virginia Goodson - March 25, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *What a precious soul, always so kind and a smile on his face. I know that his reunion with Jesus was nothing short of glorious, and he is surely riding his horses on those streets of Gold, with walls of Jasper. All of us at the Cancer Center are covering your family in prayer. Chrissi Worrell*

Ron Worrell - March 25, 2021 at 06:50 PM

BN

“ *I remember one time I came to visit his church. He knew my parents and other family members and nearly ran to greet me! He was one of the kindest, sincerest carriers of God's precious Word that I ever had the pleasure of meeting. Had I lived local, his would have been my church home. You're singing and dancing on the streets of Glory today, dear man. Love you and your family....He's coming back soon and we will soon get to talk again! ...sending prayers that our Precious Saviour will hold your family a little closer through this sad time!*

Betty Nester - March 25, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MS

“ Saying goodbye yet to another great family member, Everette was a kind, gentle and God fearing man I’ve ever known. As growing up and attending cousin Everette’s church you can tell his sincere love and devotion to God and the church and for all the people he ministered to. He was a great blessing to many who knew him and will be greatly missed. Today he is in God’s presence with our Lord and Savior and all the Angels of Heaven so for that I am happy for him. God bless my family in this time of grieve. I love you all!!

Matthew Shepherd - March 25, 2021 at 05:31 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd.



March 24, 2021 at 05:44 PM

LN

“ I will be forever grateful for his kindness and support. He came to Forest to see my Mom (Gladys) when she was sick. Played and sang to her (I have it recorded) He also spoke at her funeral. I hope he knew how very much that meant to me and our family! Prayers to the Shepherd family!

Linda Womack Noble - March 24, 2021 at 05:13 PM

LN

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Linda Womack Noble - March 24, 2021 at 05:16 PM

DB

“ I remember Everett taking me a ride on his motorcycle and every time I seen him he'd say there's one of those good looking Bentley children I know he's rejoicing in heaven I will always cherish every memory of him and Darlene

Daniel Bentley - March 24, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MK

“ Everett had a big smile for everyone he met and was a wonderful person to all. Because of his kindness, he had a special place in the hearts of Earl and Louise Keister, my mother and father-in-law. Prayers for the family.

Mike and Judy Keister - March 24, 2021 at 12:20 PM

CB

“ Charlotte Breeding lit a candle in memory of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd



Charlotte Breeding - March 24, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CB

Rev. Everett I will never forget the day that Benny came to church with me and the look on your face a couple of years ago. I have been going to the church since moving to Christiansburg in 1996 and always requested prayers for Benny that he would come. Thank you for never giving up on him. You were such an amazing man and preacher and a friend to all. You will be missed so very much. Love and prayers to Darleen and the whole family. Benny and I love you all. God bless you!

Charlotte Breeding - March 24, 2021 at 11:16 AM

SA

“ To The Shepherd Family, We are sorry to learn of your loss of Rev. Shepherd, just know God has another Angel in his care watching over all of you everyday. You will see him again over there in a much better place than we are today. May God bless each of you in the coming days as you go forward and as always cherish all of your wonderful memories of him. Please continue to be safe from the Covid-19.

*Sandra T. Atkinson
Lorrie Atkinson-Mims
Murrells Inlet, SC*

Sandra - March 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM

RS

“ Although there are many memories, the one that stands out is, after Dad was diagnosed, Everett came by on a sunny day on the motorcycle. He sat on the front porch with Dad. Had him laughing, cheering him up, and then prayed for him. He even let me ride the bike down the road and back while they visited. He always greeted me with "Look, there's another good looking Sheppard/Shepherd." He'll be missed. Love and prayers to the family.
Rod Sheppard (Archie's son)



Rodney Sheppard - March 24, 2021 at 03:19 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd.*



March 24, 2021 at 02:33 AM



“ *im so sorry for your families loss, he was a good man i enjoyed going an taken my kids to his church when they were little. R.I.P mr Shepherd*



pamala Lopez - March 23, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd.*



March 23, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Roger And Peggy Allen lit a candle in memory of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd*



Roger and Peggy Allen - March 23, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd.



March 23, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ He was one of a kind that's for sure Everett you are now where you always wanted to go through those golden gates we love you and family we are here Everett loved his family so much love Barbara and Ronnie Simpkins

Ronnie and Barbara Simpkins - March 23, 2021 at 05:51 PM



Everett was such an inspiration to me. He meant a lot to our family. I will never forget him and Darlene coming and picking me and my siblings taking us to church. He would teach us songs and we would get up in front of the church and sing while he played the guitar. An awesome man of God. Love and prayers to Darlene and all of the family.

Theresa Hinkley - March 23, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Everett was such a good man. He will be missed by many. Darlene, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Delores Bailey Wall



Delores Wall - March 23, 2021 at 04:50 PM

DL

“ Donnie& Kay Lytton so sorry for Darlene and the family loss,but he's in heaven playing and singing with my mom and dad.He will be missed sorely,he was a good and faithful servant down here,now he can rejoice up there.Donnie and I loved him much and thought the world of him.Love and best wishes to all the family.

Donnie& Kay Lytton - March 23, 2021 at 04:50 PM

EJ

I send my love and prayers to the family .He definitely a man of God. Asking God to bless and comfort precious Darleen.

Eunice Jones - March 23, 2021 at 05:31 PM

WL

“ Wanda Franklin Lawson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd



Wanda Franklin Lawson - March 23, 2021 at 02:50 PM

WL

Darlene and all the family. I known Everette and all the Shepherd family all my life. They came to church When my dad was a Minister. Prayers foe all He will be sorely missed.

Wanda Franklin Lawson - March 23, 2021 at 02:54 PM

LP

“ Everett was such a kind Godly man , every time i would call him for a prayer request he never hesitated . He will be greatly missed . Darlene you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers .

Loretta Akers Pendley - March 23, 2021 at 02:17 PM

TC

“ Such a Godly man was friends of my parents Walter and Betty Bentley I remember as a little girl me and my younger sister Sonja going to their house and sitting on his lap he'd always give us change he had always enjoyed hearing him sing play and preach we will miss him dearly such a great man he's flying high with my daddy Walter Bentley now we love and will miss you Everett....
Tammi Bentley Collins

Tammi Collins(Bentley) - March 23, 2021 at 01:46 PM

NP

Saddened to hear about Brother Shepherd! He was a godly man, with a beautiful heart and smile. Prayers for his family!

Nathan Phillips - March 23, 2021 at 02:57 PM

KL

“ I have know Everett since i started working at belview school in 1977. I know he is where he. Is in Heaven where he preached and talked. All the time. Amen. I thought the world of him and loved him. And love and am praying for Darleen. Lori, Anita. And the rest of the family. Kenny Lawson.

Kenneth Lawson - March 23, 2021 at 01:27 PM

PW

“ So sorry about your loss love and prayers Pat Wykle

Pat Wykle - March 23, 2021 at 01:24 PM

TF

“ *The Vaden Family purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd.*



The Vaden Family - March 23, 2021 at 01:13 PM

TW

“ *Praying for Everett's family ,I will always remember Dad and us singing in church with Everett . Dad always loved playing and singing with him and loved laughing and joking with him. They are playing and singing again in heaven now. Everett was a great man of God and will be missed. Praying for his family that God comfort them. We love yall*

Teresa Woolwine - March 23, 2021 at 12:52 PM

GD

“ *I've known Everett n Darlene my whole life..me n Everett loved to pick at each other..I know hes in heaven right now probably talking to all his family n friends..Everett tell Dad we miss him..love yall Darlene*

Garry Davis - March 23, 2021 at 12:15 PM

GH

Im so sorry to hear of Everetts home going. But im sure he is rejoicing. I hope he has talked to my Larry who has been gone along time. Known him and Darleen a long time. Prayers for the family.

Gail Hooper - March 23, 2021 at 01:33 PM

AA

“ *Lori and John and family I am so sorry for your loss but this is definitely Heaven's Gain! You have our love thoughts and prayers during this time.*
Alicia, Eric, Elijah and Titus Adam



alicia adam - March 23, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Rev. Everett Elwood Shepherd.*



March 23, 2021 at 11:59 AM