

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# JOE

## NATHAN SHELL "TICK"

JULY 18, 1951 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®  
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BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

# OBITUARY

Today we celebrate the life of **Joe Nathan Shell**, affectionately known as “Tick” to his family and close friends. He peacefully entered eternal rest on September 13, 2024. He was born on July 18, 1951 in Washington, D.C., to his loving parents Joe Nathan and Mattie Shell. Joe was the fourth oldest of eleven siblings.

Joe grew up in Washington, D.C., with his family. Besides his stint in the military, he never lived outside of the city. He attended the District of Columbia Public Schools, namely Anacostia High School, and continued his education in the United States Marine Corps. His military occupational specialty was antitank assault man. While in the military, he achieved the rank of lance corporal and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and a Rifle Marksmanship Badge. On November 17, 1976, he received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps.

Joe married the late Deborah (Tippy) Shell, and from their union were born Joe and Jaison.

Joe began his long and distinguished career as a Federal Government employee with over 50 years of service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As the Shipping and Receiving Supervisor, he ensured agricultural products were transported via land, sea, and air nationally and internationally. In addition, he was employed at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the Night Crew Supervisor. He resigned after 20 years of service.

On August 16, 2000, Joe married Deborah Olds. From this union, Jamaal was born. Joe cherished spending time with his family, including his grandchildren. He would often cry tears of joy when around them. For him, food was his language of love. At cookouts, he loved to fire up the grill with some chicken, ribs, and brisket. For Joe, cooking symbolized joy and nourishment while creating heartwarming connections and lasting memories.

Joe was an avid bicycle rider and would ride regularly to work, around the mall, and at Haines Point. He loved music. On weekends, he would sit on the front porch and play slow jams all night.

Joe accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 2022. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Deborah Olds-Shell; sons: Joe (Renee) Shell, Jaison (Ninat) Shell, and Jamaal Shell; sisters: Joan (Herbert) Rice, Aretha (Mike) Mack, Josie (Ronnie) Shell Brown, and Betty (Harold) Dixon; mother-in-law, Melbert Johnson; sisters-in-law, Barbara Shell, Sharon (Dewey) Watkins, Dawn (Stephen) Reney, and Wendy (Michael) Zuber; grandchildren: Jovan (Ashley) Denny, Jabar Shell, Saamiyah Jaïda Shell, Jazmyn Shell; great-grandchildren: August, A’yanna, JoLee, Isaiah, and another bundle of joy on the way; in addition to a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, colleagues, and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his loving parents, Joe and Mattie Shell; siblings: Bernadette Daniels, Avon Shell, Nathaniel Shell, Darryle Shell, Cedrick Shell, and Sandra Shell; father-in-law, William Johnson; brothers-in-law: LeVerne Olds, Julius Olds, and Chester Olds; and niece, Tamika Olds.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn ..... "Blessed Assurance"

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23  
New Testament: II Timothy 4:6-8

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... FTH Psalmist

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Mrs. Wendy Zuber, Sister-in-law  
Mr. Jaison Shell, Son  
Mr. Herbert Hammer, Retired Administrator - U.S. Department of Agriculture

Poem ..... Mrs. Dawn Reney

## Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Song of Preparation ..... FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope ..... Minister Janet D. Briscoe

## Call to Christ

## Recessional

## Interment

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, Virginia 22172



# CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

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## *Blessed Assurance*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

### *Chorus*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long,  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above,  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

### *Chorus*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love*

### *Chorus*

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# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

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## *For My Uncle*

*I have so many memories  
Of the times we spent together,  
And even though you're no longer here,  
I'll cherish them forever.*

*I miss your laughter so much  
And the mischief in your smile.  
When I feel the sadness welling up  
I'll remember it a while.*

*For though you are no longer here,  
You'll never be truly gone.*

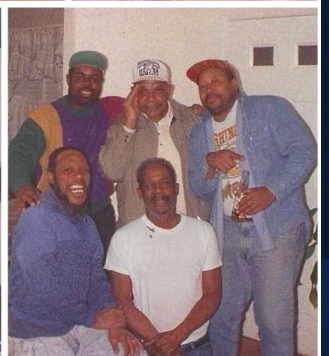
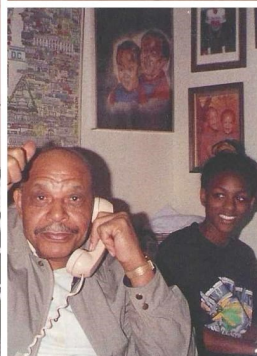
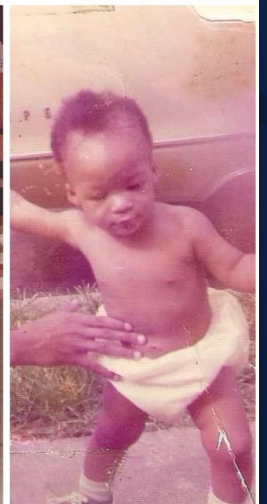
*So long as I have these memories,  
Your spirit will carry in.*

*So until I see you smile again,  
I'll hold you in my heart and mind.*

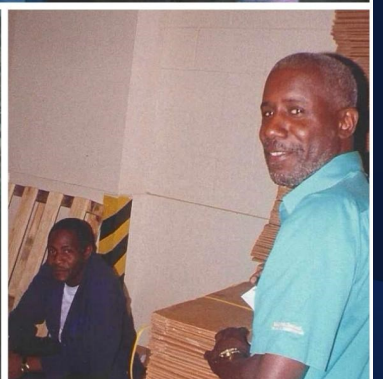
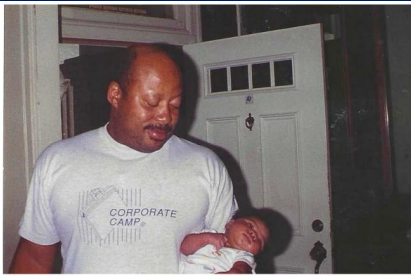
*A shining example, my uncle  
Of the best of humankind.*

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown.  
For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words  
cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.

Love, The Family

## PALLBEARERS

Kuran Brown, Corey Canty, Jovan Denny  
Jaison Shell, Jamaal Shell, and Khalil Shell

## FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

## SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home  
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Suitland, Maryland 20746