



ROBERT HARVEY SHROPSHIRE

BORN:
SEPTEMBER 1, 1922

DIED:
AUGUST 14, 1981

IN MEMORY

August 19, 1981

THE OBITUARY OF ROBERT HARVEY SHROPSHIRE

We gather here to mark the sojourn through life of Robert Harvey Shropshire. Robert was sent by God to live in this world and now he has been removed by God from his station. He was born in Americus, Georgia on September 1, 1922. He was raised by Adis Shropshire and Willie Harvey. He died his death on August 14, 1981.

Robert was a husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He was bound in covenant of marriage for 36 years to Evelyn and was father to Robert Gregory, Stephanie and Kenneth Neal. He was the brother of Pauline, Christine, Aldine and Gloria. He was grandfather to Eric Leon, Maija Monique, Gregory Neal and Evelyn Alene.

Robert was a citizen of the United States, the City of Chicago and finally of the world. He attended elementary school in Atlanta and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. He attended Clark College in Atlanta where he majored in music.

Robert became a businessman, musician and truck driver. His primary passion was music. He was a drummer and began his career in Atlanta with the Troubadors, Ambassadors and the Clark College Band. He also worked as a promoter of bands and received much of his early business training while working at the Esquire Club for five years, the 34 Club with "Cool Breeze" and finally forming his own band, "The Shropshire Lad and His All Star Combo."

Ever mindful of the uncertainties of a musical career, Robert held many jobs during his lifetime to ensure a regular income for his family. He began as a laborer at International Harvester and the Curtiss Candy Company. He drove a truck for the Great Northern Laundry Company and for the City of Chicago for 15 years while working as a musician at night. He left the City of Chicago to become Assistant Manager of the Club House Lounge and Budland. He operated the New Regent Ballroom and owned and operated the Rat Pack Lounge. When his failing health required him to adopt an easier schedule, he opened and operated "Bob's Newsstand," a general store and snack shop that became a community gathering place, especially for youth.

Robert always had time for his community no matter how busy his schedule. Raised by his parents in the Baptist Church, he was baptized into the Lutheran Church where he served as a member of the Church Council, was a Boy Scout leader and organized social events for the youth. He served as a precinct captain for the City of Chicago and was a charter member of the Rat Pack Social Club.

Robert died as he lived. He lived continually in the midst of a plan for the future. He lived with a passion for the direction and welfare of the youth of his community. He lived his life in radical responsibility and compassion for those in need. His life is complete and will remain forever a part of the eternal mystery who creates and shapes the world.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

in celebration of the completed life of

ROBERT HARVEY SHROPSHIRE

Here the Community shall sing together: Come Thou Fount.

*the
ascription*

L. In the name of the Father. And of the Son. And of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

C. Amen.

*the
call*

L. Beloved in Christ. Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God. We have sinned and done wrong. And acted wickedly and rebelled. Turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.

C. Lord have mercy upon us.

L. Christ have mercy upon us.

C. Lord have mercy upon us.

*the
confession*

L. Let us pray.

C. Most merciful Father. We have done little to forward Thy kingdom in this world. We have allowed self to blind us. And pains to embitter us. We have forgotten that whatsoever is done to the least of Thy children. Is done unto Thee. Pardon our shortcomings. Forgive our neglect. And give us a pure heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

L. Amen.

C. Amen.

*the
absolution*

L. Beloved in Christ. God hath had mercy upon us. We are free to live for we are a forgiven people. "If we walk in the light. As He is in the light. We have fellowship with one another. And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

*the
Lord's prayer*

L. Let us pray.

C. Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

L. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

C. Amen.

Special musical presentation.

*the
versicle*

L. O Lord open Thou our lips.

C. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

L. Praise ye the Lord.

C. The Lord's name be praised.

*the
gloria*

L. Glory be to the Father. And to the Son. And to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning. Is now and ever shall be. World without end.

L. Amen.

C. Amen.

HERE SHALL THE LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES BE READ

Special musical presentation.

HERE SHALL THE OBITUARY BE READ (in silence).

HERE SHALL THE EULOGY BE READ.

HERE SHALL THE APPOINTED WITNESS BE OFFERED.

*the
versicle*

- L. The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.
L. O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.
C. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

Here the Community shall sing together: Those Who Wait On The Lord.

HERE SHALL PRAYERS BE OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY.

HERE SHALL THE DOXOLOGY BE SUNG.

*the
committal*

- L. Unto Almighty God. We commend the soul of our brother departed.
And we commit his body to the ground. Earth to earth. Ashes to
ashes. Dust to dust. In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection
unto eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. At whose coming
in glorious majesty to judge the world. The earth and the sea shall
give up their dead. And the corruptible bodies of those who sleep
in Him shall be changed. And made like unto His own glorious body.
According to the mighty working. Whereby He is able to subdue all
things unto Himself. Amen.
C. Amen.

*the
blessing*

- L. The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.
L. Let us pray.
C. Remember Thy servant, Robert Harvey, O Lord. According to the favour which
Thou bearest unto Thy people. And grant that, increasing in knowledge and
love of Thee. He may go from strength to strength. In the life of perfect
service in Thy heavenly kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth
and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost. Ever one God. World without end.
Amen.

*the
benediction*

- L. Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord
bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and
be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And
give you peace. Both now and evermore. Amen.
C. Amen.

SONGS FOR THE LITURGY

COME THOU FOUNT

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount--I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above.

THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up on wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Help us Lord, help us Lord, in thy way.

Those who love the Mystery . . .

Those who live the risen life . . .

Those who serve the suffering world . . .

Those who die on the march . . .

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