

Pallbearers

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| Christopher Alpough | Larry Shepard |
| Wesley Booker | Michael Lawrence Shepard |
| Dameun Heard | James Shepard |
| Michael Mayes | James Shepard Jr. |
| Wesley Mayes | Brent Shepard |
| Elton Pete | Corey Shepard |
| Travoy Pete | Leslie D. Shepard |
| Robert E. Shepard, III | Men of Carter Chapel |

Acknowledgements

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---May God Bless You All---

Please visit the website www.robbyheard.com

The legacy lives on.



Funeral arrangements entrusted to:

Hannah Funeral Home

3727 Lewis Drive

Port Arthur, TX

Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Obsequies



For
Sister Robbie Beatrice Heard
1920 - 2007



"May the work I've done, speak for me."

Monday, February 19, 2007
11:00 A.M.

Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church
549 W. 8th Street
Port Arthur, Texas
Rev. R. McBride, Pastor



"Big Mama",
Your grandchildren will miss you dearly.



Robbie Heard, at age 75

TRIBUTE

Mother Dear

Your journey has not been easy but your faith never faltered
and your heart has never surrendered.

If it hadn't been for you, I may have never known how truly strong
and courageous a woman can be, how deeply concerned a family can
be, how welcomed and assuring a home can be, or how beautiful a
mother's love can be.

You are my strength, my hope and my inspiration.

You are my mother and I love you with a love

I'll never outgrow.

Your daughter,

Fran



Robbie was a multi-talented musician, composer, poet, author, orator, artist, chef,
seamstress, designer and fashion diva. Beautiful inside and out, she is shown here
as a contestant in the Texas Senior America Pageant.





Obituary

Robbie Heard

Mrs. Robbie Beatrice (Shepard) Heard was born the second youngest of nine children on the 19th of October 1920, to the union of Henrietta (Tarver) and Robert Nathaniel Shepard in Lee County, Texas. After receiving her Diploma from Post Oak High School in 1938, Robbie was the first in her family to attend college. She enrolled in Tillotson College near Austin, Texas and earned a B.S. in Home Economics in 1942. After college, Robbie returned home and began her teaching career in Burlason and Lee Counties, but it wasn't until she accepted a teaching position in Jasper County that she met and married Thomas Jefferson Heard in November 1945. This marriage brought forth a stepdaughter, Mamie, and two daughters born: Franciretta in 1951, and Loretta Beatrice in 1956. In 1957, Robbie and T.J. moved to Port Arthur, making it their permanent domicile to live, work and raise a family.

Robbie gained employment as a teacher for the Port Arthur Independent School District where she taught Elementary Music at Carver and Sam Houston Schools. She continued her education and earned a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Texas Southern University. She joined Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church and served as a Music Director, Bible Class and Sunday School Teacher and President of the Missionary Society and Interdenominational Fellowship of Christian Women. Her leadership abilities would also be acknowledged by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the United Board of Missions and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women.

In 1980 Robbie retired with 39 years of service only to begin working as an advocate for her community. Appointments and elections further led to positions that demanded many more hours of her time such as the first Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, and the Texas Regional Department of Aging.

Robbie's motto:

"To serve God, is to serve his people."

Even after retirement, Robbie also worked diligently for many organizations including the "Community in Schools" Program, the Jefferson County Regional State Center for the Handicapped, Region 10 Department of Human Services, the PA Citizens Advocacy Council, the Huntsman Oil Advisory Council, the SE Texas Regional Planning Commission, the SE Texas Women's Commission and the National Black Women's Political Caucus.

For her many hours of service, Robbie's received numerous accolades including the National "Living Legacy" Award, the National "Sojourner Truth" Award, Zeta Phi Beta's "Woman of the Year", a state commission as "Yellow Rose of Texas", induction into SE Texas Women's Hall of Fame; recognition from U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton and Texas Governors Ann Richards and Mark White; was presented twice with proclamations for "Robbie Heard Day", from the City of Port Arthur Mayors Malcolm Clark and Robert Morgan, Jr.; and named "Honorary Citizen" by Mayor Ernest Travel of New Orleans, LA.

Robbie departed Tuesday, February 13, 2007, preceded in death by her eight siblings (Mattie, Dorothy, Vera, Climmie, Leslie, Emma, Robert and Lawrence) and husband, T.J. She will be deeply missed by her **children:** daughter Franciretta Pete, (Richmond, CA) and her husband, Earl, their children, Travoy and Feran, and grandchild, Travoy Jermaine; daughter Loretta Alpough (Houston) and her husband, Christopher; stepdaughter Mamie Edwards, (Beaumont) and her children, Deborah, Wesley, Sandra, Teria, Bernita, Pam and Dameun; **nieces and nephews:** Jean Mayes (Houston), Camille Shepard (Houston), Sandra Shepard (Brenham), Robert E. Shepard III (Brenham), James Shepard (Houston), and Larry Shepard (Houston); **beloved friends:** Dorothy Alpough and Abe Briscoe; a second generation of nieces and nephews, and a host of great-grand relatives, cousins, in-laws, colleagues, friends, neighbors and members of Carter Chapel Church.



 **DEDICATION**

Jesus saw that she was getting tired and a cure
was not to be.

So he put his arms around her and whispered
“Come with me”.

With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer and slowly
fade away.

Although we loved her dearly, we could not make
her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating. Hard work and hands
had to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us he only
takes the best.

Author – Unknown

“Well done, good and faithful servant.
Well done.”

Mamie and Flubby



Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....Carter Chapel Choir

PrayerPastor or Appointee

Scripture.....Pastor or Appointee

Selection.....Carter Chapel Choir

Expressions

Resolutions

Solo.....Ms. Phyllis Kemper

Eulogy.....Rev. Robert McBride

Recessional

