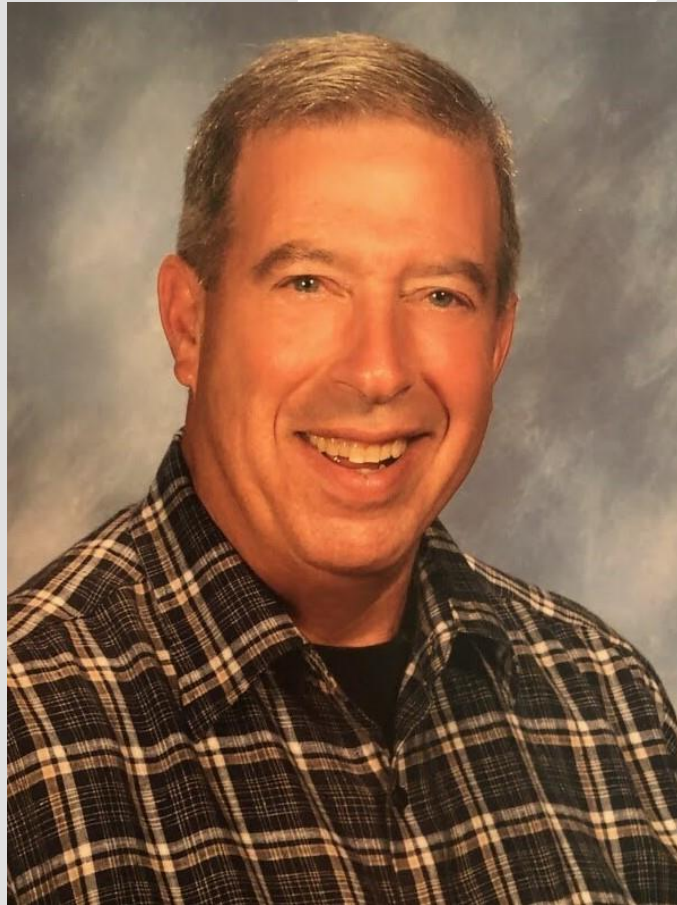


A Service Of Thanksgiving
Celebrating The Life
Of



Albert (Al) Carter Shuckra
July 25, 1940 – September 28, 2020

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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Albert (Al) Carter Shuckra, 80, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully at home on September 28, 2020. Born on July 25, 1940 in Jackson Heights, New York to the late Albert Carter and Ellen Foote Shuckra. He grew up in Rochester, New York and graduated from Kenyon College with an Economics degree in 1962.

Al served in the Navy from 1964 to 1966. He had a long, successful career at the Internal Revenue Service. While at the IRS, he settled his family in Avon, CT in 1974. He continued his career at Otis Elevators, Pratt & Whitney and DBM. His retirement years were spent travelling the world on planes, trains, and cruise ships. He met many wonderful people during his travels who became dear friends. He also spent his 75th birthday with his family on a cruise to Alaska.

He loved to share stories and tell numerous jokes. People enjoyed his sense of humor and hearing about his travels and the people he met. He loved listening to jazz and had an eclectic collection of music. He was a long-time fan of the New York Yankees, PGA golf and the UCONN Women's Basketball team and enjoyed many other sports. He had an extensive palate and indulged in many gourmet cuisines. His kitchen was full of spices and savory aromas. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford, CT.

Al is survived by his four children Christopher, Doug (Jessica) of Burlington, CT, Beth (Jamie) of South Windsor, CT, and Courtney (Messy) of Seminole, FL; grandchildren Drew and Emily of South Windsor, CT; his brother Steve Shuckra (Carol) of Traverse City, Michigan; two nephews and their families, Jeff Shuckra and Andy Shuckra, and many other relatives. He also leaves behind his love Diane, who accompanied him on his many travels around the world.

The family would also like to say a special thank you to Maria, Vivian, the nurses of VITAS Healthcare, and close friends who took care of, watched over and loved our dad. If you are looking to honor his memory, may we suggest a donation in his name to: Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT, 06105. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Due to the pandemic, the number of guests is limited. Please contact Trinity Church for additional information.

Assisting at Worship

The Rev. D. Littlepage, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, *Homilist*

Michelle Horsley, *Organist*

Order for the Burial of the Dead: Rite II

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

All stand while the following is said:

Officiant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

BCP 491

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.
For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.
Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

WELCOME

Please sit for the musical meditation.

MUSICAL MEDITATION *What a friend we have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in Prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in Prayer.
In his arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866)
Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

A COLLECT FOR BURIAL

Officiant O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Albert. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader A reading from the Song of Solomon (8:6-7).

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters
cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of
his house, it would be utterly scorned.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.**
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 12 **The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

*Music: American Folk Song
Words: Anonymous*

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader A Reading From The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13:4-13)

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; ***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Words: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton (1725-1807; Stanza 5, Ascr. John Rees, c. 1859)
Music: *New Britain*, CM, *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. John Barnard (b. 1948)

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader A Reading From First Peter (2:1-10)

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us;
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us;
the prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his Name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is for ever.

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46
Music: Ein feste Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

REMEMBRANCES

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer

Silence for reflection.

All stand for the Apostle's Creed.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

BCP 496

Officiant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence may be kept.

Leader For our brother Al, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
“I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Leader Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for
Al, and dry the tears of those who weep.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him
fellowship with all your saints.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your
heavenly kingdom.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation,
and eternal life our hope.

Silence

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Albert, who was reborn by water and
the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death,
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the
faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Up on the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.

Refrain

*Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual*

Please stand.

THE COMMENDATION

BCP 499

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
All **where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Officiant says

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Albert. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION *When the Saints Go Marching In*

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number,
When they crown him Lord of all

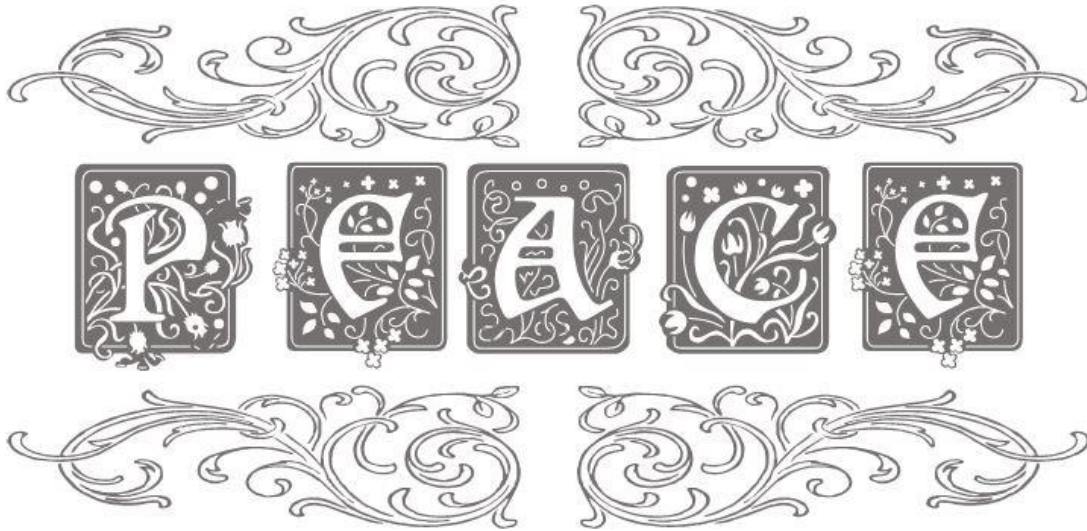
Music: Negro Spiritual

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we ask that only the family process to the Memorial Garden for internment.*



THE COMMITTAL

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Officiant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty
God our brother Al, and we commit his body to the ground; *
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless
him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him
and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon
him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Or the deep, or the elements, or its resting place.

The Officiant says

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

People

Officiant Let us pray.

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Officiant dismisses the people with these words

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

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