



# Vernon Q Shepherd

DEC 26, 1934 - JAN 11, 2026



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Vernon Q. Shepherd, age 91, of Brook Park, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2026. Born on December 26, 1934, in Burnsville, North Carolina. He spent four decades working for Conrail, where he was known for his dedication, reliability, and strong work ethic. Vernon was a longtime member of Cleveland Baptist Church and found great comfort and fellowship within its community.

Vernon is survived by his wife, Della Ann, and by his children Vicki (Howard) Smith, Patrina (Calvin) Barker, Vernon (Sherri) Shepherd, and Russell (Sandra) Shepherd, all of whom brought him immense pride. He was a loving grandfather to Dawn, Jennifer, Robert, Jimmy, Crystal, Amanda, Crystal R, Michael, Matthew, Veronica, Brandon, Zachary, and Autumn, and he was blessed with 16 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, each adding joy and meaning to his later years. One of eight siblings, Vernon, is also survived by his brother Roger Shepherd, who resides in Burnsville, maintaining the lifelong bond they shared.

Vernon will be remembered for his gentle spirit, quiet strength, and the kindness he extended to everyone around him. He was close to many friends and neighbors, always ready with a warm smile or a helping hand. His legacy lives on in the family he cherished, the friendships he nurtured, and the steady, faithful Christian life he lived.

The family will welcome friends on Thursday, January 15, for a visitation from 4 PM- 8 PM at Sunset Memorial Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070. A service will be held on Friday, January 16 at 10 PM at the chapel with burial to follow.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Thursday**, January 15, 2026

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Sunset Funeral & Cremation Services**  
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

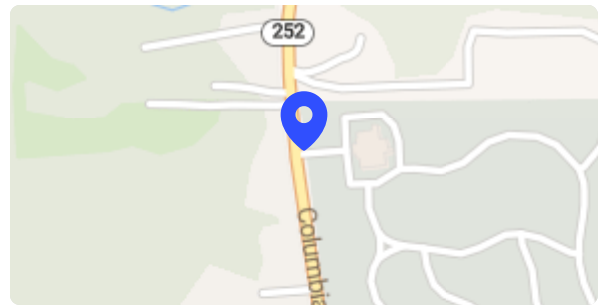


## Funeral Service

**Friday**, January 16, 2026

10:00 AM ET

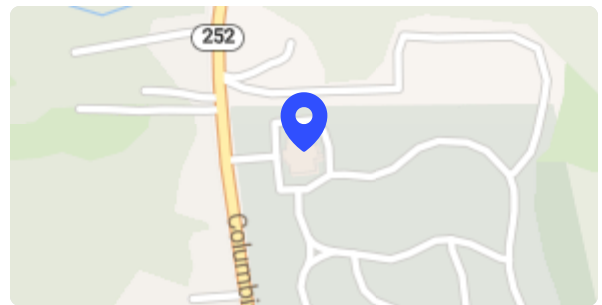
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## Cemetery Details

**Sunset Cemetery**  
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

**(440) 249-6256**





# Tribute Wall

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**Patrina Barker** lit a candle in honor of Vernon.

the most Godly Christian man I have ever known. He not only talked the talk but walked the walk also. What a great example he was for my children(his grandchildren) throughout there life of growing up. Life won't be the same dad but knowing you are in heaven with Mom, your parents and siblings and a lot of your friends including Rick., Louie Green, and I am sure many more railroaders.....I feel at peace. I will love you always.



January 16 at 5:48 PM



**Crystal Claudio** lit a candle in honor of Vernon.

As a child, I would memorize Bible verses and grandpa would quiz me every week. He would always get so excited when I had them memorized! His excitement and the way he boosted about me kept my determination to memorize even more! Grandpa made me feel like the smartest girl in the world! I would hear him tell people how smart his granddaughter Crystal was and how I memorize Bible verses with no effort! I looked forward to that every week! He used to tell me, "Crystal, you can do anything you put your mind too, you are a sharp girl!" I feel very fortunate that I had such fond memories of him growing up. I always looked at grandpa as an intelligent, funny, happy man!!!! remember when I would catch grandpa in the kitchen sneaking a snack, he would look at me and smile and say "don't tell grandma!" and just smile at me. I felt like I was special keeping those innocent secrets with him! Funny part is, grandma always actually knew what he was up too!! loved getting McDonald's with him! And best believe I was guaranteed a bowl of ice cream before bed when I stayed the night because grandpa used me as the excuse to get him a bowl! Lol lol lol He is truly missed and I am so lucky to grow up with him as my grandpa! Love, Crystal



January 13 at 1:54 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Shepherd family.



January 14 at 5:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Shepherd family.



January 14 at 4:09 PM



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KS

**Kirk Machine Shop** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Vernon.

January 14 at 4:09 PM



BK

**Bonnie K' Kinder** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Shepherd family.

January 14 at 9:58 AM



MF

**Mag, Jim And Angie Boothe And Family** sent a Fairest of All to the Shepherd family.

January 13 at 10:13 PM



WJ

**We Love You So Much Roger, Julia, Ola** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Shepherd family.

January 13 at 7:05 PM



RM

**Roger, Julia, Ola Mae & Mary** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Shepherd family.

January 13 at 6:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Liberty to the Shepherd family.

January 13 at 4:51 PM





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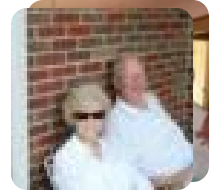


January 13 at 4:42 PM



**Shirley Hart** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

RIP Uncle Vernon. Love, Shirley, Patrick, Brad, Amber and Travis



January 13 at 1:54 PM



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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