## Vera L. Shephard

## "The just shall live by faith"

I was born in Hughes, Arkansas. A resident of Lorain, Ohio for thirty-five years. A graduate of the Erma Lee Beauty College in Cleveland, Ohio. I began a journey by faith in 1970, becoming an entrepreneur of my first salon on Long Avenue after a divorce, becoming a single parent on welfare with two small children. Walking by faith and not by sight, the Lord provided financial backing after years of hard work and trusting that He would bring me out.

In 1979, I later established and operated my second shop, "Vera's Beauty Salon at 121 East Avenue in Elyria, Ohio for a period of two years. I then leased that building out and established an additional establishment located at 1855 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, Ohio whereby I have been at this location for about fifteen years.

Expanding my business horizon, I am Senior Manager of my own nutritional products distribution network, featuring GNLD. I believe God at His word, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health even as our soul prosper."

I am one of the Ministers of Cathedral of Praise. Serves as President of the Pastor's Wife Aide Committee at Cathedral of Praise.

I am grateful for the challenge and the favor of the Lord and most of all my clients that encouraged along the way.