



John Floyd Sherrill Jr.

October 21, 1955 - July 24, 2019

John F. Sherrill, beloved husband, father and friend to all left us suddenly July 24, 2019. After he created his own Eden on earth, he is now enjoying an Eden wilder than his own remarkable imagination.

Born in Cabarrus County he lived most of his life in Rowan County, graduating from Salisbury High School. He went on to receive his B.A. in education from UNC-Chapel Hill. He later received his master's degree from Appalachian State University.

Although he loved teaching, he took over his father's business, The Garden Greenhouses on Woodleaf Road in the seventies, first in partnership with his sister, Sylvia Sherrill-Butler, and later as sole proprietor. He was able to indulge his love for children by playing Santa Claus for many over the years.

A famous storyteller and jokester he cherished his associations with the Jaycees as well as his time as a volunteer fireman. Other passions were scuba-diving, butterfly and bird-watching, the Green Bay Packers, Tarheel Basketball and The Grateful Dead.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Miller Sherrill.

In 2018 he married the former Lee Clement Piper who survives. He is further

survived by his only child, James Cameron Sherrill; as well as 4 stepchildren, Will Piper, Belle Piper, Meghan Elizabeth Clifton and Evan Clifton. His sisters, Rebecca Sherrill Blankenship and Sylvia Butler-Sherrill are mourning him as well.

The funeral service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury on Monday, July 29th, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Robert Black officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Sherrill family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
131 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

PK

“ Much has been said about the warmth of John Sherrill's smile and personality. As one of his teachers, I recall the same warm smile and personality he exuded as a junior high and high school student. My prayers are with his family and friends during these challenging times.

Phil Kirk - July 30, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ John was a kind and generous man. He would help anyone. I miss our flower conversations and his joyous attitude and smiling face.
Janie Lane

Janie Lane - July 29, 2019 at 01:32 PM

DD

“ DEBBIE DEAN lit a candle in memory of John Floyd Sherrill Jr.



DEBBIE DEAN - July 29, 2019 at 09:18 AM

DD

My sincere condolences. John will be greatly missed. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him; I will always remember the funny things that happened and all of the Debbieisums as he put it.

Debbie Dean - July 29, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Floyd Sherrill Jr..*



July 26, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ *Friendships are wonderful and go back a long way. I remember walking to Wiley school together then High School before we all started driving. Prayers and love sent to the family. John was a wonderful friend to everybody he met.*

Lynn Ingold Cauble - July 26, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Lea, Cameron, Sylvia, Woofy & the rest of John's family... I wish words could ease your pain right now. You are all in my thoughts & prayers! John was a kind, gentle, loving hard working man who always had a hug ready when you saw him. Heaven's flowers needed to be more beautiful so God called the best! Cameron, you are your Dad's Hero! Now rest in peace, John...*

Mary Lentz - July 26, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ *John was a humble and generous man. He gave me a job at the Garden when I was in need. We became friends although we only seen each other a few times a year when it was time to plant my garden. He will be dearly missed.*

Viktoría Campbell - July 26, 2019 at 09:27 AM

AD

“ Lee and family, please accept my sincere condolences. John was a friend to everyone he knew. What a wonderful friend he was. I will miss him so much and the chats about his beautiful flowers. God has our dear John with him.

Anganetta Dover - July 26, 2019 at 04:39 AM

LA

John was my employer for 15years we had many experiences during this time He said I reminded him of his dad so much from the back He was my dear friend Ill miss him 🌸

leonard allen - July 26, 2019 at 10:25 AM

PC

Lee, I'm so sorry to hear this news. We enjoyed seeing you two together out. My Daddy mentioned several times what a nice smile and personality John had and that he must be a wonderful guy. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Pam and Hodge Coffield

pam coffield - July 29, 2019 at 12:47 PM

CB

“ Although I did not see Jon often, I appreciated the fact that he always, always spoke to me with affection and like I had just talked to him last week. It was a gift of community and friendship that his personality reflected so beautifully. God bless you all.

Carole Brooke - July 25, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Floyd Sherrill Jr..*



July 25, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ *Long time friend and classmate. I'm still in disbelief. Words aren't enough to describe the man he was. He will be sorely missed. John was like the father of our graduating class at SHS. You may be gone but never forgotten.*

Lucy Wagner Buchanan

Lucy Buchanan - July 25, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ *I'm at such a loss for words right now. We just messaged each other on Monday. &e was truly a great man.*

Steven Frye - July 25, 2019 at 03:59 PM



The sweetest man in the world! This is a shock! And it really hurts my heart ❤️! He was my classmate at Salisbury High School, class of 1973. A love and joy to us all. You will surly be missed my friend! Love Ruth Roberts

Ruth Roberts - July 25, 2019 at 05:17 PM



*Many great memories with John will be missed
Prayers for his family
RIP Friend*

Tony Hunter - July 25, 2019 at 10:20 PM