



John Sanford Shepherd Jr.

October 16, 1944 - December 10, 2016

John Sanford Shepherd, Jr. age 72, of Middlebourne, WV passed away Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Wetzel County Hospital.

He was born October 16, 1944 in Tyler County, WV the son of the late John S. and Mae Ellen Dawson Shepherd.

He was a retired self-employed construction worker timber buyer and a Christian by faith.

John was a well-known singer, song writer and performer in the local area and loved all of his music fans and friends. He enjoyed country music and sharing his love of music with many people for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Aaron, Bob, and Gene; two sisters, Bernice and Doris; a niece Mary Ellen; and a nephew, Matthew.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years whom he loved and cherished, Betty Jean Billiter Shepherd; a daughter, Kathy Jean (James) Sine of Middlebourne; a son, John Brian (Tammy) Shepherd of Shirley, WV; a brother, James; three sisters, Opal, Norma, and Susan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was a very special "Pappy" to all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. How he loved them and enjoyed making them laugh. He was their life and he loved spending time with all of them. He will be greatly missed by all his grandchildren- Levi and Megan, Jourdan and Nicole, Caleb and Victoria, Elizabeth, Trenton, Gabriel, Gracie, Maddie, and Nevaeh; and his great grandchildren- Mathias, Isaac, Emma, Bella, and Tristan.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday from 4-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville where funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1pm with Kenny Keifer officiating.

Interment in Middlebourne Cemetery, Middlebourne, WV.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Middlebourne Cemetery

Middlebourne, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Arnold will miss playing music with him very much.*
(Arnold Cecil and Marilyn Owens)

Brenda Northcraft Gallaheer - December 15, 2016 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Betty I am so sorry for your loss. May the many wonderful memories you have and your faith help you through this difficult time.*

Rosemary Sands - December 14, 2016 at 11:55 PM

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“ *John was a good person I knowed him and his wife Betty since I was little they know me by Sheila Holmes. John was a good singer he sanged at the Tyler county fair.*

Sheila Holmes Cochran - December 13, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ *Kit Litton lit a candle in memory of John Sanford Shepherd Jr.*



Kit Litton - December 13, 2016 at 07:25 PM