



John W. Shifflette

May 5, 1938 - January 10, 2020

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY.

John "Jack" W. Shifflette, age 81 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Friday, January 10, 2020 at his home. He was born on May 5, 1938 in Washington, DC, son of the late Agnes (Dolan) Shifflette.

Jack attended the Linton Hall Military School in Bristow, Virginia. He built a career as a master carpenter, retiring in 2001 after 55 dedicated years. Jack's interests were many and varied. He enjoyed classic cars, hot rods, and Harley Davidsons, and frequenting estate sales, auctions, and flea markets, as well as going to the Movies at Midway, reading, and playing cards. Jack loved carpentry and found great joy in restoring old homes. Above all, Jack cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his brother; and his sister. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Ruth Ann Shifflette of Lewes, DE; his son, John Carl Shifflette of Lewes, DE; his daughters: Lara Estelle Hill (Kurt) of Lewes, DE and Christina Lynne Shifflette (Cortez McDaniel) of Washington, DC; his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his nephew, Bob Campbell (Lois); and many extended family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Inn at Canal Square, 122 West Market Street, Lewes, DE.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Compassionate Care Hospice and his attending nurse, MaeBeth Oberholtzer.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss; thinking of you. Kay Armiger Radecki, Virginia Beach VA

Kay Radecki - January 23 at 10:30 PM



“ Ruth and Jack’s family, a highlight of every auction or estate sale we attended during the past 25 years was time spent with Jack. A wealth of information, Jack was always eager to share in our excitement over a special find or to educate us on one of his new treasures. Meeting you when he invited us to meet at your Savannah Road home years ago, and on various occasions thereafter, was a joy. His love for you and for his friends and family was always evident. His gentle nature and kindnesses toward us, his intolerance for liars and rude folks, and his wry sense of humor are truly missed. He was a very special man, whose company and interest in our well-being is missed. We offer our sincere condolences to you.

Barbara Brewer & Mary Maxey

Barbara Brewer & Mary Maxey - January 17 at 08:26 AM



“ Elsie McGurgan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John W. Shifflette.



Elsie McGurgan - January 15 at 09:13 AM



“ Every one called him Jack, but I called him John W . He is a very kind and funny man, I’ll call him my friend, I will miss our visits. But I have awesome memories from the short time I enjoyed with him and his loving family!

Maebeth Oberholtzer - January 14 at 04:22 PM



“ To Uncle Jack, his Family, Loved ones, and Friends.

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you Peace.

Words can never replace our actual feelings during times such as these. Although tough, I will try. As a young boy who eventually grew into a man. I am graced with the fond and wonderful memories of my Uncle Jack. Jack always seemed to be on an adventure. It seems he would always find old antique things in places I would have never imagined?

Old lamps, stained glass, bottles and posters used to advertise various things. Items that were neat, but things that didn't spark real interest from me. I being a mechanical nut was more interested in the old cars and trucks he'd find in his travels. Like the one old car he found and purchased with the rumble seat that had a dead cat lying on it? I could listen to his encounters for hours, while totally hanging on every word.

As I got older, at 19 Jack and Ruth decided to move the entire family to Tennessee. He trusted me with some of his precious cargo. John their son, and most of their furniture that was loaded in an old Curtis Brothers moving van I drove. Ruth drove her Jeep with a U Haul trailer, and Jack brought up the rear in the old SLOW school bus converted into a camper.

It was just one of the many adventures I had. The likes of which, I will never forget! I want to Thank Ruth, John, Tina, and Lara for allowing me to be involved and trusting me with helping them move. As well as just hanging around as a young teen who always enjoyed y'all's company! It's Because of experiences such as these. I am a much better person today!

I love you all!

Thanks so much.

Bobby and Lois Campbell

Bobby Campbell - January 14 at 01:35 PM



“ Awww Ruth, to you and your family we are so sorry to read of Jack's passing. Hugs to you all.
Darlene and John Zacharias.

darlene zacharias - January 13 at 07:18 PM



“ Saddened to hear of Jack's passing. My condolences to the Shifflette family at this time.

Karla Marie - January 13 at 10:19 AM