



Jerry Noel Sheppard

December 25, 1954 - March 19, 2024

Jerry Noel Sheppard, age 69, of Blacksburg, Va., stepped peacefully into heaven on March 19, 2024. He was born on December 25, 1954. He is preceded in death by his father, Jim Sheppard; brother, James Sheppard; a nephew, Andrew Duncan and his wife, Jeannette.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley Caldwell Sheppard; sister, Janet Duncan and husband Curtis; brother, Joseph Sheppard and his wife Anne; nephews, James Duncan, his wife Tiffany, and their children, Nathan Benjamin, Lilly, and Hannah; and Justin Sheppard, his wife Tiffany, and their children Starr and Allison; niece, Clarissa Elliott and her husband Raymond.

As a very young man Jerry began working the farm at Whitethorn making sure the cows were milked twice a day and the farm was running smoothly. In his later years, he became a heavy equipment operator and spent 18 years serving in that position at the Virginia Tech Rock Quarry. He retired from there in 2017.

After he retired, Jerry Spent many happy years farming cattle with his brother Joe, nephew Justin, and cousin Frank. He loved the outdoors and spent lots of time with his dog Sam, cutting wood to make sure his house was super warm during the cold months. He liked to spoil his dog Sam a bit with peanut butter crackers and maybe a Slim Jim every now and then. He was kind to

everyone and loved to make others laugh. Every weekday morning, he spent time making sure his great-niece, Allison, got on the school bus and had her favorite ice cream waiting on her in the afternoon when she returned from school.

He will be greatly missed by his friends, family, many nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces.

Graveside services will be conducted on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 2:15 P.M. in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Friday, March 22, 2024, at McCoy Funeral Home, from 1:00- 2:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Long Shop-McCoy Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

MAR 22. 2:15 PM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
2880 N. Franklin Street
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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Allison Sheppard sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Noel Sheppard



Allison Sheppard - March 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JS

“ We are so thankful to have had Jerry in our lives being a close knit family and seeing him everyday will be hard to accept now that he has moved on to a better place. We will always be on the lookout for that consistent wave from from the porch and friendly smile. He was always willing to help with whatever problems life threw our way and could find a way to make you smile even in the hardest of times, He could be quiet and informative at the same time. At times his dry sense of humor could leave you wondering but you always knew he had nothing but the best intentions and would do whatever possible to make you feel better. With this greatest of losses we take solace in knowing he is in peace now. Love Justin & Tiffany Sheppard

Justin & Tiffany Sheppard - March 21, 2024 at 09:24 PM

AS

“ Jerry was a great person and was always fun to be around. This is especially hard for me as he was one of my favorite people. We spent every morning and afternoon together before and after school. He would amuse me and himself even when I'm sure he wasn't getting the same amount of joy as I was. He had a way of making me feel better by just giving me attention, he meant the world to me and I'm thankful to have had the time that I did with him. I will forever love and miss him. Allison Sheppard - Forever his little rat.

Allison Sheppard - March 21, 2024 at 08:52 PM

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“ I will miss my sweet cousin when I visit Aunt Shirley. He always made it a point to come in and speak a few words, no matter how busy he was, always leaving with a hug. We enjoyed talking about cattle, farming, and everyday life. I will miss him dearly, and I'm sure Jerry and my brother Ronald are catching up on life. He was one of the good ones, no doubt.

Doris Dickerson - March 20, 2024 at 06:49 PM

RS

“ Prayers for the family



Rosemary Sheppard - March 20, 2024 at 01:36 PM

BJ

We were so very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Our hearts go out to the entire Sheppard family and especially to his Mom, Shirley. Please know that we will give thanks that he didn't suffer long and pray for the repose of his soul. Rest in Peace, Jerry.

Bell and Glenn Jussen - March 21, 2024 at 10:44 AM