



Teddy Joe Shryock

February 26, 1941 - February 25, 2024

Teddy Joe Shryock was born February 26, 1941, in Willow Springs, MO to Nan (Rothwell) Shryock and Ray Shryock. He passed away on February 25, 2024, in his Cedarhurst apartment in West Plains surrounded by his family.

Joe grew up in Willow Springs and graduated from WSHS in 1959. The same year he answered the call to ministry and enrolled in Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO. As a student he ministered to Christian Churches at Nagle, Oak Hill, and Summersville. Joe married his high school sweetheart, Susan (Smith) Shryock in 1961. He was ordained by the Willow Springs First Christian Church in 1965. After several years as a youth minister, Joe earned his Master of Divinity degree in 1972 from Lincoln Christian Seminary in Lincoln, IL. He spent the next 30 years ministering to churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Georgia. He then became a chaplain and served in the Georgia Department of Corrections for 17 years. He continually broadened his education, earning a BS and MA in sociology from Georgia Southern University and an MSW from Savannah State University. After retiring, he worked as a hospice chaplain and social worker with the Pruitt Corporation in Atlanta, GA. Joe and Susan lived in Statesboro, GA, for 33 years. They returned to Willow Springs in 2011, when Joe accepted a position as a licensed clinical social worker with Ozark Medical Center Behavior Health Care. Joe also taught courses at Southwest Baptist University in Mountain View. He was a lifelong learner. He loved hiking the Appalachian Trail with his

sons, family trips, worshipping in a variety of churches, and creating public art projects. With the help of prison inmates and church members, he designed large “stained glass” Christmas windows made of colored tissue paper, which were mounted annually in the Statesboro Regional Library. Joe enjoyed writing letters, talking to strangers, reminiscing with his 1959 classmates, and preparing sermons and lessons. He and Susan sang together for shut-ins, in worship services, and with the country gospel group, “The Circuit Riders.” Joe introduced candle-lit Christmas Eve services to the congregations he served. In his final years, when he suffered from Parkinson’s, Joe enjoyed Susan driving him on long trips to visit family and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his brothers, George and Orval, and by his parents.

Joe is survived by his wife, Susan and their 5 sons and their wives; Andrew (Sally) of Ann Arbor, MI; Aaron (Susan) Orlando, FL; Matthew (Wanda) Waynesboro, GA; Nathan (Victoria) Atlanta, GA; and Benjamin (Danielle) Brookfield, WI; and by his sister, Rhea Anne Mathews, Waynesville, MO. Joe was blessed with 8 grandchildren, Eleanor, Mac, Rebecca, Ruth, Jacob, Rachel, Joseph and Annabelle, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

A visitation for Joe will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 11AM at the First Christian Church in Willow Springs with the funeral service immediately following with Pastor Matthew Shryock officiating. The interment will be held at the Willow Springs City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Willow Springs City Cemetery

State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
310 N. Center
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-2429

Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Susie, was it Andrew that liked to play in the toilet stool and Joe told him if he kept doing that a big monster would come out of the stool and drag him in? I laughed so hard I almost cried.



Ted & Bev Skiles - March 04, 2024 at 07:39 PM

SU

That is so funny, I didn't remember that. I will share with Andrew. LOL

susan - March 14, 2024 at 04:23 PM

TS

“ Susie, "mourn with those who mourn." Roms.12:15. Bev and I just saw the news of Joe's passing. We're so sorry for you all. I had to cry remembering he was my best man in our wedding and that you sang. I also remember when Joe use to hitch-hike each weekend to his preaching point in Southern Missouri. I had forgotten it was Oak Hill where we also later preached. Such precious memories! We're you married then? It seems he did the hitchhiking before you were married. We just want you to know we love ❤️ you and Joe deeply. If we had found out sooner, we would have driven down to Willow Springs for the visitation and service. I've cried just thinking about it. Was it your son Matthew that did the service? Was it live streamed so we could view it? Ted & Bev send our love & prayers thankful that some day we'll meet again (I Thess. 4:13-18).

Ted & Bev Skiles - March 04, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JK

“ Joe was a kind and gentle man. My condolences to his wife and family.
Janet Kirchner.

Janet Kirchner - March 01, 2024 at 10:45 AM

SU

Thank you Janet.

susan - March 14, 2024 at 04:29 PM

WT

“ With our love, Tony & Suzanne Twist planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Joe Shryock.

With our love, Tony & Suzanne Twist - February 29, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Teddy Joe Shryock.



February 29, 2024 at 11:40 PM

KG

“ I am so heartbroken to hear this news! I regularly think of Joe and Sue-Sue, remembering all those years I spent in their house in Statesboro. All those years growing up with Benjamin... I remember when I was sick with the chicken pox when I was six and had to stay in Joe and Sue-Sue's bed to be kept away from the other kids, and that y'all brought Benjamin in to the room to expose him to the chicken pox so he would go ahead and get it over with. LOL! I remember one time being sick, and Sue-Sue put me in either Aaron's or Matthew's bed for the day. (Andrew had already moved out by that time.) I remember waiting for the bus with Benjamin, Nathan, and some of the other kids Joe and Sue-Sue babysat in the driveway. And I remember the special Christmas pictures they made, dressing me and Benjamin and the other kids up as the nativity scene. And I can remember Joe and Sue-Sue taking me to church at times with them. I still have the Advent Calendar they gave me. They were another set of parents for me for the first part of my life, and I have missed them since I moved away from Statesboro, and I will miss Joe even more now. I pray that each of you finds solace and peace in the midst of your grief knowing he is with the Father and that He surely is well pleased with how many lives Joe touched. I wish I could hug you, Sue-Sue! Love you all!
Kelley Kristine Clark Grantham

Kelley Grantham - February 29, 2024 at 08:04 PM

SS

Kelley, What wonderful memories! I have often wondered where you were and how you were doing. You were one the first of my babies that I kept the nine years that I took care of before going to work at Georgia Southern University. Please, later you must give me a complete update. I would love hearing how you are, Neil and your parents too.
Love you

Susan Shryock - March 01, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Teddy Joe Shryock.



February 29, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ FCA teachers and students planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Joe Shryock.

FCA teachers and students - February 29, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Kathy, Mary, Jean, Trish, John, Sue & clan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Teddy Joe Shryock.



Kathy, Mary, Jean, Trish, John, Sue & clan - February 28, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ Joe and I graduated together. In high school, we vied for the top grade in classes that we had together. Joe was so smart; I struggled to keep up with him, but it made learning more enjoyable if I could ever top his score. My love and prayers to Susan and the family.

Edna Rothwell - February 27, 2024 at 08:37 PM

VF

“ My deepest condolences. I have been blessed to know Mr. and Mrs. Shryock from working at a local eye clinic in the past. I was always so happy to see them, Wonderful people. Many prayers and much love to the Family. God Bless.

Vanessa Findley

Vanessa Findley - February 27, 2024 at 02:39 PM

DS

“ Joe was my classmate for my entire schooling at Willow and he was always good at everything he participated in! He had a wonderful career in service. He is the third from our class of 1959 to pass in the last six months. RIP Joe!

Donna Adams Smith - February 27, 2024 at 10:23 AM

MR

“ One of the most wonderful teachers I ever encountered. He was a wonderful man and a great friend. He truly walked with God his whole life.

Marcia Ranck - February 26, 2024 at 10:02 PM