

## Joseph Monroe Shrewsbury

February 1, 1927 - January 30, 2016

On January 30, 2016, the Lord called his faithful servant, Joseph Monroe Shrewsbury, home. Joseph was born to James and Vergie Shrewsbury on February 1, 1927 in Daniels, West Virginia. Joseph lived a simple life devoted to family and God.

One of nine children, Joseph took on responsibilities to help his family at an early age. He began working on the C&O Railroad at the age of 13 and was drafted into the U.S. Army at 18, where he continued to support his family back home. During his service, he advanced to the rank of Sergeant and served for two years in Germany during WWII. Joseph's loyalty to his country earned him an honorable discharge after the war.

Upon Joseph's return, he wed Mary Elizabeth Robertson, with whom he exchanged many letters during his time in the war. Starting his own family, Joseph then returned to his work on the railroad, as well as working in the coal mines of West Virginia. Joseph and his late wife, Mary, were married for 62 years. Although they had many hardships to endure in life, their unwavering trust in the Lord brought them much happiness. Their love for each other, their family, and God set an example of living by faith for their six children and grandchildren.

Joseph was a minister of the Gospel for over 66 years. He began pastoring in 1958, when shortly after he built his first church in Sundial, West Virginia. Following a vision from God, Joseph and his family moved to Newark, Delaware in January 1966, where he continued his ministry and later founded

Word to the Bride Tabernacle in 1976, which he pastored until his passing. Joseph loved and cared for everyone he met and preached the grace of God to all. He taught his sheep how to pray, how to love, and how to serve the Lord. "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." To be in Joseph's presence was to feel love, see humility, and hear the word of the living God.

As a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he was a solid foundation to his family. To be near him offered one peace, joy, and comfort. He was the ultimate example of meekness, patience, kindness, trust, and love. He was always available to offer encouraging words, a heartwarming smile, or a gentle touch. It was a blessing and an honor to sit with him and listen to his stories of fishing or hunting. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. But, what he desired most was to talk about Christ, Our Savior, and sing songs of worship in the circle of his family.

Joseph praised the Lord with his family by his side until his last breath. What a beautiful sight to behold: a man who lived for heaven receive his most deserved reward. "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life." Joseph's legacy lives on through the lives of his family.

Joseph is survived by his loving and devoted wife of five years, Mildred, his six children, Shelia, Aletta (David), Teresa (Max), Joseph Michael (Kathy), Annette, Mark (Connie), and Mildred's four children, Maryland, Terri, Loetha, and Vanessa. He was greatly admired by his grandchildren, Amie, Sarah (Josh), Jason (Amanda), Kristina, Elizabeth, Adam, James (Elizabeth), Katie (Kendall), Michael, Emily, Joseph, Hannah, Lydia, Sierra, and Mildred's grandchildren, Danielle (Ali) and Deianna. His testimony will be heard by his seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Roy, sisters, Gladys, Gledis, and Lillie, and his many nieces and nephews. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mary Elizabeth, his parents, James and Vergie, siblings, Paris, Zillian, Charles, and Lillian, and his sons-in-law, Willie Mullins and Mark Surtees.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 7, 2016, 3-5 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702. Another visitation will be held Monday, February 8, 2016 from 10-11 AM followed by a service at 11 AM. Interment will follow at Gracelawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Word to the Bride Tabernacle's building fund, 706 Donald Drive, Newark, DE 19713. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
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## Service

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FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

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FEB 8 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Brother Joe was a great spiritual and special man. He also had a great sense of humor. This is just one of many of my memories. It was the year Bob and I went to Maine with a group of 8 from the church. Something happened with Bob at one of our stops (I don't remember where). Bob did something that made Brother Joe laugh SO...hard that he had to put his head down on the hood of the van. You know, that belly kind of laugh. Even if we didn't know what he was laughing at, his laughter got us all to laughing too. This was a great and special trip. I will miss him so much. My thoughts and prayers to his wonderful family.

Love, Margie

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**Margie** - February 07, 2016 at 09:49 AM

KE

“ Bro. Joe has been my Pastor for 39 years. My first time meeting him in 1977 I was invited to his home by Shelia his daughter, my babysitter at that time . I remember I was very impressed at the Family which showed reverence, respect, and Love in his home. This is not very common now days. After being invited to his church and feeling God's great Love and Presence I found a Church home. Bro. Joe not only preached the Word of God but Lived it also,I was privileged to know him and the Family. May God Bless Millie his wife, and the entire family.

Love Kenda

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**Kenda** - February 07, 2016 at 09:30 AM

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“ One of the most important persons to Me! He completely turned my life around by just being the most Gentle,Loving and Kind Man and was sent here to Delaware to tell whom ever would listen the good news that Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday ,Today and Forever, and through Brother Joe I know that this is true.

Randy

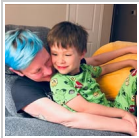
Randy - February 07, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Monroe Shrewsbury.



February 06, 2016 at 04:12 PM



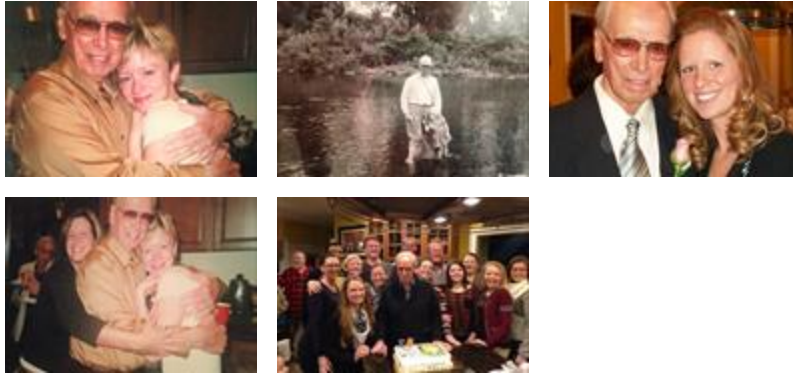
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Amie Whisman - February 05, 2016 at 02:31 PM

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Amie Whisman - February 05, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph Monroe Shrewsbury.*



February 03, 2016 at 07:14 PM

WF

“ *With Love, David Lewis and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Monroe Shrewsbury.*



With Love, David Lewis and Family - February 03, 2016 at 06:11 PM

EJ

“ *To the Shrewsbury Family, I am so sorry for the loss of someone so dear to you ! It sounds like he left you all with some wonderful memories . Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers . Elana from the Flower Shop .*

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**Elana Jackson** - February 03, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Monroe Shrewsbury.*



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February 02, 2016 at 04:53 PM

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“ *The greatest, most unique man I've ever met--and I've met many men in my 65 years. I didn't view his life from a snapshot of a few years. I've viewed it for 50 years--from 1966, when he moved here, until 2016. Therefore, I am well qualified to comment on it. Having known him since 1966, becoming his son-in-law in 1974 and watching him through hardships, difficulties and adversities, I can honestly report that he never wavered or panicked but grew strong in prayer and faith as he committed all things to Him who was able, and did see him through them all! I watched the supernatural God move in supernatural ways in his life on countless occasions. At one time we were hunting and fishing buddies. I have many fond memories and stories of countless days and weeks camped alone in the mountains (just the two of us) and living in the bed of a pick-up truck with just a cap, a sleeping bag, a gas stove, groceries and our bows. I've been asked to do the most difficult thing I've ever been asked. That is to officiate at his memorial service next Monday. I really don't know how I will get through it; but I hope to share some stories, among other things, to help all understand just how special a visitation we've had for the Lord having placed his feet in our paths. I know I, and many others, will never be the same. He was a great and shining light! My father, my father.....*

*David Whisman*

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David Whisman - February 02, 2016 at 01:25 PM

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“ *My heart is just breaking for you all. He was such a special man and he will be missed*

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sandra st. cyr - February 02, 2016 at 10:48 AM