



## John Townes Shapard Sr.

January 28, 1949 - June 14, 2023

Mr. John Townes Shapard Sr. died on Wednesday, June 14, at age 74. John passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at Brightmoor Hospice in Griffin. John was a truly devoted and giving husband, father, and grandfather.

John was born in 1949 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. He graduated from Griffin High School in 1967 and earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Gordon Military College in 1969. He then earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting in 1972 from the University of Georgia, where he also lettered in Varsity Golf.

After college, John joined his father, R.P. Shapard Jr., and brothers in the textile business in Griffin. He worked as an accountant and vice-president of Spalding Knitting Mills until that business closed in the mid-1990s, after more than seventy years of manufacturing hosiery for retailers such as Sears, McCrory, and others. Like many members of his family, John was a long-time member and supporter of St. George's Episcopal Church in Griffin. In his younger years, he was an active member of the Rotary Club and the Elks Club.

He also was a member of the Griffin Country Club, as well as Linville Golf Club in Linville, N.C. John's parents built a home there as a retreat from the summer heat in Griffin; and John grew up working on the course and playing

golf there during the summers. He and his family later spent much of their time in the summers at their beautiful home there. John played in the Linville Four-Ball golf tournament for approximately forty years, first with his father and then his nephew.

Back in Griffin, John was a fixture at the city golf course, where he and his golf buddies battled over every shot after work and on the weekends. He was a skilled player for a long time; over the years, he was a winner of the Griffin city championship, and played in tournaments such as the Georgia Open. He was generous to his family and friends, and he will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Lillian Shapard; daughter, Terri Moody (Ronald) of Griffin, son John Shapard Jr (Cara) of Griffin, son Tom Shapard of Valdosta; five grandchildren: Katherine Moody, Lilly Moody, Townes Shapard, Sophie Shapard, and Emma Shapard; sister Sally Hill of Tampa, FL; sisters-in-law Virginia "Ginger" Shapard, Mary Ann Shapard, Diane Barlow, Donna Overby, Marie Smith, and Marty Shapard of Griffin; brother-in-law Jerry Soloman of California; and a large family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws whom he deeply loved. John was preceded in death by father, Robert P. Shapard Jr, his mother, Katherine F Shapard, and his brothers Robert P Shapard III, William H Shapard, Richard M Shapard, and Herbert F. Shapard.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 21, from 6-8 pm at Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Rd. In Griffin.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. George's Episcopal Church, 132 North 10th St. in Griffin. After a graveside service, the family will welcome all friends and family at the Shapards' home.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to St. George's Church and St. George's Episcopal School.

For online condolences please visit [www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com](http://www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com).

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin, is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home  
1155 Everee Inn Road  
Griffin, GA 30224  
(770) 229-4994  
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

## Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George's Episcopal Church  
132 N. 10th St.  
Griffin, GA 30223

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Townes Shapard Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



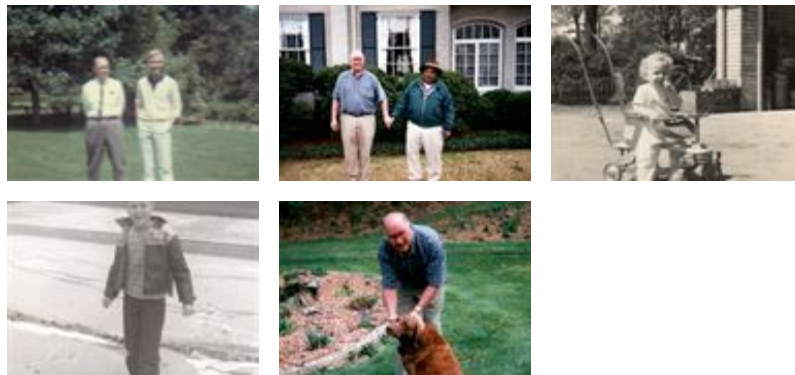
“ *Antionette Hyde and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Townes Shapard Sr..*



**Antionette Hyde and Family** - June 21, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *220 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Haisten McCullough Funeral Home** - June 21, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JW

“ Janet W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Townes Shapard Sr..



Janet W. - June 20, 2023 at 02:30 PM

HJ

“ Howard Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of John Townes Shapard Sr.



Howard Mark Johnson - June 20, 2023 at 09:39 AM

CD

Lillian, I am so sorry for the loss of John! May the Lord comfort each of you. Take comfort of all the loving wonderful memories you have! Rest in peace John. Cary Dixon

Cary Dixon - June 21, 2023 at 01:28 AM

DD

I gave many good memories of John in high school. He was a good friend. Dale Williamsin Danner

Dale Williamson Danner - June 22, 2023 at 04:36 PM

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Dale Williamson Danner - June 22, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of John Townes Shapard Sr..*



June 19, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Townes Shapard Sr..*



June 19, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Lillian and family, I am so sorry about our oldest and dearest friend and all the good times we had over the years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



**Donna Chapman** - June 17, 2023 at 02:57 PM



*I remember John's sense of humor. He would tease you and have a little smirk on his face. We all will miss John.*

**Marilyn Osborne Napierm** - June 17, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ John will always be fondly remembered by his Griffin High class of '67. John and I became first friends for each other at about 2 years of age. My sitter was walking down E. College the 2 blocks to visit John's sitter while he and I played in the little play yard just outside his kitchen door.

I asked him a couple of weeks ago if he remembered that and he said he did. We were Third Ward "gumdrops," Spalding "Redskins" and Griffin "Eagles" and remained close friends until leaving Griffin for college, he for West Georgia and I for UGA.

As high school seniors, it had been John's idea that it would be O.K. for us Big Bad Seniors to stoop to date in-coming 10th graders.

They'd be impressed with us and it wouldn't be beneath our dignity. Calling them "Ten Tens," he said we all needed to "get one." I was 17 and dated 15 yr old Marilyn Belvin. We married after four years "going steady." After our over fifty yrs together, in Feb. 2017, she preceded us to heaven with the treasure of a storybook lifetime of happy marriage and family assured to continue into eternity.

When I visited John shortly before his departure he didn't hesitate to report he was confidently trusting Jesus and at peace - eternity secure..

After our 72 years of friendship I'm thankful for our shared confidence in Jesus. Their future "hope".is now blessed current reality.

---- George Brown (Griffin GA)

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**George Brown** - June 15, 2023 at 07:55 PM

MS

Thank you, George.

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**Mary Ann Shapard** - June 15, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of  
*John Townes Shapard Sr.*”



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June 15, 2023 at 06:31 PM