



## John W. Shrewsbury

December 6, 1947 - January 11, 2014

SPANISHBURG – John W. Shrewsbury, 66, of Spanishburg, left his earthly home on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Charleston Area Medical Center. Born December 6, 1947 at Princeton, he was the son of the late Cebert Shrewsbury and Mayce Maxey Shrewsbury.

Mr. Shrewsbury was a graduate of Spanishburg High School and Concord College. He taught for Mercer County Schools for 34 years, serving as band director at Spanishburg High School for 32 years. John owned and operated Bluestone Valley Electric serving his community as a Master Electrician. He was always a big part of the Bluestone Valley Fair and the Spanishburg Ramp Dinner. John's quick wit and sense of humor, and love for his community and students will always be remembered.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two aunts, Irene Strasko and Edna Ford; and his mother and father in law, Marley and Afton Pittsenbarger.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, and the love of his life, LaVada Rae Shrewsbury; a brother-in-law, Bren Pittsenbarger and his wife Nancy of Carl; an aunt, Pauline Byrd and her husband Raymond of Roanoke, VA; goddaughter, Krista Stowers and her husband Joseph of Princeton; two nephews, David Pittsenbarger of Pulaski, VA and Lee Pittsenbarger of

Ronceverte; one niece, Lisa Witt of Carl; and Bud, his faithful cat. Other friends left to remember his love and loyalty include Jo and Carl Harris, Duke Harmon, Ken Salyer, Leland Blankenship, David King, Barbara Benton, Teresa Farley and family and favorite cuz, Wanda Mitchem.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. James Ford and close friend, Ronnie Wellman officiating.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Friends and family attending the service are asked to meet at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home at 10:45 a.m.

Serving as pallbearers will be Harry Hull, Tommy Witt, David Pittsenbarger, Lee Pittsenbarger, Leland Blankenship, Carl Harris, Duke Harmon and Russ Mitchem.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercer County Humane Society, 961 Shelter Rd., Princeton, WV 24740.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

To view a video tribute to Mr. Shrewsbury, or send the family online condolences, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
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## Graveside Service

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JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John W. Shrewsbury*



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



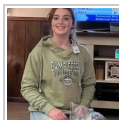
“ *John W. Shrewsbury*

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December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *So thankful for the time you had with us. You were like a father to many of your students. You were generous with your time, knowledge, and your toys at the "Conrad Hilton". We had so many wonderful summers at the lake with you and Rae. Thanks for helping me keep him in school that first year! Your presence was felt at your service and it was comforting; Rae did a great job with planning it all....it was a great tribute to you. We are all so proud of her and you would be too. I hope that there are boats and Pepsi in heaven.....we will see you one day.... until then save a place for us*

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**Lake Winamucka visitor :)** - January 26, 2014 at 08:03 PM



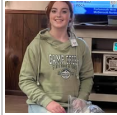
*Wonderful times and great memories. Love you*

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**Lavada Rae Shrewsbury** - January 28, 2014 at 10:56 AM

JO

“ I will always remember his singing to me when I went though the lunch line... "My gal a Corker she is a new yorker"...Loved his and Love you Ms.Shrewsbury ..If I can help you with anything ,please let me know.

Jo - January 20, 2014 at 08:55 PM



Thanks Jo. He always started singing that song when I mentioned you.

Lavada Rae Shrewsbury - January 28, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ John was the kind of teacher who made you really feel worthwhile and capable. He taught trust and competence. He made a difference in my life. He made a difference in who I am. Thank you, John. Go with God. Dr. Rhonda L. Hamm

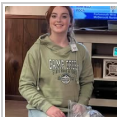
Rhonda Hamm - January 16, 2014 at 05:46 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Howell-Hamm lit a candle in memory of John W. Shrewsbury



Kimberly Howell-Hamm - January 16, 2014 at 02:08 PM



Thank you

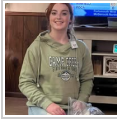
Lavada Rae Shrewsbury - January 28, 2014 at 10:58 AM

KH

“ *Kimberly Howell Hamm lit a candle in memory of John W. Shrewsbury*



Kimberly Howell Hamm - January 16, 2014 at 02:07 PM



*Thank you Kim. He was a wonderful man.*

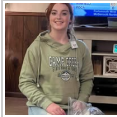
Lavada Rae Shrewsbury - January 28, 2014 at 10:58 AM

MR

“ *We are very saddened to hear of John's passing. May God comfort you in this time of loss.*

*Mike and Loraine Ray*

Mike and Loraine Ray - January 16, 2014 at 06:58 AM



*Mike and Loraine, thank you you for your prayers and your visit.*

Lavada Rae Shrewsbury - January 28, 2014 at 10:59 AM

AC

“ *Anna Crosson lit a candle in memory of John W. Shrewsbury*



Anna Crosson - January 15, 2014 at 03:41 PM

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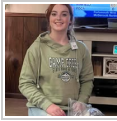
*Mr. Shrewsbury made such a difference in my life. He was a light/ a smile every day through a difficult time. I'm sad to hear of his passing, only for my condolences to you Mrs. Shrewsbury, and for that future children will not get the gift of his teaching and spirit.*

*Mrs. Shrewsbury, may you be blessed in this time. I thank you too for all that you did for me as well. You both provided me guidance and opportunities that many other teachers would not have bothered to, and they made such a difference for me. Thank you so much and God bless you:*

*"Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come. For those who follow godly paths will rest in peace when they die. " Isaiah 57:1-2*

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**Anna Crosson** - January 15, 2014 at 03:51 PM



*Thanks for all the kind words Anna,*

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**Lavada Rae Shrewsbury** - January 19, 2014 at 08:00 PM

LB

*“ Mrs. Shrewsbury,  
I'm so very sorry to hear about John's passing. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. He was a customer of mine at the barber shop and was always very pleasant and spoke of you often.*

*Sincerely,  
Lisa Byrd*

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**Lisa Byrd** - January 15, 2014 at 01:22 PM

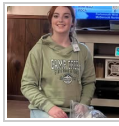
CR

*I sure hated to hear of John's passing. He was one of those teachers that really do make a difference in a child's life. Although it was my grandma who introduced me to music, John made it come alive, and allowed me and my friends to have fun with it. Since those days, music has remained a part of my life, and took me places I could have never imagined. God bless Rae and the rest of the family. His students loved him!*

*Rev. Chris Richards*

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**Chris Richards** - January 17, 2014 at 05:37 AM



*Thank you Lisa*

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**Lavada Rae Shrewsbury** - January 19, 2014 at 08:01 PM

BB

“ *Mrs. Shrewsbury,*

*I was so sad to hear about Mr. Shrewsbury. So many of my fondest memories of Spanishburg were being part of the band. He was a great teacher and contributed so much to that school and community. I know he will be truly missed. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brandon Bailey*

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**Brandon Bailey** - January 15, 2014 at 11:37 AM

KB

“ *Kay and Steve Barnett purchased the Personally Yours - Your Smile for the family of John W. Shrewsbury.*



**Kay and Steve Barnett** - January 15, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PK

“ *Patricia Shrewsbury Karnes lit a candle in memory of John W. Shrewsbury*



**Patricia Shrewsbury Karnes** - January 15, 2014 at 07:15 AM

PK

*Mrs Shrewsbury, so sorry for your loss, Mr Shrewsbury was a great teacher and so many memories of him at SHS , he always had a smile on his face, you are in my thought and prayers*

**Patricia Shrewsbury Karnes** - January 15, 2014 at 07:16 AM



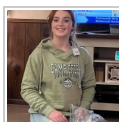
*Thank you Patricia*

**Lavada Rae Shrewsbury** - January 28, 2014 at 11:04 AM

DH

“ *Rae, bless your heart. I have had you on my prayer list since learning about John. Condolences! Love you*

**Deb Halsey-Hunter** - January 15, 2014 at 05:42 AM



*Thanks Deb.*

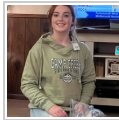
**Lavada Rae Shrewsbury** - January 28, 2014 at 11:05 AM

Amy Dunford

“ Amy Dunford lit a candle in memory of John W. Shrewsbury



Amy Dunford - January 15, 2014 at 05:17 AM



Love you Amy

Lavada Rae Shrewsbury - January 28, 2014 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Shrewsbury.



January 14, 2014 at 09:43 PM

MR

“ Mrs. Shrewsbury (Rae)  
Im so very sorry to hear about Mr. Shrewsbury. Alot of time spent in his band classes although I cant play a note now. Had alot of fun in the marching band for many years. His passing brought back memories of his sweet mother. I still have that beautiful tiny pink outfit she bought when my daughter was born. It was her going home outfit. Take care and trust the Lord for the days ahead.



Michelle Ford Ridge - January 14, 2014 at 08:42 PM

TJ

“ Rae, I just learned of your loss, so sorry. I didn't know John, only met him once, but I know he was the love of your life and a fine person. I am deeply saddened for you. if I can do anything for you please let me know. You have always been and will always be a special friend. Love you.  
Trudy and Mike.

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**Trudy and Michael Jones** - January 14, 2014 at 07:52 PM

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**Trudy and Michael Jones** - January 14, 2014 at 07:52 PM

JC

“ Please accept my condolences, just know that I am here for you, please don't hesitate to reach out, especially during this difficult time.

*My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace.*

*Joyce Clarke*

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**Joyce Clarke** - January 14, 2014 at 07:09 PM

TW

“ *Very fond memories of a great band leader, and a man of hilarious sarcasm. I enjoyed playing drums and marching under his leadership. Mr. Shrewsbury built and led a very strong high school band in that day. He made the high school band days so so so much fun. Condolences and best wishes to Mrs. Shrewsbury who also was a fine teacher at SHS. Prayers and much respect to this family. Travis White*

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**Travis White** - January 14, 2014 at 06:44 PM

VH

“ *We were saddened to hear of your loss, will be thinking of you in the coming days.  
Will never forget the good time we had visiting with you both at Bren and Nancy's  
50th. Anniversary party. Life is so short. Love and prayers.*

*Mamie, Verena and Ramona*

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**verena haga** - January 14, 2014 at 01:27 PM

SB

“ *Rae,*

*I'm so sad to hear this news. John meant so much to me growing up. I can't begin to tell you how many fond memories I have of band and all the time he invested in me. Playing my trumpet will never be the same.*

*Love to you and your family in this time.*

*Steve Bailey*

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**Steve Bailey** - January 14, 2014 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Shrewsbury.*



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January 14, 2014 at 12:38 PM



“ *Many a great memory was made in high school band class. I look back on that time fondly. He was a great teacher. You are in my thoughts and prayers Mrs. Shrewsbury.*



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**Kathleen McKinney Degitz** - January 14, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ *Rae,  
So sorry to hear about John.  
We have wonderful memories of the early years at Spanishburg, as well as those times at the Fair. Cherish your good memories and think on them often. May God provide you strength and courage for the days ahead.  
You are in our prayers.  
Bill and Pat East*

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**Pat East** - January 14, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CB

“Rae, My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this very difficult time. The pic that you have posted on this site is exactly how I remember John. Always smiling and so full of himself. Brings back so many memories of the good times we shared at Spanishburg when we were all just "youngsters." Love You, Connie Brady

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**Connie Brady** - January 14, 2014 at 09:56 AM

MC

“Some of my favorite memories from high school were made in the band room with Mr. Shrewsbury. He always had such a wonderful sense of humor. My heart is broken with you and for you. Love and prayers to you Mrs. Shrewsbury.



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**Margaret McKinney Caldwell** - January 14, 2014 at 07:55 AM

CS

Rae, you are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.  
Candy Stanley

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**Candy Stanley** - January 14, 2014 at 04:58 PM

BB

“Rae I was so sorry to hear about John. he always joked around you both were fun to be around. my thoughts and prayers are with you, may God give you the strength to get through the days to come and for later too.



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**Brenda Bailey** - January 13, 2014 at 11:14 PM

 Kathy Wiley

“ *Such a big part of my school memories; my condolences to Mrs. Shrewsbury;*

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**Kathy Wiley** - January 13, 2014 at 09:04 PM

AS

“ *Thinking of you Rae and keeping you in my prayers.*

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**angie swim** - January 13, 2014 at 08:36 PM

SG

“ *All of my 7th grade class fixed him up with his wife Rae. 42 years of married tells me we did something right. I am so sorry for ur loss Rae. Sharon Akers Geragi*

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**Sharon Akers Geragi** - January 13, 2014 at 06:27 PM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear of John. Thoughts and prayers are with you!*

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**Doug Hale** - January 12, 2014 at 11:52 AM

DL

“ *so sorry for your loss mr shrewsbury was so good to our girls may he rest peacefully in the arms of God heaven surely gained an angel*

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**diana luciano** - January 12, 2014 at 11:42 AM

CF

“ *Claudia Farmer lit a candle in memory of  
John W. Shrewsbury*



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**claudia farmer** - January 11, 2014 at 06:29 PM