



## George D. Shrum

November 19, 1943 - November 13, 2021

George Shrum, of Louisiana, MO, died November 13, 2021. George is survived by wife Mary (Fiske), children George and wife Kara, Jonathan and wife Kelly, Homer and wife Kelly and grandchildren Anna, Cooper, Quinn, Emma and Calvin. He is preceded in death by his parents Homer and Margery (Darst) and brother William.

George was born in Hannibal, MO on November 19, 1943 to Homer and Margery (Darst) Shrum. After graduating from Hannibal High School, he attended a variety of universities before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. These were Hannibal Lagrange College, North East Missouri State, University of Memphis and Central Missouri State where he met his future wife Mary Fiske from Canaan, NH.

Before completing his education, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He attended basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes and participated in the July 8, 1967 Salute to the Flag at Soldier Field. Upon graduation from basic training, he was appointed to the rate of Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Second Class. He was stationed in Virginia Beach and Brunswick, ME, with deployments in Bermuda and the Azores, all while never stepping foot on a ship. He was discharged from the service on June 18, 1973 - Petty Officer Second Class.

George and Mary were married June 29, 1968 while he was enlisted in the Navy.

After he was discharged from the Navy, he completed his education at Central

Missouri State with a Bachelors in Education. In 1973 George started teaching 7th and 8th grade Social Studies in Louisiana Middle School. It was then his greatest impact could be felt. Countless students passed through his classroom door, including his own three sons. To George there were no bad students, all of them had the ability to succeed, and it was up to him to help bring that ability out in them. For him education went hand in hand with enjoyment, not anxiety. Through his lessons he taught students how to make the world a better place, not just for themselves, but for everyone around them. Teaching the importance of not just passing through life, but to pay attention to everything around them. Pay attention to not just your love ones, but see people who may be struggling and need a helping hand. That kind gesture may go a long way in making someone feel significant and worthwhile.

Known as Papa to a lot of people, he absolutely loved his family. His grandkids meant everything to him. Mom and dad were never at home as they traveled the state, never missing games or events wearing out I-70 between KC and St Louis. He was an unbelievable role model and a true friend to whoever had the opportunity to know him.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Donor's choice in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
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# Tribute Wall



“ George D. Shrum

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ George D. Shrum

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George D. Shrum.*



November 19, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of George D. Shrum.*



November 19, 2021 at 01:08 PM

BH

“ *Mary, Georgie, Jon and Patrick*

*My wife and I are out of town and unable to attend the memorial service on Saturday. I want each of you to know how important George was to me. With only superficial knowledge of who I was, George took me in, no questions asked, befriended me and helped me grow into school administrator. I greatly appreciated his support and could count on this support no matter the situation. He helped me grow, was there for me in the tough times and celebrated with me in the good times. Believe me when I tell you, the good times far outnumbered the tough times.*

*The circle of friends that people can really count are few. I'm glad to say that George was part of the circle of friends in my life. Please know my sorrow as I share these thoughts. I will always lift George up when I reach into my memories. Know that my sympathy is with each of you with this loss.*

*My deepest condolences.*

*Brad Hufty*

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**Brad Hufty** - November 19, 2021 at 08:49 AM

MS

*Thank you it warms my heart to read all the comments everyone has been posting. He thought of you as a good friend.*

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**mary shrum** - November 19, 2021 at 08:49 PM

BP

*Mary and boys, it saddens me so to hear of George's passing, but know that I will smile every time think of him. So many memories--he was one in a million, a dear friend and a joy to know. My years at Louisiana Middle School were good ones and George helped to make that so. George was an outstanding teacher, role model, friend to our students--especially those who needed one the most. He clearly was doing what he loved. For him, teaching was not a career, it was a calling. He will be missed by so many. Becky Phillips*

**Becky Phillips** - November 24, 2021 at 04:26 PM

RS

*It's sad to many future generations won't know this amazing man! To this day (I graduated in 2002) I tell people how Mr. Shrum taught my class one day how to know if you were picking up "fresh" road kill "you get out of your truck walk a mile circling everything you see, then you turn around walking back everything not circled is freshly hit!!" Haha!!*

**Rebecca (Becki) Shade** - January 08, 2022 at 07:51 PM

AP

“ *George will forever hold a special place in my heart. He taught me so many lessons growing up. He was such a loving father/husband/friend who demonstrated the importance of family and knew how to enjoy life to the fullest. Prayers of strength to the Shrum family. George will be missed.*

**Anita Patel** - November 18, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George D. Shrum.*



November 18, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of George D. Shrum.*



November 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Levi & Theresa Borntreger purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of George D. Shrum.*



**Levi & Theresa Borntreger** - November 18, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *BHS LifeSkills Team purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of George D. Shrum.*



**BHS LifeSkills Team** - November 18, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *Gary Shrum & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George D. Shrum.*



**Gary Shrum & family** - November 17, 2021 at 01:41 PM

JS

*“ You have my deepest sympathy. Mr. Shurm was an amazing history teacher, I have many memories from his class.*



**Jeri Smith** - November 17, 2021 at 12:41 PM



*“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of George D. Shrum.*



November 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM



*“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of George D. Shrum.*



November 16, 2021 at 10:45 PM

MB

*“ My condolences to the Shrum family for the passing of your father/husband. I enjoyed having Mr. Shrum as a teacher. He was passionate about teaching history to us and often made us laugh.*

**Malia Bridwell** - November 16, 2021 at 10:29 AM

RS

“ *Renee Sevier lit a candle in memory of George D. Shrum*



Renee Sevier - November 16, 2021 at 10:23 AM

TR

“ *Prayers of comfort be with his family. Great Teacher deepest condolences*



tammi Ries-mcpike - November 16, 2021 at 12:19 AM

SE

“ *Sylvia Elliott lit a candle in memory of George D. Shrum*



Sylvia Elliott - November 15, 2021 at 10:04 PM

FS

“ *From John and Suzanne purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of George D. Shrum.*



From John and Suzanne - November 15, 2021 at 09:49 PM

HR

“ *My condolences to the Shrum family. He was one of my favorite teachers. A very nice and good guy.*



Heather Douglas Richardson - November 15, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Shrum instilled in me a great respect for history and its importance to our future. I will never forget the George Santayana quote he told my class: “those who can not remember their past are condemned to repeat it”. George Shrum made a difference.*

*Lyndon Smith*

James Smith - November 15, 2021 at 07:43 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of his passing.. Condolences to his family. A great guy.*

Collen Bryant - November 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

LM

“ *Mr Shrum was always one of my favorite teachers. He made history fun and usually threatened to beat me with a wet noodle at least once a week! I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was truly one of a kind and such a large influence on my life.*

Leslie Barton Meyer - November 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM

KF

“ Karen Funk lit a candle in memory of George D. Shrum



Karen Funk - November 15, 2021 at 06:15 PM

RF

“ We are so sorry to hear of George’s passing. We will be praying for your family! The Ronnie Sperry Family

Ronnie Sperry Family - November 15, 2021 at 05:30 PM

BL

“ Bryce And Doris Love lit a candle in memory of George D. Shrum



Bryce and Doris Love - November 15, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of George D. Shrum



Cindy Poyser Osborne - November 15, 2021 at 02:18 PM

BG

“ *Mary and the Boys: I am so sorry to hear of George's passing. He was "special: to so many of his teacher friends. We will always cherish the memories of "snow day celebrations at your house!"* Bea Goodin

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**Bea Goodin** - November 15, 2021 at 01:50 PM

MS

*Thank you Bea those were great times. ❤️*

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**mary shrum** - November 15, 2021 at 02:20 PM

MD

*George made sure to seek me out, in my first years of teaching in Middle School in Louisiana, MO. He would let me in on the upcoming events, making sure that I was included....and as a traveling Speech Therapist, that was deeply appreciated. Over the years I watched as he helped many of LA/MO's "newbies" orient to the academic world, and for that he will always be deeply appreciated. He always had a smile, a kind word, and a genuine interest in his students and co workers. Anyone who was fortunate to know George, had a friend indeed. Deepest condolences to the family...the community has lost a gem of a man.*

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**mary douglas** - November 15, 2021 at 08:05 PM