



Jerry Shackelford

March 31, 2023

Jerry Lynwood Shackelford, age 85, from Chesapeake, Virginia, passed away on March 31, 2023. He was a member of the Holy Communion Lutheran Church in Portsmouth, an avid softball and tennis player, and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Jerry was born in Beaufort County, NC. He grew up in Aurora, NC and graduated from Aurora High School. He attended and graduated from Louisburg College followed by East Carolina University where he earned his B.S. and M.A. degrees. He started his teaching career in Scotland Neck, NC. He then taught mathematics at Cradock High School in Portsmouth, Virginia for 30 years where he coached both the baseball and tennis teams. He later taught at I.C. Norcom High School where he also coached the girls tennis team.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Myrtle Shackelford, and niece Tony. He is survived by his wife, Linda; children Lee, Terri, and Lynwood; grandchildren Timothy, Sarah, Brian, Caroline, Lukas, Rylan and Kai; brothers Charlie and Larry; nieces Meredith, Jill, Crystal, and nephew Wayne.

Jerry will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband and father who loved to spend time with his family. He spent many years playing golf, softball,

and tennis with his many friends, but his favorite activity was being the number one fan as he watched his children and grandchildren's activities.

Visitation will be held at the Loving Funeral Home on April 14, 2023, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. A funeral service will be held on April 15, 2023, at 10:00 am with Pastor Phyllis Milton officiating at Loving Funeral Home.

Please join us as we celebrate the extraordinary life of Jerry who was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch

City Park Ave. & Clifford Street
Portsmouth, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

NB

“ *My sincere condolences to Charlie, Larry & family. May fond memories ease your heartfelt pain.*

Nancy Bennett - April 15, 2023 at 01:06 AM

TC

Thank you for your condolences.

Terri Coyne - May 02, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JH

“ *Jason & Brenden Hess purchased the Living Life Memorial Framed Art for the family of Jerry Shackelford.*



Jason & Brenden Hess - April 14, 2023 at 01:54 PM

PB

“ *I am so so sorry to hear this. Mr. Shackelford was my math teacher and math always came hard for me, especially algebra. He saw that I was struggling so he asked if I wanted to stay after class and he tutored me until I got it and from that day until now, I've loved math. He was also my brothers basketball coach and a mentor to them since we didn't have a father figure at home. What an inspiration to us all! Always so kind and willing to help! He will be missed I am sure. Will keep all of the family in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for sharing him with us! Peggy Ballard Baxter*

Peggy Ballard Baxter - April 14, 2023 at 10:57 AM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 14, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Shackelford.*



April 13, 2023 at 06:45 PM

MV

“ *Coach Shackelford was the most understanding Math teacher ever! I just couldn't grasp Trigonometry and he would sigh and say ever so patiently "C'mon Vogler, you can get this." I never did get it but I loved being in his class.! I think Coach taught all five of us at Cradock High School. Please celebrate a life well-lived.*

Mary Vogler - April 13, 2023 at 01:22 PM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 13, 2023 at 10:37 PM

NH

“ I was sorry to read about Mr Shackelford's death in the paper today. He was my teacher in Scotland Neck High School when he was right out of college back in the 60's. Years later I recognized him at a several tennis tournaments in the Tidewater area. His son was playing, as was my daughter. He looked the same! My condolences to his wife and children....it sounds like he was a wonderful family man.

Nancy Harrison

Va. beach

Nancy Harrison - April 13, 2023 at 08:34 AM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 13, 2023 at 10:38 PM

JU

“ Judy Utter purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jerry Shackelford.



Judy Utter - April 11, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Shackelford.



April 10, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Jerry Shackelford.*



April 10, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Raytheon CRIB Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jerry Shackelford.*



Raytheon CRIB Team - April 10, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *I had Mr. Shachelford for math when I was in Cradock High School. He was the nicest & most helpful teacher I had. I have thought about him at different times since I left Cradock. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great teacher that I have remembered for the last 56 years. My prayers are with his family. I pray we all see him again in Heaven.*

Sandra Miller Soles - April 09, 2023 at 05:13 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 09, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ *I taught with Jerry at Cradock, we had some great times there. He was a very well liked and respected teacher.*

Mindy Ziegenfuss - April 09, 2023 at 04:02 PM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 09, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Shackelford.*



April 09, 2023 at 02:07 PM

RC

“ *I remember Jerry from Holy Communion Lutheran Church. He actually developed our softball team there. He ask if I wanted to be a pat of the team one Sunday after chruch, this was the mid-80's I think. I was probably in my mid 30's, I tried out I was a horrible short stop, but he kept me on the team!*

Thanks Jerry for standing by an out of touch softball player. You will be missed my friend.

To his family, what a great man he was! My deepest sypathies to you all.

God Bless you all.

Robb Camp

ROBB CAMP - April 09, 2023 at 12:51 PM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 09, 2023 at 03:03 PM

BW

*Linda and family,
Jerry was a wonderful man, husband, and father. He had
a great sense of humor and I often remember things he said and laugh.
My heart aches for all of you.
Betty Wallace*

Betty Wallace - April 11, 2023 at 08:05 PM

MH

*I remember the first time Jerry and I had a good conversation between
us. We just finished playing basketball one Saturday afternoon with a
bunch of guys from Aurora. We walked out of the gym together and he
talked to me as if I was an equal, even though he was 21 and I was 14
at the time. Will never forget that wonderful exchange.*

Max Henries - April 14, 2023 at 09:26 PM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - June 05, 2023 at 11:49 PM

FJ

*“ He was one of the best teachers I ever had my prayers for his family
and all of us who's life he touched may all your relations be blessed*

Faith Jenson - April 06, 2023 at 06:29 PM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 09, 2023 at 12:28 PM

LA

“ I am thankful for the many hours spent getting to know him, watching my boys and his grandsons play baseball together. Such a gentle man and always with such kind words and a great cheerleader for my boys, which was so appreciated. And definitely Rylan and Lukas’s biggest fan.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Shackelford family.

Luke Anderson

Luke Anderson - April 05, 2023 at 09:17 PM

LS

Thx love ya man

Lynwood Shackelford - April 06, 2023 at 12:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Shackelford.



April 05, 2023 at 04:48 PM

TC

“ Dear Dad, I will always love you. You will always be with me every step of the way. You were the best father in the world to me, always so kind, loving and understanding. I was Daddy’s little girl the moment I was born. You showed me how to love through your unconditional love for me and your heart of gold. You were the best grandfather “Popee” “Pops” to Timothy and Caroline. They appreciated and cherished every moment with you. I am so grateful for the time you spent with them as are they. I will always remember our family trips to Disney World, Nags Head, VA Beach, picking me up as a little girl from Peter Pan Nursery, being there for my own kids, your trips to NY and your never ending commitment to your family. You were and still are loved so much by so many people. Your legacy lives on. We hurt deeply and miss you so much but are so truly grateful for all of the beautiful moments we shared together. Grateful to have had the best father in the world! Grateful to have grown up with such an amazing man. Grateful for all of the beautiful memories that will always be in our hearts. Love you forever!
Love, Terri Lynn

Terri Coyne - April 05, 2023 at 04:31 PM

LS

Beautiful! Love you little sister!

Lee Shackelford - April 05, 2023 at 05:56 PM

TC

Thank you, love you too!

Terri Coyne - April 05, 2023 at 06:03 PM



Brooke Williams

Terri,

I am so sorry to have heard about your dad. I ran into your mom at the post office yesterday and it just broke my heart to hear her utter those words to me. Please know that you are all in my prayers during this time and I think of you often. I have many wonderful childhood memories at your house, cheering, and sleepovers. I remember your dad so vividly. He was always such a wonderful and devoted dad. God Bless you all ❤️

Brooke Williams - April 18, 2023 at 05:53 AM

TC

Thank you Brooke, I really appreciate it. Thank you for your kind words, it means a lot.

Terri Coyne - June 05, 2023 at 11:53 PM

BK

“ *Jerry was well remembered by his many students and teacher friends at Cradock High School.*

My sympathy to his family.

May he rest in eternal peace and be remembered here for his kindness.

Bernie Kirsch - April 05, 2023 at 03:57 PM

TC

Thank you for your kind words about my father.

Terri Coyne - April 09, 2023 at 12:29 PM

LS

“ *Dad you were and are the best I could have ever asked for. Absolutely the best. Next home run I hit I will make it a sky high fly ball so you can catch it so I know you are watching. Love you more than you could ever know but at the same time I know you did know. Thanks for always being there - you were always there!*

With all my love and all my heart. Miss you beyond belief!

Lynwood

Lynwood Shackelford - April 05, 2023 at 01:52 PM

LS

Beautiful post little brother, love you!

Lee Shackelford - April 05, 2023 at 05:58 PM

TB

Lynwood, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. Theresa Bard, Mr. Fix-It

Theresa Bard - April 08, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LE

“ To the best dad I could have ever asked for. You left us way too soon, but I know you are looking down on us from heaven, and the love you gave us is eternal. Thanks for sharing every waking minute with me and our family. Your love for your family and the time you always spent with us was second to none. Love you with all my heart. And to my life long tennis partner who taught me everything in life, I'll see you one day in heaven and we'll hit a few tennis balls and I'll get you back for all those drop shots you made me chase down. Love you with all my heart.

Love Forever,

Lee

LeeShackelford - April 05, 2023 at 01:24 PM