



John Cary Shott

February 17, 1924 - October 15, 2018

John Cary Shott, 94, of Bluefield, Virginia, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2018 at his home. He left us to join and spend eternity with his “soul mate” and loving wife of over 70 years, Bonivere (Bonnie) Reark Shott who passed away on June 3, 2017. Born on February 17, 1924 in Bluefield, West Virginia, he was the son of the late James Howard and Martha Easley Shott, and was a member and past deacon of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

After graduating from Beaver high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II, and served as a flight instructor until December 1945. Following the completion of his military commitment, he attended West Virginia University, and graduated in 1948 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration.

Upon graduation, he worked for 6 years as a salesman with Paper Supply Company before beginning a 30 year broadcasting career with Bluefield’s WHIS/WHAJ Radio/ WHIS TV, WBTW TV, Florence SC and KIMT TV, Mason City IA. He started in sales and ultimately became the Vice President and General Manager of all broadcast operations for the Daily Telegraph Printing Company. During his broadcasting career, he also served for many years as a board member and was a past president of the West Virginia Broadcasters Association. Prior to fully retiring John also served as a Director of various local businesses including the Daily Telegraph Printing Company, Adventure Communications, Inc., JanPak, Inc, (formerly Paper Supply Company), Bluefield Gas Company, Gas Service, Inc., Southwest Virginia National Bank, First Century Bank, Pocahontas Bankshares and the Hugh I. Shott, Jr., Foundation.

Although he never desired to run for public office, his interest in politics led him to serve on the Republican State Executive Committee, and he ultimately served as the Republican State Party Chairman from 1965 through 1968.

His love of this area motivated him to volunteer, and he served in leadership positions for numerous community organizations and events, including the YMCA, Mercer County Heart Association, Mercer County TB Association, United Fund of Greater Bluefield and -- his favorite, the Community Christmas Tree Association which never failed to put him in the Christmas Spirit.

Being a grateful graduate of WVU, he was a steadfast supporter and served on the

Visiting Committee of the WVU School of Journalism and was a board member and President of the West Virginia University Foundation. His commitment to WVU resulted in him being recognized as a Most Loyal West Virginian in 1991 and he was awarded the Order of Vandalia in 1993.

His service to higher education was not limited to WVU; he also served on the West Virginia Board of Regents, the Concord College Foundation and was Chairman of the Cornerstone Campaign for Bluefield State College.

Never one to seek recognition for his public service, he was, nevertheless the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Legion Riley Vest Post No. 9 Distinguished Citizen Award, the Bluefield Jaycees Man of the Year, and he received the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award.

His commitment to his country and community was only surpassed by his love and devotion to his family. He especially enjoyed family occasions and went to great lengths to gather family together as often as possible. His quiet strength, impeccable integrity, humility, and playful sense of humor will be greatly missed by those of us left behind.

In addition to his parents and his wife, John was preceded in death by his brothers, Edwin E. "Ned" Shott and James Howard Shott, Jr., his brother-in-law, John Kayle Reark, and wife, Katherine "Katie" Reark", grandson, Jeffrey Edward Shott, nephew, Robert Bradford Shott and niece, Linda Sue Marinko,

He is survived by his two sons, John H. Shott and his wife, Katherine, and Michael R. Shott and his wife, Sandra, daughter-in-law, Karen Atkins Shott, five cherished grandchildren (to whom he was simply "Grandy"), James Christopher Shott, Andrew Michael Shott, Jason Cary Shott, Adam Cary Shott and Martha Jane Shott, eight great grandchildren, Ethan Andrew Shott, Mason John Robert Shott, James Coolidge Shott, John Tyler Shott, Poppy Belle Shott, Evelyn Bonivere Shott, Cary Woods Selkirk and Samuel Michael Shott, numerous nieces and nephews and his devoted caregivers, Linda Howard, Anna Howard, Fern Bell, Martha Perdue, Margaret Shrewsbury and Jessica Shimel, for whose efforts the family is deeply grateful.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Craig Hammond officiating. Friends may visit with the family prior to the service from 12:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A private burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to either the Bluefield Union Mission or the Community Foundation of the Virginia's

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery

**Monte Vista Park
Cemetery**

Bluefield, WV, 24701

Events

OCT 20 Visitation 12:30PM - 02:00PM

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV, US,
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OCT 20 Memorial Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ To my classmate, John & family,
God grant eternal rest & peace to your dear Father. You are in my thoughts & prayers!
Warmly,
Ginny Chryssikos

Virginia Chryssikos - October 24, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ John, Mike, and Family,
We wish to extend our condolences on the death of your father and loved one. He was a good man who did great things for our community and the State of West Virginia.
We will remember you in our prayers.
John and Brenda Frazier

John and Brenda Frazier - October 21, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Cary Shott.



October 19, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ John and Bonnie were the perfect example of a loving marriage and devoted to their family and to their community. John was so sweet to my mother as she lived across the hall at Glenwood from his own mother, always stopping by to say hello and check on her. John and Mike your father was loved and respected by many and how blessed you were to have him share in your life for so long. May it bring peace to your heart knowing that he is now with the love of his life and that one day you will see them both again.
Fran and Pip

FRAN AND PIP ALBA - October 19, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ So saddened to learn the news of your dad's loss, John and Mike. My dad always spoke so highly of him, and he and your mother were so very kind to me when my parents passed away. Tim and I send you all our thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Jackson and Tim Humes

Debbie Jackson and Tim Humes - October 19, 2018 at 03:07 AM



“ Mr. Shott was the sweetest and kindest person and I have missed seeing him in the office every day over the last few years.
He is reunited with his beloved Bonnie now.
He will be missed by so many.
Prayers for the family.

Denise Underwood - October 17, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. He stands tall looking back on my broadcast career as a gentleman who worked very hard to do the right thing. God bless the family during these times.

Edward Esposito - October 17, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ John, So sorry to learn of the death of your father. May God bless and comfort you during this very difficult time.

Rodney A. Pyles

Rodney A. Pyles - October 17, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ John and Mike. I am so sorry for your loss. As you two may know, your Dad coached me, challenged me and encouraged me during the 11 years I worked at WHIS-TV. Not only is it a huge loss to the family, but also to the community.
Al Marra

Al Marra - October 17, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ Sad to hear of John passing. We shared so many things in our friendship and my employment with the stations. He was one of the best, if not the best, supervisors I ever knew; always fair and considerate. My deepest sympathy to you two "boys" and the whole family.
Kenneth Dick

Kenneth Dick - October 17, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ Sad to hear of this passing of one of the finest gentlemen in my radio/tv experiences. Always a smile...always a kind word...always respect. May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his amazing family. All my love!

Mary Jo Babbitt - October 17, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ For many of us, John C. Was an icon in the community. For you, he was a father and a family member. May Christ send you peace in your time of grief.

Rich Nuckolls - October 17, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ Our prayers and sympathy to The Shott Family! My Mom and Dad always spoke very highly of both John and Bonnie and considered them friends. Their contributions to Bluefield were many and they will be deeply missed. May your family know God's peace and love in this sad time. Blessings, Lindsey Grubb and Bruce Barilla

Lindsey Grubb Barilla - October 16, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ I worked for and with John for many years. ALWAYS A TRUE GENTLEMEN. He was a very positive influence in my professional life. My deepest sympathy to Mike and John.
A good man is never forgotten.
Bob Moore

Robert Moore - October 16, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for you all. Dad shared many a story about the antics of the fellows of Jefferson St.....more than a few included John C. Perfection holds those we cherish, until we are one day reunited.

