



Russell Lee Shepherd

April 12, 1951 - October 3, 2009

Russell Lee Shepherd, age 58, of Newport, passed away at his home in Newport, Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Russell was a teacher having taught for 34 years. He spent 24 of those years at Del Rio as a classroom teacher/librarian. Because of his love for Del Rio children, he returned to Del Rio to serve as After School Director where he continued to enrich the lives of Del Rio students. Russell had also worked at Popcorn Video for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Mary Ottinger Shepherd, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Solon Ottinger and Judge and Mrs. George Shepherd.

Survivors include brother Jack Shepherd Jr. , niece Kim Smith, great niece Hannah Smith, great nephew Eli Smith, aunts and uncles, Ila Ruth LaFollette, Clyde and Nadine Ottinger, of Greeneville, Wilma and Ted Shelton of Parrottsville, Elsie Hensley of Greeneville, Louella Hensley of Arizona, Barbara Ottinger of Greeneville, and Betty Ottinger of Parrottsville, Anna Kate Teague of Oak Ridge, Helen Gorman of Newport, special friends and caregivers Tammie and Mark Rathbone, Glenda and Creed McMahan , and many other family and friends.

Special thank you to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice, Dr. Kenneth Hill, Sherry Uerkwitz, and Elena Obryon.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 4 p.m., Sunday October 18, 2009 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Eulogy by Judge Ben Hooper. Receiving of

friends will be from 2-4 p.m. prior to the services.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Del Rio School, 500 South Hwy 107, Del Rio, Tn 37727.

Family and friends may sign on-line at:www.manesfuneralhome.com

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Lee Shepherd*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Mr. Shepherd will always be remebered in our home and our hearts.*

Rebecca Ledford and Patrick Mathes - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of Russell's passing. We had so many good times together in high school. He lived around the corner from me. He spent his life giving to others. He will be missed.*

Judy Rush Wilde - October 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a privilege to have known Russell. He will be long remembered by many. With profound and sincere sympathy,
Deborah McGee Dempsey*

Deborah McGee Dempsey - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to family and friends of Russell. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

Delia Bragg McCreary - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *God bless you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Meka Henderson - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ HE WAS A WONDERFUL TEACHER I HAD HIM AS A TEACHER AT EDMONTON ELEMENTARY. GODS BLESS THE FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. TAMATHA MASONER HALL

TAMATHA MASONER HALL - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ russell was a great teacher and a great human being.he will be sadly missed.

renee williamson - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I cannot help but be sorrowful at Russells' passing. Not sorrow for him but sorrow for me. He was such a great and compassionate man, always so funny and caring. He was one of a kind. I will miss my friend and his laughter often, but our loss is Heave

Karen and Roger Butler - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Thinking and praying you all in the time of your need. May God bless you and keep you. Susan

Susan Harrison Hardy - October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Jack, I am so sorry to hear about Russell's death. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayer.

Darby Wood Hutchison - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Russell will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. I really enjoyed working with him at Popcorn Video. He was a very dedicated teacher. It was a privilege to have know him. Good Bye Russell

Shawn lery - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Thank you for your many years of service to the students at Del Rio School. We will never forget you!

Katie Bible Fletcher - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Mr. Shepherd taught my children at Edgemont and they just loved him. And as they grew we keep in touch thru the video store. He was a wonderful and kind-hearted man an d will be missed terribly. My condolences to his family.

Nancy Crumbley - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Russell- God must have needed some more laughter in Heaven! After just meeting you one time and after hearing your family talk so fondly of you, I feel blessed to have met you. You had such a wonderful sense of humor and you brought a smile to everyone's

Teri Cortines - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Russell's passing. He was always smiling and was one of the kindest persons I ever knew. I believe he was voted "Class Favorite" his senior year at Two Rivers High School and was a friend to everyone.

Rick and Debbie Allen - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Russell I can't believe you are gone. It will not be the same visiting Newport without you there. You were one of the funniest people I've ever known. I will miss you so much! When you get to heaven, give my Mom a hug for me. I love you!*

Lisa Hukill - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Russell Lee Shepherd*

Jason McMahan& family - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *remembering your smile as a student an now being an adult thank you .you will be missed*

paulette gibson - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Russell made a difference in this world. I will miss his humor and his kindness toward others.*

Donna (Lyn) Hartman - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Russell, You could always make me laugh. I will never forget you and neither will the kids whose lives you touched throughout the years.*

Alice Miller - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ JACK: I WANT TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU DURING THE HOME GOING OF RUSSELL. HE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE YOUR EMPLOYEES (GIRLS) LAUGHING WHEN HE CAME TO THE OFFICE. MAY GOD SUSTAIN YOU.

Adell S. Davis - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I remember many happy times spent with Russell and his awesome mother. Always smiling, always fun-those are the memories I will hold dear.

Becky (Martin) Weis - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was a wonderful person and a great teacher. He will be deeply missed by all.

Shanessa Johnson - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ So sorry to hear of Russell's passing. As a young person, Russell was always so kind, personable and giving. Between his smile and his glowing hair, I don't know of anyone who wasn't inspired in his presence. Thoughts and prayers are with Russell's f

Patti Zimmerman - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Russell was one of the greatest people I've ever known and I was blessed to get to be his friend. No matter what he could make me laugh. He was a wonderful friend and teacher. I will miss him alot at least he doesn't have to suffer anymore. I love you Rus

Amanda Freshour - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ jack, i am so sorry to hear about the loss of russell. your family is on our church prayer list

liz mcnabb - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Russell, this is really hard for me to say good-bye to you...the loss is huge. But, my memories will go on forever and bring happiness to my heart for years to come. You touched so many lives and have meant so much to so many people. I had so much respect

Jackie Gorman - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Russell was such a blessing to the children he taught and the people he knew. May you rest in peace forever.

Steve Shaver - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Russell was a neighbor while we were growing up and a friend and fellow teacher when we were adults. He was a wonderful person and dedicated to his profession I remember him learning sign language so he could communicate with children with hearing problem

Charlotte (Davis) Grooms - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ jack and family, i deeply regret that i did not know sooner that russell died. my apologies to you and your family. russell was my daughter marylynns first grade teacher and i also used to go to your grandfathers law office to chat with him and look at th

wilma hill shropshire - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mr Shepherd was a teacher of mine many years ago at edgemont and after I was grown I went to popcorn video and he still remembered me by name after all those years! He was a all around great person.*

Jean Lovell & Family - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *To my dear friend, Russell. You will always be in my heart and soul and I will miss you dearly. To Jack and the whole family, I want you to know that your family seemed like a part of mine and I will never forget those memories. May God Bless you during*

Patty Hughes - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Jack, I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Linnie Cline Denton - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *We are so sad to read of Russell's passing. He was a good guy who made you smile anytime you saw him. Jack, we're so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts.*

Carolyne and Don Fox - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *When we think of Russell, I will always remember how important He was in the live's of His classroom children. Wiley & Kate*

Wiley & Kate Morgan - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We will always smile when we remember Russell, and we WILL think of him often. He was a special person, a great friend, and a joy to be around. I am glad to have known him so many years. I will miss him.

Linda, Mark, and Evan Sanders - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Russel's death. He will long be remembered by all. Midge(Hall)& Larry Shults

midge shults - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Russell Lee Shepherd*

Jamie Cody, Lindsey and Cody Naillon - October 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Russe was a wonderful person. I knew him first as a student and then as a friend later in life. He gave me insight on our shared profession. He will be missed by all that knew him.*

Kim Gregg - October 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *Russell was a good friend. He always seemed to be smiling whenever I saw him...and there was always a funny story to tell and gossip to share. He will be missed, because this world needed more people just like him, not less. Rest now, dear friend.*

William Woody - October 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM