



## John D. Shoemaker Jr.

February 13, 2021

John D. Shoemaker, Jr., 77, of Pilesgrove passed away on February 13, 2021. Born in Philadelphia, John was the son of John & Phyllis Shoemaker. He retired from BF Goodrich and had served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. A DJ for many weddings and parties, he was known as Papa John and got excited when people recognized him as such. He loved to karaoke as well and he and Annamae would often go out to different places to partake in such events. He was a member of the VFW, loved Mopar Cars, and the symbol of America the Bald Eagle.

Survived by his wife Annamae (Giordano); children, Lee Randolph and his wife Patricia, Dan Shoemaker, Sr. and his wife Beverly, Jeffrey Shoemaker and his wife Shannon and Samantha Williams and her husband Michael Sr.); siblings, Thomas, Robert and Joe Shoemaker, Nancy Beck and Teresa Nelson; grandchildren, Mark, Heather, Danny Jr., Tyler, Douglas, Josh, Madelyn, Dominic, Michael, Jr., Marissa and Andrew Williams and four great grandchildren, Joey, Martino, Maeryn and Finn. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Penny Quartapella.

A viewing will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021 from 10 until 12 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ 08098 with the service to follow at 12 PM. The family has suggested that donations be sent to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Salem County Veterans

125 Cemetery Rd.  
Mannington, NJ

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home  
64 Broad St.  
Woodstown, NJ 08098  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *There aren't enough words to express how greatly you touched my life with your friendship. I will forever treasure all the memories shared with you and your family.  
Love Always, B.C.*

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**B.C Stewart** - February 20, 2021 at 04:47 PM

SW

“ *I worked with John for at least 10 Years, he took all new mechanics under his wing, and there were a lot of us at the BF Goodrich/Geon/Polyone/ Plant over the years. His knowledge of the plant and his experience over the years helped shape me and many others to continue on with his work, I learned a lot from him, I was saddened by the news of his passing. He was always friendly, had a great sense of humor, I was hoping to run into him at a car show soon. Papa John will be missed by all that knew him. My sincere condolences to his family that he often spoke of.*

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**Scott A Willmot** - February 19, 2021 at 01:54 PM

MI

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Mickey** - February 19, 2021 at 11:42 AM

CP

“ *Shoe, it was with deep sadness when I heard of your passing. I will remember the years that we bowled together on Thursday nights, and the year I bowled with you during the Labor Day Bowl-a-thon. We had fun. You will be deeply missed. RIP my friend. My condolences to your family on your loss.*

*June, Clint and Jack Proffitt*

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**Clint Proffitt** - February 19, 2021 at 11:35 AM

KK

“ *Annamae, so sorry to hear of Papa John's passing. I will always remember very fondly our conversation and friendship, and of course the karaoke singing we shared at Janey's. He was a special man and you a very lucky lady to have him in you life. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Karol Kemmerer** - February 19, 2021 at 10:44 AM

PB

“ *Sending love to all my dear cousins during this difficult time. Although I cannot be with you today, know I am with you in spirit. Johnny will forever be remembered for his kind spirit and his humor. Love, Pat*

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**Patrick Bresnahan** - February 19, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JG

“ *Well Johnny you have come full circle. You now know the mystery of God and his son Christ Jesus. Annamae and family and many of us will see you again. We have that promise that where you are in soul and spirit , there is paradise, where you can lye down with the Lion and the Lamb. Thank you Jesus!*

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**John Giordano** - February 19, 2021 at 09:01 AM

AH

“ Words cannot express how heartbroken we are about the passing of "Papa John". My sister and I did not have a father in our lives until we met your family. AnnaMae and John welcomed us both into their family the moment we set foot into their house many years ago after becoming very close friends with Sam in choir. Giving them the title Mama Shoe and Papa John. That led to many late nights singing karaoke in their living room and extra pounds after eating all of Mama Shoe's delicious snacks. We never left their house feeling hungry or unloved. This truly hurts on many levels and our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Love Always,

Connie and Angie

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AngelaRae Hughes - February 18, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CA

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Love Always, Connie and Angie

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Connie and Angie - February 18, 2021 at 06:31 PM

SR

“ I have the upmost respect for this perfect gentleman. He always made me smile. Thank you for your military service, all the bottles of wine, chocolate candy just being a kind man. You will be missed. Sending prayers to the family.

Suzanne Reed - February 17, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..



February 17, 2021 at 06:19 PM

TD

“ The Jacobson Family. Carey, Sue, and Dave. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..



The Jacobson Family. Carey, Sue, and Dave. - February 17, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..



February 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..*



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February 17, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about John, He was really a great guy, he will be missed,*

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**Rocco Moffo** - February 17, 2021 at 06:14 AM



*Hi Rocky how are you? It's Gerry  
It's been very tough times  
I'm so sorry about Raymond I didn't find out until after he was gone for a few weeks  
Come down and see us are you on Facebook? Look for me  
Miss you*

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**geraldine giordano** - February 21, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *What a great guy John was! Together, he and Annamae made one of the best couples I have ever been around. Always a lot of fun and full of all kinds of stories. But, the best stories were about his beloved family. I will always remember John as our wonderful Santa. All the kids, including mine, loved seeing him every year. Prayers for John and his family. May they find peace knowing what an impact he had on so many people. Love,  
Cousin Carol Messe (Monzo)*

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**Carol Messe** - February 17, 2021 at 12:05 AM

DC

*I'll miss Johnny even though I didn't get to see him very often. He was so friendly and sweet to me when I was a child. So many happy memories were shared with him and his family.. the Shoemakers. Rest In Peace as you deserve it, Johnny. ❤️Love, Debbie ( Eastburn) Catalano*

debbie catalano - February 17, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BA

“ *Bill And Fran Allen lit a candle in memory of John D. Shoemaker Jr.*



Bill and Fran Allen - February 16, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..*



February 16, 2021 at 08:41 PM

KI

“ Aunt Annamae,

*First let me say what a courageous woman you are!!  
To sneak into our predominately IRISH FAMILY WAS AWESOME!!  
WE OFTEN KIDDED YOU ABOUT YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE,  
BUT THANK GOD YOU FOUND EACH OTHER❤️  
THANK YOU FOR MAKING HIM HAPPY ALL HIS LIFE.*

*This site is beautiful. Never saw anything like it. But I am at a complete lose what, where to convey anything that will remove the agonizing pain I can't image you are feeling.*

*Here's what I know about your marriage and my uncle JOHNNY.*

*I've never seen anything but a smile on your face and laughing at uncle johnny and his antics! You gave me your famous icing. I have made it often it was so delicious. Maybe it's an Italian secret. Seeing uncle johnny at many, holidays, birthdays, he always sought me out. Called me kitten. Always making me feel special. In my younger years, I always begged to "go to uncle johnny house". I never witnessed any father who adored anybody's baby. He had a touch even when holding them in the "football" hold❤️*

*It didn't matter how much time passed by. I hugged him and felt his love for me. If you weren't with him we all knew why. ", THE BRIDGE!!" 😳 You did make it for my mom and that I will always remember. 😔*

*In my opinion, he was one of the best fathers and I was lucky to sometimes be in his glow. He was so dedicated to Samantha's singing talent. Most would encourage. But he took her everywhere to show what a special daughter he had.*

*Our family is many, 99 now to be exact. The biggest shame is not making more time to all get together. There are those who say, it's too much. Too many. I disagree! Granny had 10 people in her*

*kitchen at all holidays. She never said it's too many....we just came and went during whatever the holiday was. I remember kids eating so far into the living room they could answer the door .*

*THOSE ARE THE MEMORIES. THE HOLIDAYS. THE BIRTHDAYPARTIES OVER YEARS, THAT BIND US TOGETHER FOREVER AS A FAMILY. THESE TIMES TOGETHER WE LEARNED ABOUT A RELATIVE WE DIDNT KNOW ABOUT OR STORIES ABOUT OUR UNCLE TOM, FOR INSTANCE. THE MORE UNCLE TOM DRINKS. THE MORE FUN HE BECOMES! NOT A SHOCK TO ME. AS WE SO ARE CLOSE 🙄*

*People say these things all the time after someone dies. "WE'LL MAKE TIME FROM NOW ON. SO SORRY COULDN'T GET TO YOUR HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS" CHRISTMAS AND ALL OTHER HOLIDAYS ISNT JUST ONE DAY AND DONE. THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME.*

*What else are we so busy doing?? IN UNCLE JOHNNYS MEMORY. LET MAKE AN EFFORT TO CROSS THE BRIDGE. SHOW AUNT ANNAMAE HOW MUCH SHE IS LOVED. ALL THE KIDS. GRANDKIDS, MOST I'VE NEVER MET!*

*I WILL BEGIN WITH ME. WHO ELSE CAN MAKE TIME TO COMFORT UNCLE JOHNNYS FAMILY?*

*LOVE LIVES IN MY HEART ❤️*

*KITTY*

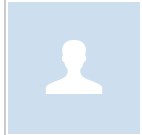
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**Kitty** - February 16, 2021 at 07:34 PM



♥ Beautiful Aunt Kit. Love Uncle Johnny and his family so much! You're right they always have a smile on their face and are full of laughter and fun. Most people cannot say they lived a life like Uncle Johnny! A ray of sunshine! Our family definitely will not be the same. Aunt Anna Mae I am so so sorry! Love to you and his children ♥♥

Toni landoli - February 18, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..



February 16, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ The loss of Uncle Johnny will be felt for a very long time! He was SO positive, so upbeat! He was a lover of all people. I remember that he especially loved babies! As soon as someone would come through the door with a baby he was reaching to hold him/her. He was pretty good at getting a crying baby to settle down, too! Uncle Johnny would always call me when he was headed to the Hagerstown Speedway. He told me he didn't have time for a visit or even for dinner - but he was thinking of me. He was very good at doing little things that really added up. I am so sorry that we have lost him. Annamae and family - my heart aches for your loss. I send love to you all  
Donna Shoemaker Kelly

Donna Kelly - February 16, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..*



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February 16, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John D. Shoemaker Jr..*



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February 16, 2021 at 04:18 PM