

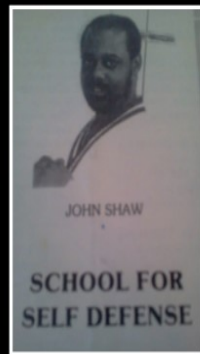
Our Father's Garden

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Our Father Kept a Garden.
A Garden of the Heart;
He planted all the good things,
That gave our lives their start.
He turned us to the sunshine,
And encouraged us to dream:
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.
And when the winds and rain came,
He protected us enough;
But not too much because he knew
We would stand up strong and tough.
His constant good example,
Always taught us right from wrong;
Markers for our pathway that will last a lifetime long.
We are our Fathers Garden,
We are his legacy.

Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the many family and friends for expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and every one of you. We shall always remember you.



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In loving
memory
forever in our
♥ hearts ♥

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



Mr. John ELWOOD SHAW, JR.

SUNRISE
SEPTEMBER 29, 1952

SUNSET
NOVEMBER 22, 2025

MONDAY; DECEMBER 1, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH LIFE CENTER
221 W. BRADLEY AVENUE
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

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Life Reflections

John Elwood Shaw, Jr., 73, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at "The Greens at Gastonia" in Gastonia, NC, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Born on September 29, 1952, in Gastonia, NC, John—affectionately known as "Junie"—was the son of the late Ollie Mae McKnight Shaw and John Elwood Shaw, Sr. A devoted follower of Christ, John grew up in Gastonia and graduated from Ashley High School in 1970. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1970–1973.

John dedicated his professional life to AMP/Tyco, where he excelled in several management roles. He was a faithful member of Friendship Church in Gastonia, serving in various capacities including the Security Team and the Men's and Mass Choir just to name a few. His commitment to his community extended beyond church as he coached youth football for the PAL Packers and the Union Road GreenWave's and remained actively involved in his high school class reunions.

Music was John's lifelong passion. Whether performing with bands, singing at church, or simply filling the house with song, he was happiest with a microphone in hand. During his military service he trained in martial arts, ultimately becoming a 3rd Degree Black Belt. He competed in karate tournaments and taught alongside his longtime friend and martial arts partner, John Tate. John also loved cheering for his beloved Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders and treasured every moment spent with his grandchildren.

Junie will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His kindness, laughter, and the memories he created will continue to live on in the hearts of those he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Jerry Shaw and Donald McGill; former wife, Shelia Surratt Shaw; and grandson, Aydan Shaw.

John leaves to cherish his memory with his children: Randall Shaw of Asheville, NC; Steven Shaw of Gastonia, NC; and Tasha Shaw of Gastonia, NC; his goddaughter, Kirsten Stackston Watson of Charlotte, NC; and his beloved grandchildren: Ivy Shaw, Noah "John" Shaw, Camden Henderson, and Zoey Armstrong. He is also survived by his brothers Calvin Shaw (Norma) of Gastonia, NC; Milton Shaw (Vickie) of Davenport, IA; and Jackie Shaw of Gastonia, NC; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, bonus sons and daughters, many dear relatives and long-life friends like Micheal Rhyne, Jeff Adams, Michael "Red" Stackston, and the late Gregory Kendrick.

Order of SERVICE

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Family and Clergy

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament | Psalm 23:4

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament | John 14:1-3

MUSICAL SELECTION

Church Choir

REFLECTIONS

Family & Friends

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

MUSICAL SELECTION

Church Choir

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