



James Christopher Shoaf

July 21, 1951 - September 24, 2024

"Here is a story about a man who was so good that goodness radiated from him as naturally as a ray of light shines and a flower sheds its sweet fragrance. The story goes on to say that the angels deeply desired to honor him in some way and so they asked this good man if there was anything special that he like. After some discussion, his answer was that he would like to do even greater good and not even know it."

This is where the story gets good. The story is the life of James Christopher Shoaf. Chris was raised Down Yonder by his parents, Russell and Valeria Shoaf and with his sister Valerie Truesdale and brother J. Scott Shoaf. Down Yonder became a special place for family and friends to enjoy whether it was annual Shoaf reunions, coming to fish, or just coming for a visit.

Early on his father said to him, "Share what makes you happy, and keep your problems to yourself". This is exactly what Chris Shoaf did. He lived it, he proved it, he taught it, he was "Good".

The "Good" grew June 22, 1974, when he married Cathy Elliott and they started a family with his daughter Jessica and son Logan.

Chris was a jack of all trades. Whether he was building houses, working on the railroad, or keeping the oil room running smoothly at Norandal. Later in life

he found his true calling and became a Christian Science Practitioner. His prayers uplifted those who called him and strengthened their relationship with God.

The blessings continued when daughter Jessica married Joe Barringer and they had children Christopher Joseph and Nora Elizabeth and son Logan married Scottie Shoaf and had daughters Brinklee Mae and Gillie Scott.

Whether you grew up with, went to school with, or met later in life Chris will hold a place in your heart. And a quote from the book he wrote "Happy's Big", "And best of all...best of all...when you do little things for folks, it makes 'em happy . An' happy's big, real big".

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Chris' passing. Prayers and thoughts to the family. He was a wonderful practitioner who truly lived his faith.

Lesley Louise Boney - October 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM

KJ

“ Chris was my brother-in-law, but always was more like a brother in the way he loved his family. Parents, brother, sister, nieces, and nephews and of course his lovely wife and children and grandchildren were his life and devotion. Family meant everything to Chris. I remember his warmth, and how kind, loving, compassionate, and humorous he was. Chris always had a smile or laugh as big as life to give. He helped build our house and his only compensation was knowing he was doing good for his family. Chris also had a deep love for God, which he shared with others while helping others through their difficulties by sharing scripture. He did that for me during a difficult period. Chris also loved our country and made it apparent in recent times. This world is a better place for God having given us Chris Shoaf. If you knew him you couldn't help but be blessed. May God bless his family. No doubt your loss is deeply felt.

Kathy Still Jimenez - October 12, 2024 at 09:20 AM

AH

“ Alex H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Christopher Shoaf.

Alex H. - September 29, 2024 at 01:41 PM

RA

“ So sorry. I have been praying for you all.

Randy Addison - September 27, 2024 at 07:51 PM

BW

“ I have fond memories of our talks together whether it was at the front gate, passing him in the driveway or down by the pond. We shared many a memory, a joke, a kind word or casual conversation. He was a joy to talk with and a blessing to be friends with. He helped me on many occasions and I will forever be grateful. Til we meet again my friend, May God bless all the people you touched and the seeds you planted. Brian Williams & Family

Brian Williams - September 26, 2024 at 06:19 PM

WG

“ Wonderful memories of our childhood and school days. Always very caring and thoughtful to everyone. Prayers to my precious friend Cathy and all his family and friends. Cherish his memory by doing things for others and being kind. I have his book and it is a wonderful read.

Winona Koontz Gilbert - September 26, 2024 at 04:42 PM

GC

Chris was a special man!! Always kind, considerate and respectful. He always had a special place in my heart as a very good friend Blessings to Cathy and the family. They were always his first priority and his life. Love and prayers for you all, Grace B Campbell.

Grace Beasley Campbell - September 27, 2024 at 07:34 PM

RH

“ Chris was my 2nd cousin an I always looked to him!! I loved going to Down Yonder spending the night family get togethers or climbing in the barn an jumping in the hay! We always had fun going down yonder during the week for aunt Val’s chili beans or after church for for lunch played until dark then had to go home! We grew a part during our life but Chris an all the family Down Yonder will always have a special place in my heart a life!! I know they are all celebrating in heaven now they w back together!!!💕💕💕

Rusty Hughes - September 26, 2024 at 02:41 PM

RH

Chris was a wonderful caring man. He was especially kind to my mother and when she could no longer drive Chris and Cathie made sure she got to church on Sunday and Wednesday. He put others, his family and his beliefs first. He and Cathie were a wonderful couple with a lovely family.

Rene Hales - September 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM

SC

“ Sending prayers for your family. Chris was a special man who was respected and loved by all who knew him.

Shirley Beasley curlee - September 26, 2024 at 02:04 PM