



## Mr. John Henry Shorty

December 8, 1946 - December 3, 2025

Mr. John Henry Shorty, 78, of Peoria, Illinois, fell asleep in death peacefully at 5:12 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. He left this life with the same calm faithfulness he carried each day, trusting in the promises of the God he served so dearly.

Born on December 8, 1946, in Inverness, Mississippi, to Frank and Signora (Wilson) Shorty, John grew into a man known for his quiet strength, gentle humor, and deep love for people. On April 13, 1977, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Young, beginning a 48-year journey built on devotion, tenderness, and shared faith.

While John worked diligently for 35 years at Caterpillar before retiring, the work closest to his heart began on February 16, 1975—the day he dedicated his life to Jehovah and symbolized it through baptism. From that moment, he walked a path of spiritual purpose. As a caring Elder in the Parkside Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, John offered comfort, guidance, and encouragement to all who needed it. Sharing Bible truths, visiting with neighbors, and serving side by side with his spiritual family brought him immeasurable joy.

John's life was shaped by qualities that reflected his faith—honesty, humility, gentleness, and an unwavering kindness. Those around him saw in his eyes a

quiet confidence in Jehovah's loving promises, especially the hope that death is not the end.

That hope brings us comfort today.

John believed with all his heart in Jehovah's assurance that "there is going to be a resurrection" (Acts 24:15). He trusted the words of Jesus: "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" (John 5:28, 29). John now rests safely in Jehovah's memory, awaiting the moment when he will awaken again—healthy, joyful, and surrounded by those who love him.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Dorothy Shorty; his beloved sisters, Daisy Shorty, Willie Belle DuBose, and Ann (Myron) Fox, all of Peoria, IL; and his seven children—five sons: Lloyd Shorty, Robert Shorty, Michael Shorty, Frederick Bernard Young (Ricky), and Lloyd Dotson; and two daughters: Nasali Romaine Young (Sue), all of Peoria, IL and Johnetta Greene of Summerville, SC. He is also survived by his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, a devoted family of in-laws, and many dear friends whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Pearl Black and Armanda Coleman; one brother, Jessie Shorty; and one grandson, Michael Shorty Jr.

John was greatly loved, and he loved greatly in return. Though he now sleeps, his faith, his kindness, and his example remain alive in the hearts of all who knew him. His family awaits the day when he will stand again—smiling, whole, and full of joy—on the earth made new.

A memorial service in his honor will be held on December 13, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 6007 N. Big

Hollow Road, Peoria, IL.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 13. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness  
6007 N. Big Hollow Road  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Tribute Wall

MY

“ To our dear sister Dorothy, We just heard about John's passing today when we visited a meeting in Urbana, IL via zoom. Please know that you are now in our thoughts and prayers. John will be missed dearly until he awakens again in God's righteous new system. May Jah bless and keep you in His loving care. Love always from Mike & Elvira Young

Mike Young - December 14, 2025 at 10:23 PM

GH

“ To the family of John Shorty, my love and condolences. John will be missed, but we look forward to seeing him on Paradise on Earth.(Ps 37:29  
I love you and always will.

Gloria Hughes-Parrish - December 13, 2025 at 04:05 PM

RS

“ Ruth Shorty lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Shorty



Ruth Shorty - December 13, 2025 at 02:43 PM

RS

*Sending heartfelt condolences to the entire family.*

Ruth Shorty - December 13, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LD

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength during this difficult time.* ”



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**Loletha Dotson** - December 10, 2025 at 02:33 PM

EJ

“ *Dorothy and Family, our thoughts and prayers for comfort are with you all.* ”

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**Ellissa (Painter) Jones** - December 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *Dorothy, so sorry for your loss. Milt Rice* ”

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**Bea Kay** - December 07, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Dan and Anne Allen** - December 07, 2025 at 10:04 AM

GB

*John may be gone, but he will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, my friend. Hugs to Dorothy and the family along with prayers. One of the best neighbors ever!*

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**Ginger Bachman** - December 09, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CB

“ Sorry To Hear About Your Your Beloved Dorothy, Be Strong In The Lord And The Power Of His Might!Love You Stay Strong



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**Cynthia Barnes** - December 07, 2025 at 09:06 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Shorty



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**Mancy Pittman** - December 06, 2025 at 08:45 AM