



## Ralph Shelton

May 22, 1933 - May 12, 2024

Will “Ralph” Shelton, a loving father and husband, of Centerville, Tennessee, passed away at the age of 90, on May 12, 2024. Ralph was born in Lobelville, Tennessee on May 22, 1933, to the late John Bell Shelton and Sarah “Sallie” (Marshall) Shelton. Ralph married Katherine Sykes of Grenada, Mississippi in 1958. Together they had five children and established their lifelong residence in the community of Centerville, Tennessee.

Ralph is best remembered for his strong work ethic. He was a former employee of Tennessee Gas for 21 years, the owner of the local NAPA Auto Parts Store for 28 years, and owned businesses in operating heavy equipment and paving.

Ralph is preceded in death by his father, John Bell Shelton, his mother and stepfather, Sallie and Alfred O’Guin, brothers John Shelton and Edward Shelton, and sister, Katherine Herzog.

Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 66 years, Mrs. Katherine Shelton of Centerville, Tennessee, children Lynn (Barry) Warren of Centerville, Tennessee, Marie (Jeff) Miller of Syracuse, Indiana, Nancy (Caryn) Shelton of Nashville, Tennessee, Barry (Melissa) Shelton of Centerville, Tennessee, Tina (Mark) Thigpen of Centerville, Tennessee, brothers Howard (Betty) O’Guin, Ronnie (Lottie) O’Guin, sister Jean (Wayne)

Qualls and sister-in-law, Janice Shelton. Grandchildren, Luke (Joy) Burton, Madison (Jay) Renfro, Sydney Miller, Jamie Shelton, Bailey Shelton, John-Mark (Ashanti) Thigpen, Will Thigpen, Jackson Thigpen, and Ashley Anne Shelton. Great-grandchildren, Mallory, Hutson and Parker Burton, Cadence Shelton, Willow Thigpen and many nieces and nephews.

Ralph loved his family dearly and cherished them above all else. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## Chessor Cemetery

Centerville, TN 37033  
[https://maps.app.goo.gl/yWgRoxv3crynDU9C  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Graveside Service

**MAY 15.** 3:30 PM.

Chessor Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ So sorry for your loss, He was such a good man and will be missed by so many in our community.



Lonnie & MArilyn Gilliam - May 18, 2024 at 09:21 PM

NB

“ Sorry for your loss



Nathan Bates - May 16, 2024 at 12:51 AM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Cheeva McClearen - May 15, 2024 at 08:26 AM

RT

“ Rhonda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Rhonda Taylor - May 14, 2024 at 10:58 PM

GS

“ George & Mary Sue lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



George & Mary Sue - May 14, 2024 at 09:35 PM

TM

“ Ralph and Katherine were such a great help to Mayberry's Tire and Auto for almost 20 years. He was quite a character and will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Tony Mayberry - May 14, 2024 at 07:44 PM

TM

“ Tony & Connie Mayberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Shelton



Tony & Connie Mayberry - May 14, 2024 at 07:41 PM

WB

“ Wayne/Lisa Baker lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Wayne/Lisa Baker - May 14, 2024 at 07:15 PM

EL

“ *Deepest condolences, we love you all, such a great loss to such a good family. I feel blessed to call you family,  
Candelario and Elena Garza López*



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**Elena Garza Lopez** - May 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

CM

“ *Christina Middleton lit a candle in memory of  
Ralph Shelton*



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**Christina Middleton** - May 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

CT

“ *Christi Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ralph  
Shelton*



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**Christi taylor** - May 14, 2024 at 06:18 PM

RH

“ *Aunt Katherine and family... Soo sorry for the loss of Uncle Ralph.  
Soo wish I/we could be with you during this time. You and the family  
are in our thoughts and prayers. Raymond H*

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**Raymond Herzog** - May 14, 2024 at 04:57 PM

PA

“ Patrick & Anita Allen lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Patrick & Anita Allen - May 14, 2024 at 03:06 PM

KS

“ Kathy L Scott lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



kathy l scott - May 14, 2024 at 02:31 PM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss of a good man ! Prayers for comfort during these difficult times! 🙏🙏  
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Laura DeLong - May 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM

VB

“ Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Vicky Beagle - May 14, 2024 at 01:58 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton*



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**Connie Bowen** - May 14, 2024 at 12:56 PM

GG

“ *Sympathy to the Shelton family*

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**Gayle and Gary** - May 14, 2024 at 12:51 PM

CW

“ *Coleen Williams lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton*



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**Coleen Williams** - May 14, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JB

*So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. John was a classmate of Ralph at Lobelville High School.*

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**Jean Burns** - May 15, 2024 at 11:17 AM

BM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Katherine and family. Ralph was a nice and good person.*



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**Bobby/Sandy McFarlin** - May 14, 2024 at 11:57 AM

KF

“ *Kilpatrick Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton*



Kilpatrick Family - May 14, 2024 at 11:22 AM

Sarah Hinson

“ *Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton*



Sarah Hinson - May 14, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ *Charles & Genda C. Gilmer lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton*



Charles & Glenda C. Gilmer - May 14, 2024 at 10:16 AM

RS

“ *Roy Springer lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton*



Roy Springer - May 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM

SG

“ Katherine and family, we are thinking of all of you!



Stanley And Judy Gordon - May 14, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ I will miss Uncle Ralph and his stories as he always had one to share. We are keeping Aunt Katherine and family in our thoughts and praying for comfort during this difficult time.



Steve Herzog - May 14, 2024 at 09:05 AM

LG

“ Lonnie-Diane Garrett lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Lonnie-Diane Garrett - May 14, 2024 at 08:24 AM

RB

“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Randall-Sandra Barber - May 14, 2024 at 08:11 AM

DS

“ So sorry to all your family. To Ms. Katherine, Lynn, Marie, Nancy, Barry and grandchildren... You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. He was a good man! Much love... Keith and Debbie



Debbie Semore - May 14, 2024 at 06:58 AM

DS

I'm so sorry I left Tina's name out and I want to wish her my deepest sympathy also.

Debbie Semore - May 14, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Our condolences, prayers, and thoughts for Mr. Ralph's entire family...he was good man....



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - May 14, 2024 at 06:15 AM

JM

“ Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



Joyce Mayberry - May 13, 2024 at 10:13 PM

MB

“ MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Shelton



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**MICHAEL BATES** - May 13, 2024 at 09:52 PM



“ Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



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**Betty Love** - May 13, 2024 at 05:04 PM

CM

“ Katherine and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ralph was a good man.



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**Carolyn Moss** - May 13, 2024 at 04:45 PM

CB

“ Cindy And Gary Bailey lit a candle in memory of Ralph Shelton



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**Cindy and Gary Bailey** - May 13, 2024 at 04:36 PM

RH

“ *We're so sorry.*

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**Ruby & Rex Horner** - May 13, 2024 at 04:34 PM

RS

“ *We are thinking of u.*

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**Regina & Martha Shelton** - May 13, 2024 at 04:33 PM