



William Thomas (Tom) Shelton

August 1, 1940 - August 28, 2015

Rev. William Thomas “Tom” Shelton passed away August 28, 2015 in Hospice Care of St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, He celebrated his 75th birthday August 1 with a party for friends and family in his home. Services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. at Muskogee’s First Baptist Church. Pastors Billy Parker, Glen Little and Ed Chaney will officiate. Burial will follow at Greenhill Cemetery.

He was born August 1, 1940 in Muskogee to James Thomas “Pete” and Gaude Leona Nichols Shelton. His parents preceded him in death. He married Charlotte McIver September 2, 1960 in Muskogee. Tom was her caregiver during an eight-year illness until her death Sept. 13, 2011.

He married his junior high and high school friend, Micki Farmer Van Deventer, Oct. 6, 2012 at All Souls’ Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City.

Tom attended Irving and Alice Robertson Jr. High and was a 1958 graduate of Muskogee Central High School. He attended Northeastern State University for two years. He was a data processing manager for Anderson Wholesale for 42 years.

From 1966 to 1979, he was a bi-vocational music and youth minister at Oldham Memorial, Immanuel, Coweta, Morris and New Hope Baptist churches. He became pastor at Oldham Memorial December 5, 1979 and served there 24 years.

Since 2011, Tom has been the visiting pastor at First Baptist Church in Boynton. During his ministerial career, he conducted 150 revivals in most of

Muskogee's Southern Baptist churches and led more than 1,000 people to Christ.

At the time of his death, he was a visiting pastor for Muskogee's First Baptist Church members who were homebound, in hospitals and nursing homes. He also was on staff at Cornerstone Funeral Home, frequently performing services for those without a church home.

Tom's life was a tribute to the dedication he had for serving Christ and the love he had for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Micki, of the home; daughters, Detra LaCrone and Oweta Shelton, Muskogee; and sisters, Nancy Shelton, Muskogee; and Patsy Mills, Waller, Tex.

Also surviving are granddaughters, Rachel Colina and husband, Pedro, and Shelly Gloria, and husband, Jessie, Muskogee; grandsons, Austin Hood, and wife Samantha, Muskogee, and Garrett LaCrone, and wife, Stephanie, Lacey, WA.

Surviving great grandchildren are Cruz and Xavi Colina, and Jordi Colina, expected in September, Adrianna and Isandro Gloria, Tyra and Victoria Livingston, all of Muskogee; Kaden and Lucas LaCrone, Lacey, WA. A niece, Jeanne Stockton, Tomball, TX.; and a nephew, Zachary Shelton, stationed with the U.S. Army in Ft. Carson, CO., also survive.

The family has entrusted Tom's care and services to Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 N. York, Muskogee, (918) 682-1500. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 111 S. 7th St., Muskogee, 74401, Boynton First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 185, Boynton, 74422, and Oldham Memorial, 3705 Tahlequah St., Muskogee, 74401.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

SEP 1. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Family Visitation

SEP 1. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
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Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *William Thomas (Tom) Shelton*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Jane Jordan lit a candle in memory of William Thomas (Tom) Shelton*



Jane Jordan - September 02, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dearest family, you all know that we loved this man dearly, but not as much as God does. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, sibling, Pastor: but to the others, he was a friend, confident, mentor, and one of the funniest guys you could be around. He always told it like it was and that's why Muskogee will mourn not being able to reach out to him at a given moment. You could call Brother Tom and say I need you, and he was Johnny on the Spot. I know he's in Heaven singing and laughing like he loves to do. I just want you all to know how much I loved him.*

May God Bless all of you.

Love Karen Taylor

Karen D. Taylor - September 01, 2015 at 07:23 PM



“ 78 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mick J. Shelton and Family
Invite you to celebrate
Tom Shelton's 75th Birthday
Saturday, August 1, 2015
Any Time From 2-5 p.m.
3408 Canterbury Avenue
Muskege, Oklahoma



Guess Who's Turning 75?



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - September 01, 2015 at 11:35 AM

RS

“ *Detra and Oweta,*

Please know that I am thinking about you in the loss of your Dad. I am still coming out of the fog of just losing my Dad two weeks ago. Cornerstone Funeral Home was great. Sending love and prayers to you all.

Rob Sandlin

Robert Sandlin - September 01, 2015 at 08:50 AM

LL

“ There is nothing we can say that hasn't already been said about Brother Tom. We all loved him. He was a true man of God. I can just imagine the reunion going on in Heaven at this very moment! We wanted to share a small special memory with you. Our son was preteen when he was saved and baptized. He was also small. When he and Brother Tom were preparing for the baptism, they could not find a baptismal robe to fit him..so Brother Tom took off his shirt, rolled up the sleeves, and that's what our son wore to be baptized.

Our sincere prayers to all the family. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.

Ron and Linda Ledford

Linda Ledford - August 31, 2015 at 12:06 PM

TC

“ Tom was my first youth pastor many years ago at New Hope in Muskogee. He has always been a special person in my life. His memories will live on forever!

Tony Cook - August 31, 2015 at 11:41 AM

CG

“ Christina Green lit a candle in memory of William Thomas (Tom) Shelton



Christina green - August 31, 2015 at 03:40 AM

AT

“ Tom Shelton was a special man for a lot of reasons. He was choir director at Oldham Memorial when I attended there as a teenager and as a young woman. He sang Amazing Grace at my husbands funeral when he died at age 30. I will never forget him and will remember him with fondness. So sorry to hear about his loss.
Ann Taff

ann Taff - August 30, 2015 at 08:05 PM

LJ

“ Dear Micki and Family - So very sorry to read of Toms passing. I met you and your sweet husband at our home for the Muskogee Home Tour 3 years ago. I know Tom will be missed by many.

With my deepest sympathy - Linda (McKenzie) Johnson

Linda Johnson - August 30, 2015 at 05:15 PM

AG

“ Tom was a wonderful man he lead me to the Lord when I 16 he was loving and caring. He will be missed very much. Shelly, Rachel, Garrett and Stephanie you guys are in my prayers I know how hard this is but just remember the good times and know he is in heaven walking the streets of Gold and no longer hurting he is rejoicing that he is home with his heavenly Father. I love all of you.



Andrea Guadarrama - August 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM

JS

“ *Bro Tom will always hold a special place in my heart, I loved him and Mrs Charolette dearly, very special and loved doing for others.*

Hugs for all the family.... Love you all!
Jaime Stout

Jaime Stout - August 30, 2015 at 07:55 AM

KC

“ *Karen Jean Clark lit a candle in memory of William Thomas (Tom) Shelton*



Karen Jean Clark - August 29, 2015 at 11:12 PM