



Robert "Peanut" Shelley

April 18, 1941 - July 24, 2016

Bluefield, VA- Robert Paul Shelley (Peanut) passed away peacefully with his loving family after a brave fight. With humble beginnings, born at home in a log cabin prematurely at 3 pounds and also German measles they named him "Peanut" being that he was no bigger than a peanut, a natural born fighter. A mighty man was he, loving Jesus Christ, his family, church, and a proud American. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Chapel in Tazewell Virginia, a retired coal miner of US Steel #51, and he served his country in Korea. He rode motorcycles, enjoyed the outdoors, and fishing. He taught his nephews how to hunt, it was passed down to generations. He loved gardening and could not wait for his tomatoes to arrive. Peanut prided himself on being kind, generous, and making everyone feel welcome. He loved to visit and keep busy coming to anyone's aid who needed anything. A true friend, his heart always led him and he had never met a stranger. His friends, children, grandchildren, and family adored him completely. A servant's heart and strong soldier, the battle was won and completed for his eternal home, he will truly be missed by all.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 50 years Joyce Shelley, son Paul and wife Rosa Shelley, daughter Lisa and husband Scott Grimm, daughter Jill and husband Rodney Cox, brothers Jess and wife Carolyn Shelley, Bobby and wife Oleta Shelley, sister Linda and husband Pete walker, grandchildren Brooke Colosi, Hali Colosi, and Trenton Grimm, great-grandson Xander Colosi, nieces Sarah Shelley Dorton, Madelyn and husband/family friend

Arnette Cunningham, Lindsey Hylwa, Eddie and husband Howard Cox, Sandy and husband David Holton, Cheryl and husband Randy Brodrik, Denise Carroll, Patty Chestnut, Deanna Young Duran, nephews Tommy and David Walker, David and wife Lisa Shelley, Eric and wife Christie Nunley, John and wife Michelle Nunley, Jason and wife Heather Nunley, Keith Hylwa. Special friends of 50 years include Jane and Tommy Richardson, Jean and Sonny Harrold, and Vi Levitt.

A celebration of his life will be held at Mercer Funeral home in Bluefield, WV on Wednesday, July 27th. Visitation will be at 6:00 pm and service will start at 7:00 pm. Pastor Chuck Trent will be officiating and Eric Nunley will be over the eulogy.

In lieu of flowers, we ask you to plant tomatoes and enjoy them or share with neighbors. We also ask to give to the Union Mission in Bluefield, WV and the Labor of Love Mission in Tazewell, VA, two causes he believed in.

2 Samuel 12:23: ...I will go to him, but he will not return to me.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Robert Paul Shelley.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

JUL 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Peanut" Shelley

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Wonderful in every way



Lisa Grimm - September 21, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ I have the great pleasure of saying that I met Peanut when I was a young girl. His brother, Willie, was married to my sweet sister, Rita. Peanut was the most loving, giving and delightful gentleman that I had the honor to know. Joyce has the same qualities about her as Peanut. I love this family as though they are my family. I am blessed many times over to have memories of the Shelley family.

Karen Arnold - July 27, 2016 at 07:50 PM

KN

“ I have never met Robert but, I do know his daughter Jill Cox. I know how Ribert impacted her life and others by the great stories Jill shared with me. She shared her love of her Father and how he loved her Mother and was a friend to anyone he met. I know he is with the Lord and looking down on all his family with Love and support.



Kevin B Newman - July 27, 2016 at 04:32 PM

KQ

“ Kimberly Queen lit a candle in memory of Robert "Peanut" Shelley



Kimberly Queen - July 26, 2016 at 11:00 PM

KQ

Let this candle forever burn in memory of your wonderful dad Paul! I am so very sorry for your lose. Praying for you and your family. Love you and Rose.

Kimberly Queen - July 26, 2016 at 11:03 PM

LA

“ Don has welcomed another friend into glory...I'm sure they are having a huge party around the throne of God and at the feet of Jesus. Love and Prayers to all of you.
Lavon Arnold

Lavon Arnold - July 26, 2016 at 08:24 PM

Jl

“ Please accept my condolences. Warm thoughts and wishes of peace to you all. He will always be part of you. Sincerely - Jill Szakacs

Jill - July 26, 2016 at 04:40 PM

KH

“ Karen Hoops-Simon lit a candle in memory of Robert "Peanut" Shelley



Karen Hoops-Simon - July 26, 2016 at 01:22 PM

KH

I remember your mom and dad so well as a kid at Calvary Baptist Church, such great people. Please know the whole Shelley family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

Karen Hoops-Simon - July 27, 2016 at 10:55 AM

SO

“ So sorry about the death of Mr. Shelley. We enjoyed his visits and would tell us where he had ridden his motorcycle that day. Extremely nice man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Staff of Southern Gas & Oil

Southern Gas & Oil - July 26, 2016 at 12:24 PM

JH

“ *Paul, Rosa, and family,*

Jerry and me are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Jerry knew him well and spoke highly of him. I know your hearts are broken, but just remember that he is not suffering anymore and he is very much alive with his Lord and Savior! Hold on to knowing that one day you will be reunited with him and what a day that will be!! Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

joyce and jerry Hale - July 26, 2016 at 07:39 AM

MA

“ *Accept our sincere condolences for the demise of your father*

He'll be in our prayers .

Mila Abatico - July 26, 2016 at 06:47 AM

LB

“ *Laura, Mark, Tim Burnopp purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Peanut" Shelley.*



Laura, Mark, Tim Burnopp - July 25, 2016 at 10:37 PM

MM

“ *thinking of all of you!!!!*



max&donna meredith - July 25, 2016 at 09:43 PM

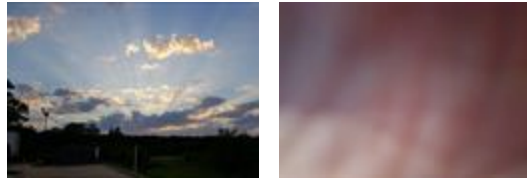
JN

“ So many good times....even when we would ride motorcycles together you still some how always pulled a fishing rod out of your saddlebags and found time to fish....I love you!!

John Nunley - July 25, 2016 at 09:00 PM

Denise
Carroll

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Denise Carroll - July 25, 2016 at 08:27 PM

RL

“ As a great neighbor for many years I really got to know Peanut well. He was a great man, husband, father to three and one awesome guy. I know he has gone to a better place but so glad to say that I knew him. Love and thoughts and prayers to you all.
RIP Peanut!
Nancy & Randy Lamb

Randy Lamb - July 25, 2016 at 07:57 PM

Denise
Carroll

The best uncle ,his funny humerus and laughter. When I was five I cut my finger on his razor he felt so bad and he gave me huggs and kiss to make me feel better and yesterday I held his hands and held them tightly rugged tough scars and cuts of the a lifetime and loved he gave to me. Denise I Carroll and family

Denise Carroll - July 25, 2016 at 08:52 PM

LI

“ *All our love and prayers to you and the family Joyce. God blessed and healed you Peanut and took you home.*
Doug and Linda Ratcliff

Linda - July 25, 2016 at 07:48 PM

MB

“ *Dear Shelly family,*
I remember as a very young girl going to church with Peanut and Joyce at Calvary Baptist Church in Bluefield.
He was always a kind and loving man.
RIP my friend, I'll see you later.
Michele Carinelli Barnett

Michele Barnett - July 25, 2016 at 07:43 PM

CN

“ *Claude And Blaina Nunley lit a candle in memory of Robert "Peanut" Shelley*



Claude and Blaina Nunley - July 25, 2016 at 07:41 PM

EN

“ *Eric, Christy & Ashleigh Nunley lit a candle in memory of Robert "Peanut" Shelley*



Eric, Christy & Ashleigh Nunley - July 25, 2016 at 07:10 PM

MG

“ peanut was such a fine man . we always enjoyed his company always laughing !!we loved him dearly . go rest high on that mountain !!!! joe and marsha grimm

marsha and joe grimm - July 25, 2016 at 07:07 PM

CM

“ What a privilege to know this big hearted man. I loved him dearly.We will truly miss him and his enthusiasm for life!



Connie S McGuire - July 25, 2016 at 04:16 PM

CB

“ My heart goes out to the Shelley Family! Peanut was indeed kind and generous and so much more! He treated me like family.....I almost am! My precious memories are going to Wake Forest to see brother Willie and me driving us there...sometimes full of laughter!!! He told me many times if ever I needed anything, he was there for me. I believe it ! A beautiful man. Our loss is his gain. He will be greatly missed! Cindy Blevins

Cindy Blevins - July 25, 2016 at 04:15 PM

BN

This was a great man and a great friend. I loved to visit with him and Joyce. He will truly be missed and my heart has had such a burden for the family all day. RIP Dear Sweet Peanut. We will see you some day soon. Loved you here and will continue to love you in heaven. Joyce and children and Granddaughters, my heart hurts for all of you But I know God has him in his loving arms now. I am sure he is talking to our Theresa about us now and they are smiling down on us. I love you all. Take comfort in the fact that his suffering is over now and he is rejoicing in heaven. What a blessing.

Blaina Nunley - July 25, 2016 at 07:50 PM

J(

The first person I called when my Dad died was Peanut. He was that special to us. Peanut wasn't home, so I phoned the garage. I asked, "may I speak to Bob Shelley?" I heard someone yell across the shop, "hey, Peanut! Somebody who doesn't know your name wants to talk to you." Priceless. Love to Joyce and kids. Rest easy, Peanut. Well done good and faithful servant.

Jim Arnold (Jr.) - July 26, 2016 at 09:10 AM

RS

Bob (I thought too much of him to ever call him "Peanut" because, to me, he was a giant of a man) enriched my childhood & adolescence unlike anyone else. He was such a great hero to me & always reminded me of his mom, Pearl. I love you, Bob, & I hope you're reading these tributes to you.

Richard Shelley - July 26, 2016 at 03:13 PM