



Larry Junior Shellton

September 28, 1950 - February 14, 2019

Larry Junior Shellton “Shellton”, was born on September 28, 1950, in Selbyville, Delaware, to the late Henry Whaley Jr. and the late Lillie Mae Shelton Whaley. He departed this life into his eternal resting place on February 14, 2019, surrounded by his loving family, at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, Delaware.

Larry was educated in the Worcester and Sussex County areas and graduated from Selbyville High School in 1969. After graduating, he decided to pursue a military career and enlisted in the United States Army. He served from July 24, 1969 to July 15, 1971. He earned the rank of SP4 and fought in the Vietnam War. On December 5, 1971, he enlisted in the Delaware Army National Guard and was assigned to Unit 262 GS Maintenance Company, located in Dagsboro, Delaware. During this time Larry served faithfully, and received several recognitions. He was promoted to the rank as Sergeant First Class (SFC-E7). He was honorably discharged from the Delaware Army National Guard on April 8, 2008. Even though he was retired, he remained an active participant in several organizations. He was a member of the Delaware National Guards Enlistment Association and the Delaware National Guard Youth Foundation Camp which he looked forward to every summer. He attended the military ball every year and was highly involved in the yearly Christmas dinners.

Larry was employed by the City of Rehoboth. He began his career in 1973 as a seasonal employee and was hired full time on April 1, 1976. He took pride in his work and enjoyed it. On December 31, 2018, he decided he was finally ready to retire after being a faithful employee for 45 years.

Larry Junior Shellton was one of a kind. He was a very hard worker and helped anyone he could. You would typically have to hear him fuss a little, but best believe the job would be done, and would be done "The Shellton Way." During the summer months, you would typically find him in someone's yard cutting grass and doing whatever he felt needed to be done to beautify the yard. He loved to make sure his family and friends were taken care of.

On August 24, 1996, Larry married his sweetheart, the love of his life, Shirley, whom he called "wifey." This year they would have celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Larry Shellton loved the Lord and was very active in the church. In October 1996, under the leadership of the late Rev. Clarence Nebraska Sample, he gave his life to the Lord and was baptized at St. John 2nd Baptist Church. Throughout his Christian journey, under the leadership of Rev. Annie J. Custis, he was a member of The Brotherhood, the Male Choir, and helped maintain the grounds.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his great grandmother, Minnie Showell; and sisters, Madeline Lee and Deborah Shelton St. Fleur.

Shellton leaves to cherish his memory and to carry on his legacy his loving wife, Shirley Shellton; two children, Angela Artson of Millsboro, DE and Sandra Dean-Weldon of Milton, DE; four grandchildren, Alisha Artson, Aaliyah Jefferson, Darius Weldon and Adonest Weldon; four great-grandchildren, Lamond Harmon III, Christian Artson, Zamiya Smith and Shaniya Smith; niece

that he helped raised as his granddaughter, Tynia Hopkins; five sisters, Barbara Baker of Linden, NJ, Carrie Hall of New Castle, DE, Constance LaFate of Lake Ridge, VA, Eileen Shelton of Selbyville, DE and Lillian Tingle (Joseph) of Dagsboro, DE; three brothers, Charles Shelton (Sabrina) of Frankford, DE, Chris Shelton (Marlene) of Cools Spring, DE and Douglas Hall (Barbara) of Salisbury MD; special friend who was just like a brother, Richard Hitchens; mother-in-law, Cordelia Hopkins; six brothers-in-law, William Hopkins (Joyce), Elton Hopkins (Mae), Gilford Hopkins (Violet), Robert Hopkins (Margaret), Nathaniel Hopkins (Sue), and Ivory Hopkins (Evelyn); eight sisters-in-law, Lovey Hopkins, Delores Justice, Mary Watson (Arthur), Levola Hopkins, Regina Taylor, Stephanie Dukes (Rozzell), Wanda Hopkins and Carolyn Hopkins; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends that loved him very much and will miss him dearly.

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Dear Family, I like to express my sincere condolences for your loss during this most painful time. But in time there is only one who can solve all our problems and do away with sickness and death, it is our heavenly Father. So please find comfort from His word.
2Corinthians 1:3, 4; Isaiah 25:8a; Hosea 13:14

Artina - March 03, 2019 at 03:05 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing away of Larry. Please find comfort in the words of Isaiah 41:10, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you, I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness." God will help you during this time of grief and sadness.

Phyllis W. - February 28, 2019 at 07:05 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - February 24, 2019 at 09:05 AM

RT

“ Thank you for being the great uncle that you were :) your smile that brightens the room will always be remembered . Praying for our family to get through this together .\u201c a family that prays together stay together \u201c love you & you will surely be missed \u203c\u203c\u203c

Rodrique Tazewell - February 22, 2019 at 09:19 PM

ER

“ To Amanda Baker and the family, I wish you peace and strength during this time. May your memories carry you through. My condolencesEriss Tubman-Davis

Eriss - February 22, 2019 at 04:31 PM

RF

“ We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Ray@Julie Quinones (Barbara Baker Friends) - February 21, 2019 at 08:59 PM

HS

“ Our warmest condolences from the coworkers at the Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - February 20, 2019 at 05:59 PM

VU

“ To Chris and family God continue to bless and comfort your family in this time of sorry Love you allIsaac and Valorie Upshur

Valorie Upshur - February 20, 2019 at 12:13 PM

JO

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until God\u2019s promise is fulfilled at Matthews 5: 5.

JoyceA - February 19, 2019 at 05:31 PM

I1

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

IAABO Board 129 - February 19, 2019 at 12:55 PM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 61:1,2 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - February 18, 2019 at 02:26 PM

SR

“ There is so much sorrow in the world. But the death of our loved ones brings the deepest sorrow of all. May God\u2019s promise to help you through this difficult time bring you peace, (Isaiah 41:10) and his promise for the future (John 5:28, 29) give you a wonderful hope.

SR - February 18, 2019 at 01:19 PM

LM

“ We are going too miss you friend. May GOD bless and strengthen the family. We will stay in touch and help take care of Shirley, because that\u2019s what you would do if it was me. LOVE N MISS YOU FRIEND\ud83c\udf88\ud2764\ufe0fFonnie & Linda Miller\ud83c\udf88

Linda Miller - February 16, 2019 at 06:00 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You*

Thomas Widgeon - February 15, 2019 at 07:40 PM

VH

“ *Thank u for Being our Uncle Shelton , Always giving you\u201dre Best , Thank u for serving our Country .*

Vanessa Nocks - Hagans - February 15, 2019 at 05:30 PM