



Billy Shelton

April 14, 1925 - August 30, 2023

Billy Reed Shelton passed away peacefully on August 30, 2023, having been surrounded by family. He was born April 14, 1925 in Kerens, Texas. He was the younger of two sons born to Henry Lester Shelton and Lizzie May Reed Shelton. He graduated from Kerens High School in 1942 and served in Italy with the US Army in WWII. Upon his return to Texas, he enrolled in the first class at Navarro Junior College, where he was a member of the Barracks Bunch, helped select the school colors and mascot, and joined several of his high school classmates on the first Navarro Bulldog football team. He married Estelle Lee from Streetman and Corsicana on July 8, 1950 in Powell. They were married for 66 years at the time of her death in 2017. Bill and Estelle made their home and raised their family in Kerens. He was a flight instructor, rancher, postal carrier and Kerens Postmaster over the years. He worked hard and joyfully for his family and community.

He is survived by his daughter, Vicki Shelton Sargent and Mike Land; his son, Lee Alan Shelton; two grandsons, Trey Sargent and his wife, Couri, and Hunter Reed Sargent and his fiancée Emma Huff; one granddaughter, Sarah Griesemer and her husband, Chris; and six great-grandchildren, Avery Rene' and Owen Reed Griesemer, Addie Mae and Amelia Rose Sargent, and Dorwin IV and Ellie Reed Sargent. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and his brother, Jimmie Lester Shelton, Sr.

Pallbearers are Trey Sargent, Hunter Sargent, Chris Griesemer, Jimmie Shelton, Jr., David Wilson, Jr., Carl Lee, Jr., Benny Cherry, and Ron Wilson.

“And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things shall pass away.” Revelations 21:4

Visitation will be 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friday, September 1, 2023 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Celebration of life will be 10:00 am Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Jane Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Kerens Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Trey Sargent, Hunter Sargent, Chris Griesmer, Jimmie Shelton Jr., David Wilson Jr., Carl Lee Jr., Benny Cherry. Honorary pallbearer will be Ron Wilson.

The funeral service can be viewed at the following link: <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/92075>

Memorial link below

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/YJYF6RZRBNPKDNN7>

Cemetery Details

Kerens cemetery

1200 SW 1ST Street
Kerens, TX 75144

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Shelton*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Peggy Land McLamore lit a candle in memory of Billy Shelton*



Peggy Land McLamore - September 04, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



September 01, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



September 01, 2023 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ *Mitzi S. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy Shelton.*



Mitzi S. - September 01, 2023 at 04:02 PM

MS

“ *Mitzi S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Shelton.*

Mitzi S. - September 01, 2023 at 04:02 PM

GH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 01, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



September 01, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



September 01, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



September 01, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



August 31, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.*



August 31, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.



August 31, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.



August 31, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Shelton.

August 31, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Shelton.

August 31, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Shelton.



August 31, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Billy Shelton*.



August 31, 2023 at 06:35 AM