



## Joseph Duane Shelton

March 5, 1943 - November 13, 2024

Joseph “Joe” Duane Shelton, 81, of Bloomington passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on March 5, 1943 in Bloomington, Indiana the son of Theodore and Violet (Harp) Shelton.

Joe was a graduate of Bloomington High School South class of 1961. He was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp serving from 1963-1968 during the Vietnam War. Joe married the love of his life Frances Louise Garvin on March 15, 1969 in Bloomington. He served with the Indiana Army National Guard from 1982-2003 retiring as Command Sergeant Major with the 38th Division Artillery. He was a machinist for NSA Crane retiring after 30 years. Joe was a member of Central Wesleyan Church for 50 years and attended Bloomington Eastview Church of the Nazarene. He was a member of the American Legion post 18 and VFW post 604. Joe loved singing gospel at local churches and going out to eat with friends. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, reading, fishing, driving long distance trips, and sitting on his front porch swing.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Louise Shelton; four children, Robert Wright, Bradley Shelton, Sandra Davis and Becca Collier; two brothers, John Shelton and Paul Shelton; sister, Tina Blackwell; eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Debbie Arnett and a sister Janice Copenhaver.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Rd 37 in Bloomington with Rev. Bruce Yates officiating. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery with military honors presented by the Monroe County Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be given to the American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org> or the Wounded Warriors Project <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane  
Bloomington, IN 47403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 21. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

GC

“ I really liked Joe and am so sorry to hear of his passing. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Glenda Chestnut - November 22, 2024 at 09:19 AM

TT

“ So sorry to hear this news. Joe was a big part of our BHS Class of '61 functions and he will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Terresa Thompson.

Terresa J Thompson - November 20, 2024 at 06:50 PM

CR

Joe and I went to 4th street church together, I'm Billie Stanton Roberts. He was a wonderful person. So sorry for your loss.

Cole Ray Roberts - December 30, 2024 at 10:20 PM

MM

“ It was a pleasure and great honor to be able to serve with CSM Joe Shelton at the 38th DivArty. He and I loved traveling together and interacting with the fine Artillerymen in the command. I am sure to meet him again at Fiddler's Green.  
COL Mike Montgomery (Ret), 38th DivArty

Michael Montgomery - November 19, 2024 at 03:59 PM

TZ

“ My DIVArty CSM, Taught me a Lot about life and the military. He was one of the good guys and I'm sure if Lynn was alive today, she'd share many more fond memories. He will surely be missed!  
Ted Zehr

Ted Zehr - November 18, 2024 at 09:29 PM

MB

“ *It was always a pleasure seeing CSM Shelton. There was always a smile and an inner joy that often was contagious. I thoroughly enjoyed being around him. He was an excellent soldier and leader.*  
*CSM Marion Bush, (Ret) 2nd Infantry Brigade*

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**Marion Bush** - November 18, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DH

*Our thoughts and prayers goes out to Louise and the rest for this family. Prayers for Gods comfort*  
*Danny & Joyce Harp*

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**Danny Harp** - November 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM

AJ

*It was an honor to serve with CSM Shelton in the Indiana National Guard, and to serve with him at NSWC Crane. He was always positive and upbeat, and he always motivated his soldiers. You will be missed!*

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**Alphonso Cook Jr.** - November 21, 2024 at 10:19 AM