



Leonard Ray Shelton

September 14, 1942 - January 25, 2026

Leonard Ray Shelton, 83, of Hurt passed away Sunday, January 25, 2026 at his home. He was the beloved husband of Mary Jessie Crews Shelton for fifty-eight years.

He was born September 14, 1942 in Lynchburg, a son of the late Boyd O. Shelton and Helen Delappe Shelton. He was a member of Edge Hill Baptist Church, Hurt, a retired employee of BWXT, and a U.S. Navy veteran.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Chad Shelton and his wife, Beth of Hurt and Jacob Shelton and his wife, Georgie of Altavista; five daughters, Jenny Lewis and her husband, Tim of Hurt, Jolie Osborne and her husband, Chris of Gretna, Cammi Bartley and her husband, Glen of Pittsville, Casie Mawyer and her husband, Heath of Hurt, and Jessica Shelton of Altavista; three sisters, Sue Owens and her husband, Jessie, Judy Melton and her husband, Edward and Vickie Clay and her husband, Kenny; two brothers, Kenneth Shelton and William Shelton and his wife, Nancy; fifteen grandchildren, Allison Heyes (Bobby), Jade Shelton, Coby Shelton, Laney Shelton, Lee Lewis (Mariah), Savanna Short (Seth), Cassidy Monroe (Anthony), Chloe Osborne, Dallas Mawyer, Preston Maywer, Tulsa Mawyer, Camora Bartley, Zander Bartley, Enzo Bartley, Zion Bartley; and ten great-grandchildren, Raylin, Mila and Arie Heyes, Bentley, Carter and Grey Lewis, Jasper, Archie and Glory Short and Elsie Monroe.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Singleton; and two brothers, Doug and James Shelton.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 30, 2026 at Edge Hill Baptist Church, Hurt by Pastor Glen Bartley and Minister Chris Osborne with interment to follow in the church cemetery with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., Thursday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the National Center for Healthy Veterans, 980 Wards Road, Altavista, VA 24517 (www.HealthyVeterans.org).

Cemetery Details

Edge Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

4321 Level Run Road
Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

JAN **30**. 2:00 PM.

Edge Hill Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 28 at 04:24 PM

PV

“ *Paul VanKerckhove lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Paul VanKerckhove - February 03 at 03:35 PM

LW

“ *I am so sorry I missed Leonard's service! What a special man he was and I know he will be missed greatly by all who knew him, especially his amazing family. I am praying for you all as you grieve and pray the Lord provides you comfort in sweet memories as you navigate the following days without him.*

Lori Watkins - February 02 at 12:06 PM

LJ

“ *Chad we were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Lewis and Addie Jennings*

Lewis and Addie Jennings - January 30 at 11:16 PM

RB

“ To the entire Shelton family, we are sorry for the loss of Mr. Shelton. Please know we will keep you in our prayers in the days and months to come. So thankful you are such a close, loving family and have fond memories to give you encouragement. God bless you all.

Ryland and Mitzi Brumfield - January 30 at 04:32 PM

RS

“ Randy, Jherilin, RJ, and Wade Shelton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard Ray Shelton.

Randy, Jherilin, RJ, and Wade Shelton - January 29 at 05:45 PM

RS

“ Randy, Jherilin, RJ, and Wade Shelton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leonard Ray Shelton.



Randy, Jherilin, RJ, and Wade Shelton - January 29 at 05:45 PM

MC

“ I'm so sorry for y'all's loss! Sending lots of love

Michelle Crews - January 29 at 11:56 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I am sending Hugs and Prayers for all the family. I love you all!

Martha Shelton - January 29 at 01:29 AM

MS

“ Martha Shelton lit a candle in memory of Leonard Shelton



Martha Shelton - January 29 at 01:25 AM

BL

“ Bella, J.T., Landon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leonard Ray Shelton.



Bella, J.T., Landon - January 28 at 07:58 PM

KF

“ Kenneth,Robin,Michelle,Morgan & Families purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Leonard Ray Shelton.



Kenneth,Robin,Michelle,Morgan & Families - January 28 at 02:23 PM

KF

“ Kenneth,Robin,Michelle,Morgan & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard Ray Shelton.

Kenneth,Robin,Michelle,Morgan & Families - January 28 at 02:23 PM

SB

“ Love & Prayers to the family. Edwin & Sue



Susan Blackstock - January 27 at 07:54 PM

GV

“ Gary and Candi Valentine purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Leonard Ray Shelton.



Gary and Candi Valentine - January 27 at 07:25 PM

DR

“ Darrell & JoAnne Rorer lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton



Darrell & JoAnne Rorer - January 27 at 04:02 PM

JD

“ Love and prayers for comfort go out to Mary Jessie and each and every member of the family. The Bonds of Love never die!

Jay Crews and Gail Dalton - January 27 at 03:57 PM

FC

“ *Fay Chalmers lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Fay Chalmers - January 27 at 03:12 PM

MW

“ *Mary Jessie & Family,
Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Leonard was an awesome man with one big beautiful family who I know he cherished. Love you all!*



Mike & Jo Ann (Shelton) Weeks - January 27 at 03:04 PM

PM

“ *Patti And Don Morton lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Patti and Don Morton - January 27 at 01:42 PM

PN

“ *We grew up knowing Leonard an Mary Jesse, a very fine family. So sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. Prayers for the Shelton Family.*



Priscilla Nuckolds - January 27 at 11:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Leonard Ray Shelton.*



January 27 at 09:34 AM



“ *Judy and Ed Melton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard Ray Shelton.*

Judy and Ed Melton - January 27 at 09:34 AM



“ *Johnny Parker lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Johnny Parker - January 27 at 09:32 AM



“ *Jane. Chapman lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Jane. Chapman - January 27 at 08:38 AM

CP

“ So, sorry for your loss
Cherish the memories
Thoughts and prayers for your family
Sincerely
Connie Mae Pugh



Connie M Pugh - January 27 at 08:22 AM

GD

“ Chad and family, Sorry for your loss



George & Sue Doss - January 27 at 07:17 AM

DM

“ Dot Mitbhell lit a candle in memory of Leonard
Ray Shelton



Dot Mitbhell - January 27 at 05:28 AM

LP

“ Lisa R. Pollard lit a candle in memory of
Leonard Ray Shelton



Lisa R. Pollard - January 27 at 12:33 AM

RL

“ *Robbie Lacks lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Robbie Lacks - January 26 at 10:58 PM

WC

“ *To the Shelton family I am so sorry for your loss. Mr Shelton was so dear to me I love him so much and he will be so very much missed. God loves you and so do I. Your friend and sister forever. Wanda.*



Wanda Crider - January 26 at 10:03 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ray Shelton*



Eddie Puckette - January 26 at 08:20 PM

MC

“ *Jolie and family, so sorry to hear about your Dad. I pray that the good Lord will comfort you at this time. Marilyn and Junior Cook.*



Marilyn Cook - January 26 at 07:58 PM

MF

“ *Mary Ann Lanier and Arthur family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leonard Ray Shelton.*



Mary Ann Lanier and Arthur family - January 26 at 05:42 PM

JM

“ *Jimmy marr lit a candle in memory of Leonard Shelton*



Jimmy marr - January 26 at 04:16 PM