



Fred Shelton

March 26, 1939 - June 3, 2019

Fred H. Shelton, 80, of Cairo, died at 7:09 a.m., June 3, 2019, at his home in Cairo.

He was born March 26, 1939 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Fred H. and Ruth Elizabeth (Johns) Shelton. He married Sally Duggan on October 29, 1960, in Bedford, England.

Fred proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and he retired after 38 years from the Cairo Post Office. He volunteered at the Cairo Customs House and the Cairo Grade School. Fred was an excellent craftsman, including making paper dolls for kids. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cairo and the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Shelton of Cairo, son, Anthony Shelton of Mound City, Illinois, granddaughter, Kaylee Shelton and great grandson, Jayvin Wade, both of Murphysboro, Illinois, two uncles, Bill Johns and Dan Johns, both of MidWest City, Oklahoma, sister-in-law, Ann (Tom) Hall of Fairmont, West Virginia, numerous cousins and other relatives.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Robert Shelton.

Graveside services for Fred H. Shelton will be at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 6,

2019, at the Mound City National Cemetery. Interment will follow with full military honors by the VFW of Villa Ridge, Illinois and the Illinois Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cairo.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Shelton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Anthony and Sally*

*Cheryl and I just heard from my Mom that Fred passed. We are so sorry to hear about Freddie .Anthony I have so many great memories of your dad when we were growing up. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Sally. Peace be with you and your family.
Scott Walston*

scott walston - June 08, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *We were friends for a long time, high school, all the time you were in England we wrote many letters, and through many emails. Polly was so proud to be your Godfather when you joined the church. I will never forget your great smile. Sally and Anthony will be lost without you. My sincere prayers for both of them and God will watch over them. Love you my dear friend and RIP*

Charlotte Jackson - June 06, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *Sorry to see this. May he rest in peace. May God be with the remaining family and friends and the sorrow be easier to handle as the days go by. God bless each of you.*

Becky Klein Vaughn - June 05, 2019 at 02:02 PM

SY

“ *Many good memories of past days with Fred ! He was an exceptional person.*

Steve Yarbrough - June 05, 2019 at 12:17 PM

TE

“ *Fred and I are thinking of you, Sally and Anthony. We can not think of Cairo and not think about Freddy..he truly was what was so good about our home town. He will be missed. Sending hugs*

Tammy Elias - June 05, 2019 at 10:49 AM

CT

“ *Coby Cuzzocrea (Rebecca) (Twin) lit a candle in memory of Fred Shelton*



Coby Cuzzocrea (Rebecca) (Twin) - June 04, 2019 at 10:46 PM

CT

“ *Mr Fred as I wld call him always had a smile on his face when he greeted us kids.he wld call me twin bc he clndt tell me or my sister shannon apart.but I had my name changed since .but I remember the love & compassion he always had& he will be sadly missed GOD Bless you Mr Fred & u will be missed Sir& may GOD Bless your Family & your postal family.Rest in piece.& thank u for the Memories
From Twin*

Coby Cuzzocrea (Rebecca) (Twin) - June 04, 2019 at 10:45 PM

AK

Freddy was our CHS classmate and we rediscovered him through his daily emails...from...Mr. Freddy. I learned so much from him, about the history of my home town from information he sent; I sometimes called him Prof. Freddy.

Freddy was kind and would help or look after anyone in need. A generation of kids from Mrs. Rose's 5 and 6 grade classes loved Freddy's magic with scissors and drawings. He touched all the people, in Cairo, in a positive manner.

As far as we are concerned, The voice of Cairo has been silenced. Rest in Peace Mr. Freddy.

Love to Sally and Anthony, Art and Gerri Kaha

Art Kaha - June 06, 2019 at 11:45 AM

MS

Ron and i shared many fun times with Freddy and Sally --Rest in Peace old friend . Mary Ann Simmons,

MaryAnn & Ron Simmons - June 06, 2019 at 12:06 PM

JM

“ *Our sympathies and prayers, Sally and Anthony. We always loved Freddie's quick wit; whenever we saw him, he always had several jokes to share. I have fond memories as a child of all our families up at the KC Hall during the Christmas and Halloween parties. He will be missed by many. Billy & Janet Moses*

Janet Moses - June 04, 2019 at 09:33 PM

ET

“ *My deepest sympathy to Sally and Anthony. Freddie was loved by all who knew him. He was a great Cairo historian and loved to share his knowledge and memories of the town. He will be greatly missed.*

Elizabeth Turner - June 04, 2019 at 07:42 PM

KB

“ Fred was not only our mailman at the Flower Center but was a great friend to my Mom and Dad also. Great reunion in heaven.

Kris Bagbey - June 04, 2019 at 07:17 PM

DF

“ I have fond memories of Fred. He and Sally were friends of my parents. They always had such a good time. He was ALWAYS so NICE! Condolences to Sally and Anthony.

Debbie Conroy Fleming - June 04, 2019 at 06:51 PM

OH

“ Bingo, bingo, bingo is how I remember Freddie. I remember him and my dad being such good friends. They served the Cairo VFW well along with Mickey Ryan. Prayers and thoughts ho out to Sally and Anthony. Ouida

Ouida Haralambidis - June 04, 2019 at 06:47 PM

CW

“ Freddie was a great friend of my family. He used to visit my dad at the paint store & talk with him. I would see he & Sally & the family at church. Just lately when Steve & I visited Cairo on our RV trip he gave us a tour at the Custom House which after all these years we had never done. Our sincere sympathies to Sally & Anthony. Freddie will surely be missed.



Chari Willis - June 04, 2019 at 06:06 PM

BP

“ I am so sorry about Fred. I feel blessed that I got to see you at St. Mary's Church in Cape last year.
My thoughts and prayers are with you, Sally, and the rest of the family.
Love you all. Beth Aydt Pace and Archie Aydt

Beth Pace - June 04, 2019 at 05:59 PM

DP

“ Sally and Anthony so sorry for your loss, keeping you all in our thoughts and Prayers
Dave and Judy Petermichel

Dave and Judy Petermichel - June 04, 2019 at 05:35 PM

DH

“ DH lit a candle in memory of Fred Shelton



DH - June 04, 2019 at 05:19 PM

BT

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Sally and Anthony and family. Mr. Freddie was a super great person. He sure loved His Cairo. He will be sadly missed by all. May Gods comfort and peace be with you all. Bonnie McKee Taylor

Bonnie McKee Taylor - June 04, 2019 at 04:27 PM

LH

“ Rip Fred aka (CornBread) is what I called him since I was a kid when he delivered mail. Really cool person!



Linda Davis- Harley - June 04, 2019 at 02:58 PM

SK

“ My heartfelt sympathy to you Sally , Anthony and your family during this time. May God comfort you 🙏 Freddie was a great friend for many years. He sure kept us all informed of the Cairo happenings. He will surely be missed. Sending love and hugs ❤️😊

Shelly Kaha - June 04, 2019 at 02:09 PM

LH

“ Fred will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to Sally and Anthony.

Lorrie Hesselrode - June 04, 2019 at 01:59 PM

RK

“ Our prayers are with Sally and the family,. Richard and Sharon Kearney

Richard Kearney - June 04, 2019 at 09:58 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol and Randy George - June 04, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ So sorry for you loss Sally and Anthony Fred was a wonderful man.



Kevin Klein - June 04, 2019 at 08:18 AM

RW

Sorry for your loss Sally...Fred always made it a point to come over to our "pew" to say "Hello" when we were home..Praying for peace and comfort in your Heart.

Rhonda Williams - June 04, 2019 at 01:59 PM

A.

“ A.L.A. lit a candle in memory of Fred Shelton



A.L.A. - June 04, 2019 at 07:27 AM

RK

“ Sally and Anthony, I am so terribly sorry to hear of your loss. Your husband and father was a dear friend of mine. We exchanged emails yesterday. I shall miss him very much. I shall keep you both in my heart and prayers.

*With deepest sympathy,
Ruth Sebastian Kidwell*

Ruth Sebastian Kidwell - June 03, 2019 at 04:38 PM

GK

Sally and Anthony, I am so sad to hear of the loss of our dear Friend. Freddy was a special person that brought a lot of people great joy. Art and I are thinking of you at this time. Love: Gerri and Art Kaha

Gerri and Art Kaha - June 04, 2019 at 10:16 AM

DC

Sally, I am so very sorry for your lost. I will keep you in my prayers.

Delores Cromwell - June 04, 2019 at 01:27 PM

DW

Sally, I was sorry to read that Freddie had passed away. My sincere condolences to his entire family. Freddie was always in a good mood, the joy in heart and the smile on his face spread to everyone who has the pleasure to know him.

David Westermann - June 04, 2019 at 05:59 PM

 David Marshall

Sallie and Anthony, I was vey sad to learn of your loss. I can't remember not knowing Freddie. He was in my brother's class at CHS (1957). I remember what a good athlete and competitor he was and how much he loved sports. I have been gone from Cairo since high school, but have visited several times and always would run into Freddie. He made a difference in a lot of people's lives. David Marshall

David Marshall - June 07, 2019 at 02:57 PM