



John B. Shelton

April 9, 1934 - November 8, 2016

John B. Shelton, Jr., 82, of Anna, died at 5:43am Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born April 9, 1934, in Trigg County, Kentucky, the son of John Barnette and Clyde Elizabeth (Joiner) Shelton, Sr. He married Margaret Hillman on August 22, 1954.

John graduated from Trigg County High School in Cadiz, Kentucky, in 1952. He attended Freed-Hardeman College, earned his Bachelor of Arts at David Lipscomb College, and Masters in Communications from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He became a minister of the Church of Christ at the age of 18, ministering to the Green's Chapel Church of Christ and the Horse Cave Church of Christ, both in Hart County, Kentucky, and to the Cadiz Church of Christ in Trigg County, Kentucky. He and his family moved to Anna, Illinois, in 1965 where he ministered to the Anna Church of Christ for 30 years and to the Wetaug Church of Christ for 5 years, retiring in 2000 from full time ministry. He continued to be an active member of the Anna Church of Christ after his retirement as both elder and church treasurer. John taught school the entire time he was in the ministry. He taught at Hart County Schools and Trigg County Schools in Kentucky, and then as a graduate assistant at SIU-C. He became the first faculty member hired at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois, in 1969. He served as a Speech and English professor and

Chairman of the Communications Department for 25 years, retiring in 1994.

John is survived by his wife, Margaret Shelton of Anna; four children, Mark (Diana) Shelton of Anna, Deborah Yates of Vienna, Illinois, Rachel (Bruce) Paschall of Florissant, Missouri, Jeffrey Shelton of Normal, Illinois; six grandchildren, Stacy Shelton Crunk, Alyssa Shelton, Benjamin Yates, Jordan Shelton, Jillian Shelton, and Jackson Shelton; five great-grandchildren, Logan Crunk, Ian Crunk, Cayden Sawyer, Coby Sawyer, and McCormick Yates; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Jacklyn Bauer; three sisters, Eunice Howell, Nancy Wilson, and Edna Cathey; two brothers, Paul and Dennis.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro on Friday, November 11, 2016, 4:00-8:00pm, and on Saturday, November 12, 2016, 1:00-2:00pm at the Anna Church of Christ, located at 104 Nile Street, Anna, Illinois.

Funeral service will be at 2:00pm Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Anna Church of Christ with R.W. McAlister and Bryan McAlister officiating. Interment will follow in Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to New Pathways for Children, 3311 Shaw Road, P.O. Box 10, Melber, Kentucky 42069, a charity which John helped found and on whose board he served for many years. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. (web site: npfc.net)

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John B. Shelton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Deborah Shelton Yates lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton*



Deborah Shelton Yates - November 23, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ *Hi Ben,
We know the past couple weeks have been hard ones for you. Grandpa left this world knowing how much you loved him, and he certainly loved his grandson. You have been a strength for your mom during this time. No one could be prouder of you than we are. All our love,
PawPaw and grandma Yates*

Larry and Kittie Yates - November 12, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dear Deborah,
Our love and thoughts are with you during this time. You were right by your dad's side all the way, and we know he loved that. You were such a blessing to your dad. We pray you can soon fill the void he is leaving, right now, in your life. Love,
Larry and Kittie*

Larry and Kittie Yates - November 12, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dear Shelton family,
We know our brother, John is resting in peace this day. However, that's not a lot of relief for the family he has left behind, when one was loved as much as he was. We pray for peace and comfort especially for you, Margaret at this time. Our love and thoughts will be with you for many weeks and months to come. We love you.*

*Love,
Larry and Kittie Yates*

Kittie Yates - November 12, 2016 at 12:36 PM



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



November 11, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton*



Sheri Robinson - November 11, 2016 at 07:53 AM

DR

“ *DARIO J RUFF purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John B. Shelton.*



DARIO J RUFF - November 10, 2016 at 09:28 PM

RS

“ *John was a gentleman of the highest caliber. He was refined, articulate and dignified. His demeanor demanded respect and it was well deserved. John had another side that shined through to his closest friends and family, he had an awesome sense of humor.*



Out of the blue, without warning, John was able to make statements that would catch people off guard and tickle their innermost funny bone.

Besides being a fantastic minister, John had a beautiful tenor voice and was an excellent song leader. Often, while trying to learn the tenor part, I would stop and listen for John and try to imitate him. I guess I am on my own now.

John was also very well versed in scripture and very wise. He could always be counted on for insights and explanations on tough subjects. It was wonderful to study with John because you were sure to learn something every time he spoke.

John performed the services for our wedding. I was very honored by this.

John's funnies, tenor voice and song leading, his preaching and his insightful comments in Bible classes will sorely be missed.

We are very sorry to lose John from our midst, but we rejoice in knowing that he is peacefully awaiting his reward.

Our prayers continue to be with the family.

Ron and Susan Schultz - November 10, 2016 at 08:08 PM

BR

“ *Barb And Rod lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton*



Barb and Rod - November 10, 2016 at 08:54 AM

BR

“ *We are sending love and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. We know your father will be greatly missed.*

Barb and Rod - November 10, 2016 at 08:41 AM

BB

“ *Mr. Shelton was one of my instructors when I attended Shawnee Community College in the late 1980s. I was immediately impressed with the genuine interest and concern that he showed to his students. I will always remember his eloquence and articulation. I will also fondly remember his ability to quote "Burma Shave" jingles. Over the years, I have had a number of occasions to work with him professionally. His tender care and spirit was readily apparent as he ministered to families at a very difficult time. I will always cherish my memories of Mr. Shelton. He made a long and lasting impression on me and for that I am truly grateful. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.*

Brian Bailey - November 10, 2016 at 08:21 AM

MW

“ Thinking of you at this time and praying that God eases the pain in your hearts. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Gary and Mary Wagner



Mary Wagner - November 10, 2016 at 07:37 AM

BP

“ Barry & Suzy Paschall lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton



Barry & Suzy Paschall - November 10, 2016 at 07:17 AM

TD

“ Tammy Dillon lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton



Tammy Dillon - November 10, 2016 at 05:48 AM

LW

“ Linda Dunning Winn lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton



Linda Dunning winn - November 10, 2016 at 05:22 AM

LW

Bro. John Shelton was such a great minister. As a child I attend the Cadiz Church in which he was a young preacher . I have not seen him in years

Linda Dunning winn - November 10, 2016 at 05:25 AM

AF

“ *So sorry for your loss, please be assured he is with the lord now and they are celebrating his life and he will continue to watch over his family! prayers and love from the Wingate family!*

adam wingate and family - November 09, 2016 at 10:36 PM

CW

Amen and hugs for you and your family.

Cathie Wingate-Funk - November 10, 2016 at 12:37 AM

JC

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family. Bro. Shelton certainly had an influence on my life and certainly for which I cannot adequately express. As a teen in the early 60s, I dated a young lady that attended the services at Cadiz, that lady became my wife for which I am so grateful for those 51 years. I can remember Bro. Shelton teachings of the Bible that he did so well and for which I can truly say-"He taught me the truth". Not only did he baptize me but also he married Shirley and I as well. Thank you, Bro. Shelton for your kind words and the example you set before those you came in contact with. I look forward to that day when I let you know that. May the family find comfort and peace in His word. Jimmie Carr*

Jimmie Carr - November 09, 2016 at 08:49 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton*



Mary Lou Hynes - November 09, 2016 at 07:17 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Rion lit a candle in memory of John B. Shelton*



Cheryl Rion - November 09, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John B. Shelton.*



November 09, 2016 at 12:00 PM