



## Thomas Houston Shelton

October 26, 1936 - August 18, 2022

Thomas Houston Shelton , 85 of Rushville passed away on August 18, 2022 in Rushville. He was born on October 26, 1936 in Dimple, KY to the late Burrel and Noka Shelton. Tom was a 1954 Jeffersonville High School graduate. He later attended Franklin College where he played football and baseball. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He received his Bachelors Degree from Franklin College in 1958 and his Masters Degree from Ball State University in 1962. He married Mary Beth (Friend), his wife of 57 years on November 27, 1958 and she preceded him in death on May, 9 2016

Tom was an avid sports fan and cherished spending time with his family and friends. Tom and his family enjoyed 47 summers on Paradise Lake in Carp Lake, MI where they own a cottage. He taught science at the Rushville Junior High School for 36 years. He coached football, basketball and baseball and was called "Coach" by many of his former students. After coaching, Tom was an IHSAA Official for football and basketball and later went on to be an announcer for the Rushville Lions football and basketball games on WRKR radio.

He was a long time member of Main Street Christian Church in Rushville where he served in many ways. In recent years Tom became a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Tom was active in the community as a member of the Optimist Club and the Rushville Elks Lodge. In 1983 he was named a Kentucky Colonel, by the Governor of Kentucky for his outstanding contributions to his community and state.

Tom is survived by his son Ted (Mescal) Shelton of Rushville, IN and son Tim (Colleen) Shelton of Midland, MI. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Katie Beth, Sam, Olivia and husband Jay, Lucas and wife Kenedy, and his great granddaughter Hadley Beth. Tom is also survived by his sisters Patty Pope of New Braunfels, TX and Betty Grogan of Honolulu, HI. Tom is preceded in death by his parents Burrel Houston Shelton and Noka (Ragland) Shelton, wife Mary Beth (Friend) Shelton and his sister Sue Thornley. A memorial service will be held on Saturday September 10, 2022 at 2:00PM at Moster Mortuary with Pastor John Wall presiding. Friends and family are welcome to visit from 11:00AM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Rushville Elks #1307 Scholarship Fund or the Rush County Community Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary  
334 N. Main  
Rushville, IN

## Memorial Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary  
334 North Main Street  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-3914  
[info@mostermortuary.com](mailto:info@mostermortuary.com)  
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Houston Shelton*



Moster Mortuary - September 10, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Thomas Houston Shelton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Houston Shelton.*



September 07, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the news of Tom's death. He was a great guy and teacher. He also worked part time in my dad's store in Rushville. He was so friendly, warm, and kind. God places a few memorable people in our lives, and Mr. Shelton was one of those people for many of us!*

Marilyn McGinnis Lambert - September 07, 2022 at 07:12 AM

GM

“ I wish to extend my condolences to the family of Tom Shelton. It says something about this man when I say I remember him as one of my favorite teachers in 7th grade sixty-two years ago. When I see photos of him as a young man, it still brings a smile to my face.  
Sincerely, Gregg Mauzy McManus

Gregg McManus - August 28, 2022 at 07:36 AM

CH

I can still picture the science class room in the basement of the old Jr High School. Wow. Long time ago. Still remember ROY G BIV for the colors of the rainbow! Funny how that and Home Ec class stick in my mind, but not much else. Mr. Shelton certainly was kind. So sorry for the family's loss. Prayers for all from Florida. Glad to have known him.  
Cynthia McManus Hall.

Cyndy McManus Hall - August 29, 2022 at 09:54 AM

LS

“ Tom. You need to get trail graded on Carlton Cove. The guys at Carp Lake. Rest In Peace

Larry Sullivan - August 26, 2022 at 03:56 PM

PB

“ Tom Shelton was an amazing teacher, coach and mentor in Jr. High. He used to run the North end park in the summertime. His favorite saying was "organized play and recreation". Once Tom, myself and Bill Long went to Connersville to umpire a Little League regional all star game. We didn't get home until 1:00 in the morning 🌅!! (Lol)...

Perry Bennett - August 24, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JW

“ Tom gave me my favorite saying, "Love makes the world go 'round, but money greases the wheel. He was a great man, mentor and teacher. Always had time to talk with you. He will be greatly missed.

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**Jeff Wagoner** - August 23, 2022 at 09:36 PM

BL

“ Of all the teachers I had during my school days in Rushville, Tom Shelton was the best. I am now 73 years old and still admire him as a teacher, mentor, coach and friend. We were all blessed to have Tom as part of our lives.

*Bill (Boodie) Lloyd*

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**Bill Lloyd** - August 22, 2022 at 01:59 PM

BL

*I failed to mention that, I too, graduated from Franklin College and was always proud to be a fellow alum of Tom's.*

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**Bill Lloyd** - August 22, 2022 at 02:02 PM

DG

“ He was one of my very favorite people. I'm grateful I got to visit with him last time I was in Rushville. He was as ornery as they come (one of his many charms) but he was an absolute marshmallow under that 'gruff' exterior. I will miss him terribly.

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**Deborah (Payne) Garlock** - August 22, 2022 at 11:39 AM

JB

“ I was one of Mr. Shelton's students and he was such a fine teacher who taught more than science, but also taught kindness through his example. May he rest in peace and condolences to the Shelton family.



Janet (Safewright) Bolan - August 22, 2022 at 10:44 AM

BH

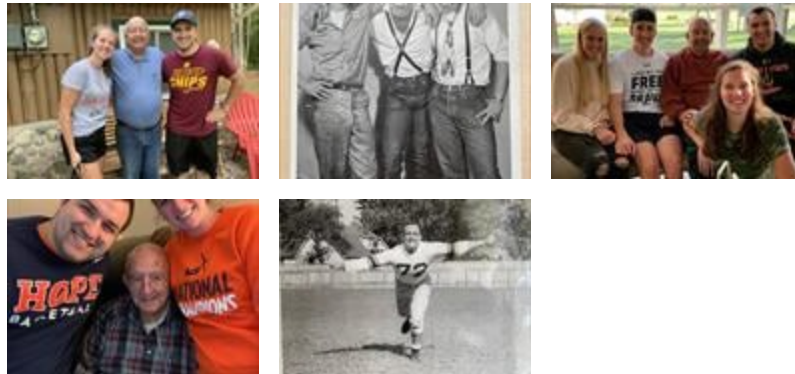
“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Bill & Beth Holman



Bill & Beth Holman - August 22, 2022 at 09:34 AM

OS

“ ❤️Missing you always Papaw❤️



Olivia Shelton - August 22, 2022 at 07:04 AM

JB

“ I will forever remember tom as a great teacher and a great friend throughout the years. Too many wonderful memories that are going through my head while thinking about him. There is no doubt in my mind that Tom will be watching over us. Sending prayers to his family  
John Byrne

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**John Byrne** - August 21, 2022 at 12:00 PM

CC

“ Tom far right and Beth to his right



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**Craig Custer** - August 20, 2022 at 06:10 PM

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“ Mr. Shelton was a fine man and educator. I'm glad I met him in 1986 at Benjamin Rush Middle School. I'll miss his sense of humor and witty conversations. I'm glad my daughter and I had the chance to visit with him in late June.

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**Craig Custer** - August 20, 2022 at 06:06 PM

MF

“ We loved going up to the lake for years and seeing our Rushville friends. Tom and Beth were special friends and we have a heart full of memories. Now all the group are together again❤️. He always called Tom Tommy and me little Miss Mary Gabbert and remembered where I sat in his 8th grade science class. Ted, Tim and all the family our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Mary and Tom Floyd** - August 20, 2022 at 01:07 PM

GC

“ Gary And Carla Cameron lit a candle in memory of Thomas Houston Shelton



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**Gary and Carla Cameron** - August 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM

BW

“ Tom was such an energetic, dedicated man who loved his family and life. I babysat for Tom and Mary Beth when Ted and Tim were little guys, sat in Tom's 8th grade science class and learned about Roy G Biv, and taught in the classroom above Tom's for nine years. The world has lost a fine man. My sympathy to Ted, Tim, and their families.

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**Becky Webb** - August 20, 2022 at 11:10 AM