



Raymond Stevens Shelton

August 1, 1945 - August 18, 2025

RAYMOND STEVENS SHELTON was born on August 1, 1945, at the Laura Eldridge Memorial Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas. He was born just six days before the Atomic fell on Hiroshima. His parents, Herbert Raymond Shelton, Jr. and Mary Stevens Norton were apprehensive about raising a child in such uncertain times. Yet peace prevailed, and the family grew with the addition of three siblings: Valerie Katherine, Nancy Louise and Carl Lee.

Steve, as he was known, cherished his childhood in Sugar Land. He was deeply woven into the community fabric-- playing with the neighborhood children, attending the First Presbyterian Church, and being an active member there, attending school, participating in all the sports, football being his favorite. His high school team reached the state championship in his junior year, a memory he held dear despite not winning. After graduating from John Foster Dulles High School, Steve attended Texas A&M and Texas A&I on football scholarships but left college to join Nalco Chemical Company in Sugar Land in October 1965.

On December 22, 1966, Steve married his soulmate, Rose Marie Alford at the First Baptist Church in Sugar Land. Their 58-year marriage, celebrated in 2024 was filled with adventures and brought four children: Kacy Marie, Tracy Leann, Steven Wade and Molly Beth.

In May 1973, Steve relocated his family to a farm in El Campo, Texas purchased by his father for a joint cattle-raising venture. The farm became the heart of their family life. Steve retired from Nalco Chemical Company in June 1978 after 12 ½ years, built a home on the farm and started working for Exxon Company USA in Vanderbilt, Texas in June 1978. He thrived in his career, faith, community, loved the outdoors, loved fishing and spending time camping with his family and friends. He loved to dance and was President of the Plainview Dance Club for years. Steve and Rose could really cut a rug on the dance floor and at times the other dancers would stop just to watch them dance. He belonged to the Young Farmers of America organization for many years, making many friends. He belonged to and was very active in the Methodist Church belonging to the Pairs & Spares group and holding the position of Lay Leader for several years. Steve is Past Master of the El Campo Masonic Lodge #918. He loved his Lodge buddies and visited with them often. He was always helping out wherever and whenever anyone needed him.

In 1997, Exxon transferred Steve to East Texas to the Overton field separating him from his family for five years—a period he deeply regretted. He was not happy living away and was overjoyed when ExxonMobil finally moved him back to the El Campo area. Steve retired from ExxonMobil in August 2003 after 25 years of service. Post-retirement, he worked briefly with Boll Weevil Eradication in 2004 and later with Driving Safety Services in El Campo, enjoying the proximity to home. He retired permanently after several years.

Retirement allowed Steve to indulge in fishing, camping, farm work, and time with his children and grandchildren, visiting friends, watching movies and having endless conversations with whoever he could find to listen. He never met a stranger and never missed an opportunity for a good conversation. Steve lived with integrity, honesty, and fairness, guided by his faith in Jesus Christ.

His life was lived to honor God. He was a fair and just man, full of love for not only his family but all of mankind. Steve knew the value of friendship and practiced it often, treating everyone with love and respect.

Steve passed away, leaving behind a legacy as a devotional husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was preceded in death by his parents and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie Alford Shelton, his daughters; Kacy Marie Bain (Keith); Tracy Leann Appling; Molly Beth Volek (Darren), a son; Steven Wade Shelton (Amanda); Nine grandchildren, Amber Rose Miles (Jacob) and Ethan Luke Bain (Channing); RaeAnna Leigh Appling and Steven Wyatt Appling; Charles Stevens Shelton and Sophie Evelyn Shelton; and Kaiden Hunter Volek, Kason Lane Volek and Kenton Ray Volek; Five great grandchildren, Cullen Miles and Slade Miles, Evelyn Bain, Wyatt Bain and Holly Bain; Two sisters, Valerie Katherine, wife of Ralph Kodell, Nancy Louise Pruitt, and One Brother, Carl Lee Shelton and wife, Barbara. Also, by six nieces, five grandnieces and eight grandnephews.

Graveside services will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 23 at St. Procopius Cemetery, 1693 CR 319, Louise Tx, 77455.

Memorial donations in memory of Raymond may be made to First Methodist Church or Houston Hospice – El Campo.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **23**. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Procopius Catholic Cemetery
1693 CR 319, Louise Tx, 77455
Louise, TX 77455

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in Peace good friend.*

J Roger Howard - August 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *Martin Strarup lit a candle in memory of Raymond Stevens Shelton*



Martin Strarup - August 23, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Stevens Shelton.*

August 22, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.*



August 22, 2025 at 05:18 PM

SP

“ Sarah Pruitt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



Sarah Pruitt - August 22, 2025 at 03:23 PM

FK

“ Over the years Steve, Rose, Nancy and I shared trips from breakfast on the King Ranch to breakfast on the rim at Palo Duro Canyon. Also hiking and canoeing at Big Bend plus many other trips. Many miles and memories. Rest in Peace Steve

Frank Kacal - August 22, 2025 at 11:39 AM

PH

“ Steve was my very first friend. We were born 7 days apart and shared the hospital nursery. Our families were dear friends and the Shelton family is still dear to me. I am so sad to lose Steve and send my love and prayers to Steve's wonderful family.

Pam Hingston - August 22, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



August 22, 2025 at 10:29 AM

WT

“ William T. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



William T. - August 21, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Stevens Shelton.

August 21, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



August 21, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SR

“ *Stewart Title Richmond* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



Stewart Title Richmond - August 21, 2025 at 02:00 PM

PM

“ *Rose—Greg and I are keeping you and your family in our prayers. We are saddened at the loss of a special man.*

Patti Montello - August 21, 2025 at 12:14 PM

ES

“ Steve was one of my best friends who I admired my sympathies go out to Rose and the families. Hope to see him again in heaven. Ed Scanlin,

Ed Scanlin - August 21, 2025 at 10:58 AM

BP

“ Dear family, we are saddened to learn of Steve's death. We are praying for God's comfort for each of you.

BJ & Jon Pitts - August 20, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



August 20, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LU

“ Lynell Ustynik lit a candle in memory of Raymond Stevens Shelton



Lynell Ustynik - August 20, 2025 at 05:03 PM

LU

Sending prayers to all.

Lynell Ustynik - August 20, 2025 at 05:04 PM

BC

“ Please accept my sincerest condolences. Steve was a great classmate, always positive with a big smile.

Baker Donna Christopher - August 20, 2025 at 04:21 PM

FB

“ Rose and family,
Thinking of you in this difficult time. Steve was a wonderful friend and classmate.
Faye Lorning Booth

Faye Booth - August 20, 2025 at 12:58 PM

JG

“ Janice Jenkins Girard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Stevens Shelton.

Janice Jenkins Girard - August 20, 2025 at 12:57 PM

JG

“ Janice Jenkins Girard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Stevens Shelton.



Janice Jenkins Girard - August 20, 2025 at 12:57 PM

JK

“ Prayers for the family. Steve was a good man, always had a smile and a story. Rest in Peace



Julie A Kacal - August 20, 2025 at 12:22 PM

JH

“ Steve was always a member of our high school “family”, even when separated by time and distance. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Rose, family members, and friends.

J Roger Howard - August 20, 2025 at 11:56 AM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Raymond Stevens Shelton



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - August 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM

SC

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers to you All



Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula - August 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Steve was a classmate at Dulles High school, the class of 1963. He was always around with a smile and a joke. I have not seen him in many years and really appreciated the obituary about his life and his family. Well done Steve, God Bless Him and all of you who loved him. May He Rest in Peace. Marie Cangelosi Valentine

Marie Valentine - August 20, 2025 at 11:01 AM



Daddy always had that quirky sense of humor that we loved so much! Thank you for sharing your memories.

Kacy Bain - August 20, 2025 at 11:25 AM



Don't like losing Classmates, be missing you.

Daniel Marcy - August 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM



I treasure the memory of a phone call with my cousin... shortly before he became ill. He was so buoyant, uplifting and cheerful. Rest well, cousin.

Herbert Maier - August 20, 2025 at 05:54 PM



My sincere condolences to Rose and the Shelton family on Steves passing away. Steve has been a friend for over 70 years. We grew up only four houses apart on Venice St. in Sugar Land. Played on the same sports teams and caught almost all the fish in Oyster Creek. Steve was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him. May he Rest In Peace forever. I know I will see him again at future date. RIP my friend.

Travis Gandy - August 21, 2025 at 07:16 PM