



## Delores Shafer

June 29, 1941 - August 23, 2016

Delores Ellen Shafer, daughter of the late Melvin Earl and Bertha Kidwell, was born June 29, 1941 in Indianapolis, Indiana where she grew up and graduated from Southpart High School.

On October 11, 1986, Delores was united in marriage to David Earl Shafer at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. They shared over 29 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

During her working years, Delores worked for three years with the Post Quartermaster Laundry Dry Cleaning and then transferred to the Adjutant General's Office of Records and worked as the lead records clerk for 17 years. She retired in 1996.

In her spare time, Delores was an avid square dancer. She was Square Dancer of the Year for Missouri in 2008 and served as president of the Missouri Federation of Square N Round Dance clubs in 2006. She enjoyed traveling with Dave and most importantly, she treasured spending time with her family.

Delores was a member of the Travelers Square Dance Club for 30 years, and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0331 - St. Robert for 30 years.

Delores passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2016 in the University of Missouri Hospital of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 75 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Delores leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, David of the home; four children: Jack Foster, Jr., Patrick Foster, and Michael Foster, all of Kansas City, MO and Laura Smith of Des Moines, IA; eleven grandchildren; four nephews: Jeff, Steve, Wally and Paul Somers; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Delores was preceded in death by two brothers: Ivan and Lauren; and three sisters: Shirley, Donis and Betty.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, September 1, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace", "Family Bible", "Peace in the Valley", "May I Have This Dance" and "I Will Always Love You" were played. Serving as escorts were Bruce Gilder, Pat Foster, Michael Foster, Jack Foster, Ron Selfors, and Carl Boone. Serving as honorary escorts were Chet Saladin, Dan Bruemmer and John Stover. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Delores Shafer to the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center or the Travelers Square Dance Club and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Service

SEP 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores Shafer*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - September 02, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ *Delores Shafer*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

TH

“ When I worked at the travel agency on post, I used to book travel reservations for Dee and David. We would spend hours pouring over the brochures and planning the perfect trip. Sometimes, I would deliver the travel documents to their home and we would sit and talk up a storm about anything and everything. She always made me feel like a friend and not just their travel agent. Dee was one of the sweetest, kindest and most energetic women I have ever known. Although, it has been a long time since I had seen her, I would always remember our visits when I drove past their road. I always knew if I wanted to, I could just drive up to their house at anytime and be welcomed with a big smile and a hug. Dee was just genuine "good people" and the world is just a little sadder place now.

*My deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers for Dave and her entire family.*

*Theresa Hill Clay*

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**Theresa** - September 12, 2016 at 06:20 PM

BS

“ Ben And Shelly Sargent lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer



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**Ben and shelly Sargent** - September 02, 2016 at 02:52 AM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer*



**Linda Cole-Schonbok** - September 01, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - August 31, 2016 at 11:00 AM

DT

“ *Diane And Marvin Tulla lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer*



**Diane and marvin tulla** - August 31, 2016 at 08:38 AM

DS

“ *Don Slater lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer*



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**don slater** - August 31, 2016 at 07:41 AM

VI

“ *Viviane lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer*



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**viviane** - August 31, 2016 at 07:01 AM

DS

“ *Chet & I will miss you alot. You were a wonderful friend. Who shared many memories & of family and friends at lunch; with Dave, Chet and I.*



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**Donna & Chet Saladin** - August 30, 2016 at 11:41 PM

LS

“ *Linda Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer*



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**Linda Schmitz** - August 30, 2016 at 12:39 PM

LS

*Dee you will be greatly missed. A loving, caring and giving person, we will be saddened by your departure.*

**Linda Schmitz** - August 30, 2016 at 12:41 PM

MD

*Dee was such a sweet woman and we will certainly miss seeing her at important events that take place at the Michael Foster home. She raised three good men and was a wonderful and caring wife and friend. Our prayers go out to all of her family. Sincerely, Jim and Melanie Drake*

**Melanie Drake** - August 31, 2016 at 03:14 PM

TG

*“ I am sorry I didn't get to spend a little more time visiting with Dee. she and I hit it off quite well and I would have loved to get to her better. I am Betty Foster's great niece on the Foster side of the family. She will be missed but, Heaven is rejoicing!*

**Tina Marie Mitchell Graham** - August 30, 2016 at 12:15 PM

SM

*“ Sure going to miss you sister. Forever in our hearts. Love you Dee!*



**Sherry Foster Morris** - August 30, 2016 at 09:24 AM

PG

“ *In our deepest sympathy, we pray for your comfort and strength during this season of seemingly insurmountable grief and pain. God is able to make your days shine brighter as ever to conquer despair. Being always encouraged, let him always be your guiding light!*



**PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS** - August 30, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ *Evelyn Keen lit a candle in memory of Delores Shafer*



**Evelyn Keen** - August 30, 2016 at 05:54 AM

Debbie  
Hendricks  
Foster

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**Debbie Hendricks Foster** - August 30, 2016 at 05:45 AM



“ Words can't describe how much I miss you grandma. You were the only person who was there for me every single time I needed it, never gave up on me, told me how special I am when others make me feel like I was nothing, you were the best grandma I could have ever wished for and I will miss you everyday until I see you again. Love you so much! 💜💋👩🏻



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**Julie Foster** - August 29, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ Dee was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. She always had a smile on her face. She was caring and would do anything she could for anyone.

*Dee was a long time member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, holding various offices. She loved square dancing and held several positions within her club and was on the National Square dance committee for the national convention. Dee will be missed by all who knew her.*

*In lieu of flowers donations can be made to her square dancing group or the the Ellis Fischel Cancer center. Please contact the funeral home for more information.*



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**Debbie Hendricks Foster** - August 29, 2016 at 04:26 PM



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**Tanya Drake-Foster** - August 29, 2016 at 11:27 AM



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**Tanya Drake-Foster** - August 29, 2016 at 11:26 AM



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**Tanya Drake-Foster** - August 29, 2016 at 11:13 AM