



## SFC (Ret) James "Richard" Shockley

January 26, 1932 - March 22, 2019

James Richard Shockley of Richland, Missouri, was called home to the Lord on Friday, March 22, 2019. Richard was born on January 26, 1932, to Roy Richard Shockley and Cora Ruth Welch Shockley in Bland, Missouri. He and his family later moved to Richland in the 1940s.

Richard graduated from Richland High School in 1949, took a job in Lebanon, Missouri where he met and married Betty Ruth Winfrey in 1951. They were the very first couple to be married in the brand new First Baptist Church on Pine Street. He was drafted into the US Army and in 1952 was deployed to Korea during the Korean War. While there, his first child was born. Richard was blessed with four more children during his 61 year marriage to Betty. Beginning in the 1960s, they became foster parents to a total of 62 different children over the years, one of which stayed with them from age 2 to age 35. Richard served in and retired as a First Sergeant from the Missouri National Guard in the 1970s.

Richard was a Christian and raised his family in the First Baptist Church. He was an active member of the Lion's Club for many years. He could always be seen volunteering at the Tri-County Fair "Turkey BBQ" and their pancake breakfasts. He served as a volunteer fireman and was always the man to call if you needed your furnace fixed. He did all this in his community while also employed with Caldwell Oil Company for 40+ years, first as a service station

attendant, then as a mechanic and finally as their bookkeeper.

He enjoyed sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

Upon retirement, he continued to serve his community as a volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels out of the Senior Center. This is where he met Ruth Mandrell who also volunteered at the Center and they were married in 2006. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Betty and oldest daughter Paula Shockley Adkison.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years Ruth; his children Donna Nye (Ronnie) of Floresville, TX; Tom Shockley (Sue) of Broken Arrow, OK; Jim Shockley (Mary) of Crocker, MO, and Susie Doughty of Centennial, CO; his five grandchildren, Benjamin Nye, Alicia Nye, Daniella Mercer (Mark), Joshua Shockley (Heather), Megan Vatole (Kyle), Katie Uherka (Erryck) and Adam Shockley; his three great grandchildren, Nolan Mercer, Howard Mercer and Amelia Vatole; his brother Edward Roland Shockley (Phyllis) of Denver, CO; a special cousin Charles Schuenemeyer (Carolyn) of Lebanon, MO and countless nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Brother Fred Bobe officiating. Favorite recorded music included, "His Eye Is on The Sparrow," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Look for Me at Jesus` Feet." Serving as escorts, was the United States Army. Burial with Military Honors followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery, Richland, Missouri.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of James "Richard" Shockley and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.



# Cemetery Details

## **Oaklawn Cemetery**

Richland, MO 65556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) James "Richard" Shockley*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - March 26, 2019 at 12:41 PM

MB

*Sympathy to the Shockley family! Betty and Richard were good friends and our kids all went to school together*  
*Millie Howlett Brotherton*

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**Millie Howlett Brotherton** - March 26, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *SFC (Ret) James "Richard" Shockley*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

CF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Shockley was a kind and gentle man and he will be missed by many. Donna and family you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Charley and Joyce Fritts** - March 26, 2019 at 09:48 AM

RH

“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of SFC  
(Ret) James "Richard" Shockley



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**Robin Hobbs** - March 26, 2019 at 07:56 AM

TM

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the family at this difficult time. Richard was a  
good Christian man, I pray God's blessings at this time.

*James and Tana Mitschele*

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**Tana Mitschele** - March 25, 2019 at 08:51 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry and thinking of your family today,I spent many hours  
at the Shockley home when I was young and have wonderful  
memories there.Donna was my best friend and love her so  
much..her family is also dear to me..my thoughts and prayers are  
with you today..love you all so much..Mary Lyn

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**mary Lyn Smith** - March 25, 2019 at 11:43 AM



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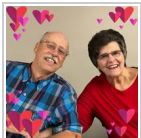
**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - March 25, 2019 at 11:35 AM

LG

“ *Linda Goforth lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) James "Richard" Shockley*



**Linda Goforth** - March 25, 2019 at 12:47 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during the difficult days ahead. Richard Shockley was one of the first men I met when we moved to Richland, and he was a good one. He had a servant heart, and before his health failed him, he was always trying to help someone out by giving them a hand up! He was a fine man. Martin and Georgia*

**Georgia White** - March 24, 2019 at 11:10 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) James "Richard" Shockley



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - March 24, 2019 at 10:01 PM

LG

“ I have good memories of your dad. The years I worked with Richard, at Caldwell Oil. He was quiet but had a good sense of humor once you got to know him. He was always willing to answer my questions I would have about work, even when he would say “Bird, I have already told you once “, I knew he would tell me again. He thought if you were told once that was it. Because that’s the way his mind worked!!  
Shared memories and the memories all of have are never gone.  
May God’s blessings be with all the family. With heartfelt sympathy.  
Linda Hall Goforth

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**Linda Goforth** - March 24, 2019 at 04:52 PM

MH

“ So so sorry to see this. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Many memories of great times in the Shockley home throughout my childhood and saying hi to Mr Shockley at church or the service station. He was a kind and gentle person. I know you will miss him. Big hugs to my dear friend Donna and peace to all of you.

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**Marta Halter** - March 23, 2019 at 07:06 PM

MN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. All of the Family is in my prayers.*  
*Mary Nunley*



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**mary nunley** - March 23, 2019 at 06:55 PM