



SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen

December 1, 1937 - February 16, 2021

Shelby Gene Allen passed away peacefully on February 16, 2021, at Cox Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, after having struggled with pneumonia and other health-related issues. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Allen of the home, and children Sylvia (Butchy) Newkirk and her husband Gene Newkirk, of St. Robert, MO; Barbara Shackelford-Thomas and her husband James L. Thomas, of Dixon, MO; Karen Espinoza and her significant other James Clark of Rolla, MO; Kenneth Allen and his significant other Patty Fellers, of St. Robert, MO; Sandy Johnson and her husband Kevin Johnson, of Lebanon, MO; Suzanne Allen (deceased), Tom Allen and his wife Haidemarie Allen, of St. Robert, MO; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shelby attained the age of 83 years. He was married to Charlotte Liebert in Germany on May 9, 1959, while serving in the U.S. Army. Upon marriage, Shelby and Charlotte traveled throughout the world for different duty assignments. Shelby also served in the Vietnam war and did hardship tours in Germany while serving his country patriotically until retiring from the U.S. Army after 20-years of service in 1977. Shelby and Charlotte then pursued a joint business venture and opened a car dealership called "Spur Auto Sales" and ran that business for many years until retiring last year. Shelby's interests include bird watching, sitting on the front porch and enjoying nature, eating good food, talking about cars, and visiting with his family and friends. He was particularly fond of his dog named Sasha, whom he called "doggie." Shelby would share his dinner with "doggie" every evening and they would sleep in the same bed together.

Sasha was his constant companion. Shelby also enjoyed seeing and visiting with his children and grandchildren. He would give each grandchild a special name and deliberately mispronounce their names to get them going. This always made him laugh. Shelby loved to fish in his younger years and would often take the family to the Lake of the Ozarks for picnics and fishing. He also enjoyed restoring old cars. Many times, Shelby could be found underneath a vehicle after dark and working on it late into the evening with just a light hanging underneath the car. Shelby enjoyed life to the fullest and always made time to stop and talk. Shelby and Charlotte often traveled to Branson, Missouri, for the weekend where they owned property on Lake Taney Como. They enjoyed going to the music theatres, going out for dinner, enjoying the company of their friends and family, and, in particular, Loretta Lynn, whom Shelby often drove around Branson and visited with. Both Shelby and Loretta were raised in Kentucky not far from each other and enjoyed talking about their life in Kentucky. Shelby lived a long happy life and was grateful for having as he said, "good kids." Shelby will be fondly remembered by family and friends as someone you could always talk to, a loving father and grandfather, and a proud patriot and U.S. Army veteran. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2021 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Richard Baptiste officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" by Vince Gill & Carrie Underwood, "Go Rest High on that Mountain" by Vince Gill, "When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley, "Ave Maria" by Il Devo, and "My Way" by Frank Sinatra were played. Burial with military honors followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by Missouri Honors Team.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 12:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

FEB 23. 1:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 08, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



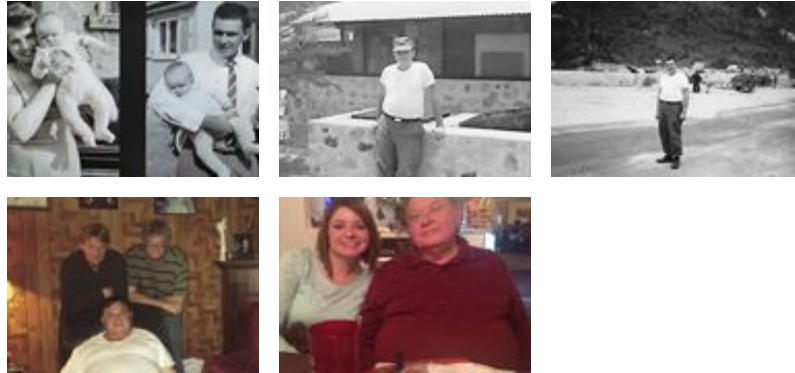
“ *Joseph & Astrid Lastrapes lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Joseph & Astrid Lastrapes - February 23, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 22, 2021 at 09:49 AM

BB

“ *Betty Blakovich lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Betty Blakovich - February 22, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *Mr. Shelby was a very sweet man. I really enjoyed our visits when he came to Family Practice on FLW. He had a smile on his face all the time. I will miss your kindness and jokes.*

Suemarie Herron - February 21, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of SFC
(Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Mary Haas - February 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *Ralph Cook lit a candle in memory of SFC
(Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Ralph Cook - February 20, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Barbi Surmiller Hoskins lit a candle in memory
of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Barbi Surmiller Hoskins - February 19, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Terry Timm sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC
(Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Terry Timm - February 19, 2021 at 04:40 PM

MB

“ *Marianne Burton lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Marianne Burton - February 19, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SS

“ *Susan Sielky lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Susan Sielky - February 19, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Marge Scott - February 19, 2021 at 12:39 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Pamela Cox - February 19, 2021 at 09:54 AM

BS

Thank you, Pam.

Barbara Shackleford-Thoma - February 22, 2021 at 10:55 PM

CB

“ *CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - February 19, 2021 at 09:36 AM

BS

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Burleson.

Barbara Shackleford-Thoma - February 22, 2021 at 10:56 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - February 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM

BS

Thank you.

Barbara Shackleford-Thoma - February 22, 2021 at 10:56 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



linda cole-schonbok - February 19, 2021 at 08:54 AM

BS

Thank you.

Barbara Shackelford-Thoma - February 22, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



Colleen Daniely - February 19, 2021 at 06:45 AM

BS

Thank you.

Barbara Shackelford-Thoma - February 22, 2021 at 10:56 PM

JU

“ *Juanita lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Shelby Gene Allen*



juanita - February 18, 2021 at 05:45 PM



Thank you, Juanita.

Barbara Shackleford-Thoma - February 22, 2021 at 10:57 PM