



## William "Bill" Edwin Shelton

December 14, 1936 - April 5, 2021

William Edwin Shelton, age 84, passed away on April 5, 2021 at NOVANT Health Prince William Medical Center in Manassas, VA.

He was born on December 14, 1936 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Edwin Houston and Flossie Mildred (Winston) Shelton.

Bill was a graduate of Norview High School in Norfolk, VA, and he went on to serve in the USMC Reserve and then on active duty with the US Air Force in England. He completed the US Navy Electronics Apprenticeship (4-year program) which set the stage for his career service in the federal government. Bill had a long career with the Department of the Army in the area of logistics for various electronic and cryptologic systems. He retired in 1996 as a GS-14 and worked for several years afterwards as a contractor for defense systems. He was also a Master Electrician and used this skill to support the Medical Missionaries, Masonic Lodge, and many residential projects.

Bill was an avid musician, singing and playing guitar with friends and family all over Manassas. He was an excellent car mechanic that could show you how everything worked. He loved riding motorcycles and did this together with his sons all his life. He was a talented photographer, liked to go boating, and was known as an excellent shot with both rifle and pistol. Bill and the Shelton family loved to go out and eat breakfast and seafood, where he was famous for making sure they didn't use any butter on his plate! Bill was a Freemason with Acacia Lodge No. 16 in Clifton VA, a tradition that extended over 5 generations. Most of all, Bill Shelton was someone that you could count on if you needed help, which he provided for many people, to include family, friends, and every person that needed it.

Predeceased by his parents; the late Edwin Houston and Flossie Mildred (Winston) Shelton.

Survivors include his loving wife, Sylvia Shelton; sons: Robert Shelton (Rachel), Jon

Shelton (Debbie) and Alan Shelton (Sharon); grandchildren: Andrew Shelton (Lisa), Alex Shelton, Natalie Shelton, Ella Shelton and Ava Shelton; great grandchildren: Edwin Shelton, Patrick Shelton and Margaret Shelton.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia at 2:00 PM, to include a Christian Service and Masonic ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please provide expressions of sympathy by making donations to:

Medical Missionaries, Inc.

9590 Surveyor Court

Manassas, VA 20110

703-335-1800

Make check payable to Medical Missionaries, Inc. with above address  
or go online at <https://www.medicalmissionaries.org/donate-funds/>

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Condolences may be sent to: <http://www.piercefh.com>

# Events

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**MAY**   **Memorial Service**   02:00PM  
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Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St., Manassas, VA, US, 20110

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Pierce Funeral Home** - May 18, 2021 at 07:30 AM

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“ I met Bill at Zabb Thai Restaurant in Manassas about 10 years ago and he became a real great friend to me, We knew many of the same people. All that I can say is that he was a very fine person who displayed the best of Christianity, humanity and patriotism!! i was honored to be his friend and have him contribute to my life. I will miss him greatly! May god comfort you all and give you peace.

**Paul M Sebula** - May 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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“ I met Bill at the American Legion Post 10 in Manassas 20+ years ago. Bill was there at karaoke and entertained the crowd with his cover of White Sport Coat , Mrs Brown You've Got A Lovely Daughter , and Gentle On My Mind . Bill was always there at karaoke to encourage and support his fellow singers. I also enjoyed Bill entertaining the crowd at Zabb Thai Restaurant in Manassas on open mic night singing and playing acoustic guitar  
Bill was a man of many interests and skills , and whatever he ventured into he did in the most gentlemanly fashion skill. Bill was a great guy , honest , humble , and loyal. I will miss Bill as I am certain many many other people will as well.  
Rest easy my friend .

**Doug Snably** - April 12, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ Bill invited me to the American Legion in Manassas, where he was greeted as a dignitary. although the smoke nearly felled me, bill was in fine voice and enjoyed others singing, laughing and visiting.

bill was a committed expert electrician and rewired the entire Acacia Lodge building by himself, always attentive to doing things right. he was a real team player and loved to help solve problems.

**Baber Brant** - April 11, 2021 at 11:06 PM

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“ I met Bill around 2012 at an acoustic open mic held at a Thai restaurant every Thursday. We were among the regulars who would be there almost every Thursday. Bill would sometimes get up and play. One of my favorites he would play was Eidelweisse. Even if he didn't get up to play, he enjoyed just listening to others play and hanging out with all the friends we've made there. I will miss my friend Bill. God bless you!

**Steve** - April 11, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ My memories of Bill go back to my youth. He was the best looking cousin I had and he and my brother were close friends. The significance of that is I got to see him a lot more. Good times included his playing the guitar, going to Ocean View, helping him fill out applications for government jobs (I could type ! ), family reunions, and watching him build garages, sun rooms, wire apartments and houses for me, sharing his photos of Germany, and his devotion to my family. His stories of working with the medical missionaries made us all realize how extraordinarily giving he was! He treasured times with his musical friends going to weekend trips to Nags Head, and the weekly kareoki nights at the Thai restaurant where I enjoyed your favorite pastime. But as his children grew up, his focus of pride was on them, their families, grandchildren and great grand children. Their pictures were emailed whenever the precious events occurred. We will all miss you, Bill. You're singing and playing kareoki with the angels now .

**Shelley Kucera** - April 11, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ Bill and I first met when we were in the third grade at Coleman Place elementary school in Norfolk. We became close friends that has always remained through the years. When one of my sons was born I was very proud when Bill said he would be the godfather. My youngest son is named after Bill.  
Bill will be greatly missed,. God bless.

Jim Martin

**jimmy martin** - April 12, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ We learned to know Bill through the 47th A & E Reunions. Bill did such a great job of organizing the reunions that his Air Force buddies wanted him to do it all the time. He would also bring his guitar to the reunions , and since Ron plays the guitar, they would enjoy talking about this.  
Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Shelton.

Ron and Jean Hylton

**Ron Hylton** - April 16, 2021 at 03:24 PM