

JOHN W. SHELTON

John W. Shelton, 85, of Lockwood, WV passed peacefully in his sleep in the wee hours of April 1, 2014 to his eternal reward in the Loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ. John was a lifelong resident of Nicholas County. He was born August 4th 1928, the 5th of 6 children of John C. Shelton and Georgia Ellen (Keenan) Shelton.

His formative years were spent farming with his siblings alongside their parents during the Great Depression in a family centered effort to provide the needs of the family.

He married Martha Jane Morris in June of 1950 beginning a life together that spanned over 4 decades until her passing in 1994. After 2 years following work from Fairmont, WV, to Cleveland, OH and Philadelphia, PA , they decided it was time to move home where, together, in 1952, they started Shelton Trucking Company.

During his lifetime, he was the loving and doting father who gave up countless hours and weekends, coaching softball, acting as chief groom and wrangler at horse shows, following the NCHS marching band in the instrument truck, and chaperoning band overnights.

He was a successful businessman, operating both Shelton Trucking Company, and later, founding Mid-State Industrial Lubricants with his brother Bill in 1971. He was a lifetime member of Summersville Lodge 76 AF & AM, Beni Kedem Shrine, Charleston, WV and later, humbly served in the WV Legislature from the 35th district. More importantly, he was a successful son, brother, husband, uncle, friend, father. and was THAT grandfather who took great joy in spoiling his grandchildren. Moreover, he was gifted with a loving and compassionate heart for others, especially in times of trouble, and gave freely of his time and resources both openly and anonymously.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 yrs, Martha Jane (Morris) Shelton, parents, John C. and Georgia E. (Keenan) Shelton, sisters, Vina Mae Shawver, Betty Ann McHenry, Katy Bell Neil, and brother William A. Shelton.

He is survived by his second wife, Emma Jean (Painter, Dalton) Shelton, three daughters, Elizabeth Morris, Mary Nutter, Leatha Preast, their husbands, Charles (Tim) Morris, Kevin Nutter, Jeff Preast, and 5 grandchildren, Cassandra Morris, Nathan and Nicholas Nutter, Mariah and Jared Preast. Two step children, Robin Martin and her husband Tony Martin, and Jeff Dalton, 5 step grandchildren, Morgan, Madison and McKenzie Martin, Jacob and Joshua Dalton and one step great granddaughter, He is also survived by his sister, Mrs. Agnes Davis of Clay and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved proudly and dearly.

A viewing will be held at White Funeral Home in Summersville, WV where friends may pay their respects from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday April 3, The celebration of his life will be held on Friday, April 4, White Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Walker Memorial Gardens, Summersville, WV

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Church or charitable organization of your choosing, but would suggest HospiceCare of WV 1606 Kanawha Blvd, West Charleston, WV 25387, or Shriners Children's Hospitals, c/o Beni Kedem Shrine, 100 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV 25301.

Condolences may be sent to the family at whitefuneralhomewv.com.