



## Boone Shelton

November 9, 1930 - March 27, 2010

Ripley, Mississippi---Mr. Boone Shelton 79, passed away March 27, 2010 at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, MS:

Boone was born November 9, 1930 in Chalybeate, MS to Lytle Boone and Lucy Wood Shelton. He graduated from Ripley High School in 1947 and MS College in Clinton in 1951 with degrees in English and Bible. He enlisted in the Korean War immediately upon graduation from college. After basic training he was assigned to the Army Security Agency in Fort Devon, MA and upon completion spent two years with Field Station 8611 in Baumholder, Germany. Boone was a Morse code receiver and continued to keep in touch with some of his Army friends. When he returned to the US, Boone enrolled as a graduate student at the University of MS to study journalism and photography. He worked for the Commercial Appeal and Jackson Daily News. He began his teaching career in 1958 at Copiah Lincoln Junior College where he stayed until 1963. As well as teaching English, he served as Assistant Dean of Men and Publicity Director of the school. From 1964 to 1976, he taught at Walnut High School, where he sponsored school plays, class trips and graduations and delighted in the success of his students. He was elected Tippah County Chancery Clerk in 1975 and retired in January 1, 1988. At the time of his death, Boone was serving as a Tippah County Election Commissioner and was on the Board of the Shady Grove Water System. Boone was an avid outdoorsman and gardener. He loved to grow vegetables and watermelons

and enjoyed sharing them with friends and neighbors. He was involved in genealogy and studied the Civil War. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. Mr. Shelton was a member of the West Ripley Baptist Church, where he was a previous Sunday School teacher. He had a fine singing voice and sang solo at many weddings. He led singing at Walnut and Shady Grove Baptist Churches.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eloise Norris Shelton, son David (Missy) Shelton of Ripley, daughter Emily (Paul) Holliday of Scottsdale, Arizona, two granddaughters: Mary Beth (Kris) Chenault of Hayden AL and Anna Shelton of Ripley, MS: Two sisters, Sarah Griffin of Fairfax, VA: and Lola (Tubby) Bradley of Fincastle, VA: Sisters-in-law Ruby Jean Shelton, Rose Ann Shelton and Virginia Reneau, and brothers-in-law Bill (Margaret) Norris and Joe (Rosa Nell) Norris. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and brother-in-law Virginia Rose and Herman Smith, and brothers Charles Shelton and William (Billy) Wood Shelton.

Pallbearers will be his nephews: Mark Huddleston, Steven Reneau, David Smith, Mike Smith, Joey Norris, Jonathan Huddleston:

Honorary pallbearers will be: Current Tippah County Election Commissioners: Former Commissioners James E. Huddleston, S.A. Tapp, Roy Hodges, John Jumper, Shady Grove Water Association Board:

And all of Mr. Shelton's former students will be honored guests:

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the West Ripley Baptist Church, 773 West Cooper St. Ripley, MS. or the charity of your choice.

To send flowers to the family of Boone Shelton, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Boone Shelton*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Shelton, Eloise, son and daughter,  
Please accept my sincere condolences to you in the loss of a fine  
Christian husband and father who made many positive contributions  
to his community and was a good role model for all who follow after  
him. I did not know him as well as my parents, the late Joe and  
Louise Booker, but I have heard them speak highly of him many  
times.*  
*Lucy Roper*

**Lucy Booker Roper** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My late condolences for your time of grief and sorrow.*

*God Bless you & your family,*

*Connie Pannell Cochran*

**Connie (Pannell) Cochran** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry about the loss of Mr. Shelton.  
From: Mckenzie Family*

**Jackie, Amy, Trevor Mckenzie** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We briefly knew Mr Shelton but know that he was a fine man. He was a good friend to Mr Jumper and Mr Stoupe (friends of ours). May God bless his Soul and strengthen those left behind.

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**Dr & Mrs Christopher J M Cummins & Family** - April 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Mr. Shelton was a positive role model for his students. I have vivid memories of Mr. Shelton teaching English at Walnut. I felt a sense of loss when I heard this sad news. But, realize that his influence on my life continues day to day as I communicate with others, enjoy a good book or listen to a wonderful piece of poetry. But, please don't make me diagram that last sentence. You live on through all the people that you have touched over the years!!!!

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**Ricky Cornelius** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our thoughts and our prayers are with you, Aunt Eloise, David, Emily, and your families.

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**Martha Shelton Wedgeworth** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Emily, I am saddened to hear of your loss. Your father was a fine man, whose legacy will be long remembered in Tippah County. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Lawrence Ambrose** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ my favorite english teacher mr. shelton was & is a great american sorry to here about your loss.

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**howard skeet hudson** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ It was with great sorrow that I learned of Mr. Boone Shelton's passing. I have often thought of the time when I opened my office in Ripley and discovered, most to my dismay, that while I had graduated from Law School, nobody there had bothered to teach me how to actually practise law. I didn't even know how to write a land deed. Judge Anderson told me to go and see Boone and he could help me. I went to the Chancery Clerk's office and Boone pulled and copied deeds, divorces, land suits and other pleadings from the better lawyers in the area to give me a form book to go by. Any time I had a case about something in Chancery that I hadn't done before, Boone always knew of a similar case and made me copies to go by. He was a source of counsel and advice, and I will always consider him one of the greatest teachers that I ever had. I hope that his memory will sustain his family in these dark times. Those of us who are his legacy will always hold him dear in our hearts.

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**Jim Pannell** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Mr. Shelton was my senior home room teacher from our graduating class of 1968. He also taught my english class. He was a very kind person and cared for his students. He will be missed and will be remembered in our hearts. I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

*Vera Hudson Marolt*

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**Vera Hudson Marolt** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Emily: The memory I have of your dad is that he was an honorable man and a true gentleman. He was always so kind and polite. My prayers are with you.

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**Joy Cook Brown** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mr. Shelton was such a fine christian man and teacher. He was greatly loved by his students. He made his classes so interesting, he was always so kind and understanding. I have so many good memories of being in his English classes. He was my high school English teacher during my 10th, 11th and 12th grade years at Walnut. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, may God send you comfort during your time of grief.

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**June Eaton Collins** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mr. Shelton was a very dear friend of mine. He and I worked together for several years At Walnut High School. Mr. Shelton was always a kind and gentle man who was loved by students and faculty. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Cecil Stroup** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I have fondest memories of him as my high school English teacher at Walnut. He was a fine man and a favorite teacher of many. May God bless and give you comfort as only he can.

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**Jean Eaton Mattox** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Uncle Boone will be missed dearly and He will always be in our hearts! We love you Aunt Weese you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time! God bless Tim, Sherry, Matthew and Douglas

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**Sherry Crawford** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ We were so sorry to hear of Boone's death. May God comfort you in this time of bereavement is our prayer.

*Pensacola, Florida*

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**Wilma & Terry Gunn** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Our thoughts and our prayers are with you, Aunt Eloise, David, Emily, and families. Uncle Boone is in heaven now with his loved ones who have gone on ahead. He was a fine man. He will be greatly missed.

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**lisa lambert** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about Mr,Boones death he was a very nice man the family is in my prayers

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**mary ann crumptom morton** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM