



Mr. Walter Lee Shelby

May 16, 1941 - February 28, 2019

Walter Lee Shelby was born on May 16, 1941 to the union of James Lundermond Shelby and Alma Williams (maiden name) in Evansville, Indiana. Walter was the older of two children.

Walter received his formal education in the Milwaukee Public School System and graduated from North Division High School in 1959.

His educational experience included attending classes at Kansas University, MSOE,

and later completing a 5 year apprenticeship program through the plumbing union local

75 (Milwaukee, WI), becoming a journeyman plumber in 1973.

Walter accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was united with Metropolitan

Missionary Baptist Church (Milwaukee, WI) until he graduated from high school and

went away to college.

Walter's first marriage was to Louise Whiter; this union was blessed with 2 children:

Darryl and Gretchen Shelby; and his second marriage was to the late Lillian Hinton; this

union was blessed with four children: Prentice, Cheryl, Audrey Shelby, and Claudette Bradley.

Walter enlisted into the United States Air Force on May 21, 1962. During his time of service he was a jet mechanic. He was honorably discharged on May 20, 1966.

Walter was employed by various companies as an apprentice and worked with a team in building Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in downtown Milwaukee; from there he was recruited by The City of Milwaukee through (Milwaukee Public School System) as a journeyman plumber. He was employed by MPS for approximately 25 years and retired in 1993 at the age of fifty-two.

Walter was an outstanding athlete at North Division High School in basketball, football and track (city) and city/state champion broad jump, and state basketball team.

Walter received a track scholarship to Kansas University.

In his leisure, he enjoyed reading the literary works of William Shakespeare, and

Chaucer's - The Canterbury Tales. The prologue of which he often recited. He also enjoyed

studying the bible. And Walter found much pleasure in listening to classical music.

After retirement, Walter travelled to Mexico, Florida, Georgia, Washington D. C.,

and Puerto Rico. In his travel to Queretaro, Mexico, he mined opal with the local natives,

then stayed at a hotel on the beach in Corpus Christi, TX for a place to polish

the opal.

Walter later lived in Puerto Rico for four years before returning home and finally settling in Shorewood, WI.

Walter Lee Shelby departed this life on Thursday, February 28, 2019. He was preceded

in death by his parents: James Lundermond Shelby and Alma Williams Carroll.

He leaves to cherish his memory to six children: Darryl Shelby, Sr., Gretchen Shelby, Prentice Shelby, Cheryl Shelby, Audrey Shelby, and Claudette Bradley; eight

grandchildren: Darryl, Jr., Myles, Alexis, Avery, and Cheyenne Shelby; Madison, London,

and River Bradley; three great-grandchildren: Ronnie Means, Amir Mann, and Amari

Mann; one sister, Alicetine Ansley; two nephews, Erik Ansley and Anthony (Tabitha)

Ansley; two special friends: Russell Stamper and Irie Grant; and a host of other relatives

and friends.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Memorial Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I love u Grandpa even though we never met I'm Victoria Shelby
(Gretchen daughter)*

Tori Lovable Shelby - July 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry about the loss of Walter. My deepest condolences goes
out to the family. May "the God of tender mercies" comfort you all
during this time of sorrow. (2Cor.1:3,4)*

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