



## Lawrence Reigh Shelite

September 23, 1936 - October 20, 2024

A memorial service for Lawrence Reigh Shelite will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Town and Country Christian Church with Pastor Neal Gordon officiating. A family visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 24th at the Marshall Funeral Home. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Lawrence Reigh Shelite, son of the late Henry Rudolph and Myrtle (Shurts) Shelite, was born September 23, 1936, in Sharon, Kansas, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on the morning of October 20, 2024, in Alva, at the age of 88 years and 27 days.

The youngest of seven siblings, Lawrence was raised in Sharon where he graduated high school with the Class of 1955. He attended tech school in Wichita after graduation.

In 1956 during the steel strike, he enlisted with the US Army in the 540th Combat Engineer Group. He was stationed in Germany, and during that time he enjoyed traveling through Europe on his time off. In 1962 he was honorably discharged at the rank of E4 having received the Medal of Good Conduct.

Upon returning to the states he moved to Alva, Oklahoma, where he met Doris May Rader. They were united in marriage on June 18, 1960, in Alva,

Oklahoma, and in 1965 they welcomed a daughter, Misti Faye. They made their home in Alva where he worked as Maintenance Foreman at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

On November 25, 1992, he was united in marriage to Frieda Faye Lieswald in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and he gained a son, Kevin, and daughter, Faye. In 1999 he retired from the college, and the couple enjoyed traveling all over the United States, visiting all but three states. They drove to countless rodeos all over the country. In later years, they attended the Town and Country Christian Church in Alva.

Lawrence enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a general handyman, and he could fix about anything. When he wasn't at work, you could find him helping members of the community with various handyman tasks. He learned to cook from his mom, and he could make one heck of a peach cobbler.

Lawrence was known for having a positive attitude and a smile everywhere he went. He loved to tell jokes, he was the King of One-liners, and he even loved to sing. He had a genuine love of life.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Shedd, Mildred "Millie" Tate, Richard "Rich" Shelite, Robert "Bob" Shelite, Chester "Chet" Shelite, Velma "Vee" Haas, and Everett Shelite.

Lawrence is survived by his wife Frieda; his daughters, Misti Knopf and husband, Floyd, of Burlington, and Faye Lilly and husband, Kenneth, of Marlow; his son, Kevin Wilkinson of Elk City; his three grandchildren, Lakin Kastl and husband, Zak, of Yukon, Tom Knopf and wife, Taylor, of Alva, and Jordan Lilly of Austin, TX; two great-grandchildren, Wilsy Faye Kastl and Theo Knopf; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Town and Country Christian Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family

OCT **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Town and Country Christian Church  
829 Church  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Misti, Lakin, and family, I'm so sorry to hear of uncle Lawrence's passing.  
Oh how I loved being around him when we were kids.  
Lawrence's infectious laugh always put a big smile on my face.  
He was so happy, every time I'd ever been around him. I absolutely loved him.  
I'm so thankful he was a part of my life.  
Hugs to you all. ❤️*

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**Darrin Rader** - October 24, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JF

“ *Jenny & Travis Foutch. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Reigh Shelite.*



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**Jenny & Travis Foutch.** - October 23, 2024 at 10:24 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lawrence Reigh Shelite.*



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October 23, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JN

“ *Misti, I am so sorry for your loss. I have only fond memories of your dad. He was a wonderful person.*

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**Jerri Nall** - October 23, 2024 at 03:12 PM

DC

“ Dear Misti and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Donise (Sterba) Cinnamon - October 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing. Remember the times he and Frieda would stop by our cafe in Nescatunga on a Sunday afternoon, usually for pie and coffee as they were out riding around.

Carol Doman - October 22, 2024 at 10:21 PM

DW

“ I'm sad & sorry to read of Lawrence's passing. Misti & Lakin, please know how much I loved Lawrence. He was the best bro-in-law to me. Always such a positive outlook. A kind & gentle man. Sending my love, prayers & sympathy to all of you....



Dudley and Jeanne Winn - October 22, 2024 at 08:04 PM