



Col. David Hamilton Shelley

February 2, 2025

Col. David Hamilton Shelley, 68, of Woodbridge, VA, passed away on February 2, 2025 peacefully at home. He was born April 20, 1956 in Paris, France, and later raised in Vienna, Virginia where he attended James Madison High School. Col. Shelley attended the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity where he served as chapter president for two years in his tenure.

Upon graduation from the University of Tennessee, he received his Commission as a second Lieutenant in the United States Army. While active duty, Col. Shelley earned an MBA from the University of Maryland, a Masters in International Relations, and attended Harvard War College. Col. Shelley was a retired Special Operations and infantry officer and retired holding the rank of Colonel in the United States Army and retired after serving our country for 24 years. Upon retiring from the United States Army, he continued to serve our country working for the Department of Defense for 21 years. He was a true patriot and hero to this country. He was a voracious reader, with an excellent grasp of history and a strong sense of duty.

Col. David H. Shelley was preceded in death by his mother, Sarah Flanagan Shelley, father, LTC. Mack Clayton Shelley, and granddaughter Madison Danielle Boore. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lynn Shelley, his son, Christopher John Clayton Shelley, of Woodbridge, Virginia; his son, Lewis

Alexander Boore, VII, daughter-in-law, Alison Renee Boore, and grandchildren, Renee Mackenzie Boore, Giuliana Grace Boore, and Landon Alexander Boore, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his brother Mack Clayton Shelley, II, and sister-in-law Kathleen Diane Shelley, of Ames, Iowa; nephew William Ryan Shelley, of West Des Moines, Iowa, and niece Anne Elizabeth Shelley, of Elkhart, Iowa; and his beloved dogs Kaiser and Heidi, of Woodbridge, Virginia. Col. Shelley was a loving and selfless husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and son who put God, his family, and his country before all else.

Services are scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 19. The family will receive visitors from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a service starting at 12:00 PM. Services are located at Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, located at 3200 Golansky Blvd. Woodbridge, VA 22192. Following the service, a burial ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM, located at the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico, 18424 Joplin Rd, Triangle, VA 22172. A funeral repast will begin at 4:00 PM, at the Ashland Conservancy Clubhouse, 5550 Fincastle Dr. Manassas, VA 20112.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

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Repast

FEB **19**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Ashland Conservancy Clubhouse
5550 Fincastle Drive
Manassas, VA 20112

Tribute Wall

SS

“*Dave my best friend and my world. It has been 16 months since you went to heaven. I am so heartbroken why does god take the good ones? Your loving wife Sandy*

sandy shelley - June 05 at 10:05 AM

MS

“*Dave and I were classmates in the Troy State University graduate school program at Ft. Bragg, 1990-1991. I will never forget his sense of humor, professionalism and towering intellect in a class of 28 other Officers selected for the program. My sincere condolences to his wife, children, extended family and friends.*

Mike Spight LTC (Ret) US Army

Mike Spight - March 17, 2025 at 08:51 PM

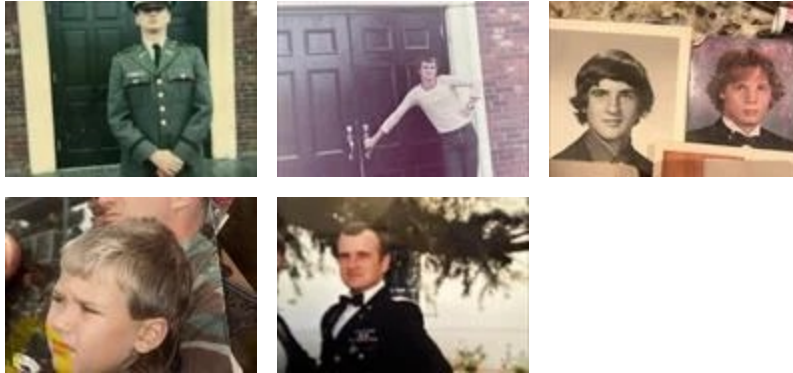
SS

Mike thank you so much. I truly miss this amazing man. He was my world and my best friend of 38 years.

Sandra She - May 08, 2025 at 06:39 AM

LE

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Lewis - March 06, 2025 at 10:46 PM

LE

*Love you Daddy!! Miss you more and more every day! I know you're looking out for us all, and ensuring we're safe! Till we meet again...
You're loving son,
Lewis*

Lewis - March 07, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DW

“ *David was a dear friend of my brother Steve. Although I was a year ahead I remember David well.
Such tragic news. My prayers go out to his family
Donna Roman Wilson*

Donna Roman Wilson - February 24, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JB

“ *Sending all the love and light to your family Mr. Shelley - it was a pleasure working with you.*

J Brooks - February 21, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SB

“ Susan B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.

Susan B. - February 19, 2025 at 08:03 AM

SS

“ To my best friend and my world of 38 years .You were the best husband and father and granddad anyone could ever ask for .I love and miss you so much .God took the good one to Join our granddaughter Madison in heaven .My heart is broken you will be missed from all of us .My hero love your wife Sandy forever

sandra shelley - February 18, 2025 at 09:29 PM

DH

“ I will miss Dave. He an I share many memories from Crystal City to the Pentagon. A decent an honorable man who always looked after his people . I wish wish you an your family peace knowing that he is still in our hearts.

Dave H - February 18, 2025 at 06:53 PM

PH

“ Too many memories to count. To my brother and best friend, may God grant you the glory of heaven after your trials here on earth. You were the very best of us.

Patrick Higgins - February 18, 2025 at 04:44 PM

PH

“ Patrick H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.

Patrick H. - February 18, 2025 at 04:42 PM

LH

“ Love, Pat and Susan Higgins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Love, Pat and Susan Higgins - February 18, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JC

“ My great friend from Joyce Kilmer Intermediate School, James Madison HS and the 51 years since, Dave had the wonderful ability to treat everyone as his best friend. I was fortunate to have a number of small gatherings involving him and other dear friends. After speaking in glowing terms about Sandy, Lewis, Christopher, and his grandchildren, the conversation would inevitably turn to mutual school friends, as in "Has anyone heard from (Brian, Steve, Gary, Marg, etc.)?". Regardless of who was mentioned, Dave knew everyone and had a story about him or her from years past, always something positive, and always punctuated with statements of how bright, sweet, attractive, funny they were. Dave was frustrating in that he was not much interested in attending reunions despite being our senior class president. He didn't understand that others felt the same way about him and wanted to see him. He was always the most asked-about no-show. I will miss him a great deal.

Jerry Klemm, D. C. - February 18, 2025 at 09:58 AM

JK

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Jerry Klemm - February 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM

FL

I met David at James Madison HS. Dave was always a friend. I cannot tell you the first time we met but it seems like we were always friends. He knew everyone and would always make the time to talk to you. I always considered him a sounding board, a contrasting opinion, a different perspective.

It has been 24 years since the last time I saw Dave. It was August of 2001 at my son's 1st varsity football scrimmage at Cunningham Park Elementary school. i walking thru the crowd and he yells out hello. We had a conversation that lasted most of the first half. I found that he was working at the Pentagon at the time. As the events of 9/11 unfolded I was worried it may have affected David. When i reached him later in the week he explained he worked in the basement of the opposite side from the attack.

As with most who have posted here Dave will be missed, I wish I would have made the time to talk and catch up.

Frank Lawson - February 18, 2025 at 08:26 PM

NS

“ May love and comfort wrap you in their warm embrace during this difficult time. 💕

Nicole S. Stevens - February 18, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.

February 17, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



February 17, 2025 at 10:26 PM

RB

“ *Roland, Brigitte und Harald Binder purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.*



Roland, Brigitte und Harald Binder - February 17, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.

February 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.*



February 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

DF

“ *D'AGOSTINO FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.*

D'AGOSTINO FAMILY - February 17, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DF

“ D'AGOSTINO FAMILY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



D'AGOSTINO FAMILY - February 17, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



February 17, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JJ

“ Judy Jasper purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Judy Jasper - February 16, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JJ

“ Judy Jasper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.

Judy Jasper - February 16, 2025 at 02:03 PM

J1

“ James Madison HS Class of 1973 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



James Madison HS Class of 1973 - February 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM

FC

“ Frieda Clear planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.

Frieda Clear - February 15, 2025 at 11:35 AM

FC

“ Frieda Clear purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Frieda Clear - February 15, 2025 at 11:35 AM

LA

“ Love, Scottie and Connie Albrite purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Love, Scottie and Connie Albrite - February 14, 2025 at 10:48 PM

CI

“ Clay, Kathy, Will, and Anne in Iowa purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Clay, Kathy, Will, and Anne in Iowa - February 14, 2025 at 07:28 PM

CS

“ Clay, Kathy, Anne, and Will Shelley purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Clay, Kathy, Anne, and Will Shelley - February 14, 2025 at 07:18 PM

TF

“ The Munroe Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



The Munroe Family - February 14, 2025 at 07:01 PM

KM

“ Kyle & Kristin Middlekauff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.



Kyle & Kristin Middlekauff - February 14, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TF

“ *The Chappell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.*

The Chappell Family - February 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *The Chappell Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Col. David Hamilton Shelley.*



The Chappell Family - February 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM