



Lonnie Burl Shelley

July 11, 1947 - September 28, 2025

Lonnie Burl Shelley, 78, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, September 28, 2025, surrounded by his family.

He was born on July 11, 1947, in Kenefic, Oklahoma, to Leon Shelley and Joyce (Ritchie) Shelley. Lonnie graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1964 and went on to attend Murray State College from 1965–1966. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, including a tour in Vietnam. A true patriot, Lonnie's love for his country was evident—he could often be seen wearing his veteran's hat, except when he was in church.

On April 7, 1971, Lonnie married the love of his life, Ruth Hamilton, in Weatherford, Texas. Together they built a life filled with faith, love, and devotion to their family. Lonnie was a faithful and active member of the Church of God in Ravia, where he lived out his love for the Lord and his calling.

He retired from Michelin in 2010 after many years of dedicated work. Outside of his career, Lonnie enjoyed camping, water skiing, snow skiing, traveling, music, and spending time tinkering in his shop. Known for his ability to build or repair nearly anything, he found joy in creating and fixing, always with a spirit of resourcefulness.

Above all, Lonnie loved the Lord, cherished his beloved wife Ruth, and adored

his family. He instilled in them the importance of putting God first in their lives.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Joyce Shelley, and his brother, Jerry Shelley.

Those left to treasure his memory include his wife of 54 years, Ruth Hamilton Shelley; daughter, Deborah Hook and husband Michael; brother, John Shelley and wife Phyllis; granddaughter, Mikayla Embry and husband Coty; grandson, Heath Hook; adopted granddaughter, Anoli Scott and husband Caleb; great-grandchildren, Christian Embry and Violet Nevaeh Ann Embry; along with a host of other family members and dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at the Nazarene Church in Tishomingo, with interment to follow at Seeley Cemetery in Connerville. Family hour will be held Wednesday evening, October 1, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo.

Serving as pallbearers will be Coty Ramer, David Scarberry, Des Johnson, Ernest Gilbert, Mike Brently, and Monty Riveria. Honorary pallbearers will be Governor Bill Anoatubby, John Christian Embry, Coty Embry, Heath Hook, and Danny Hook.

Cemetery Details

Seeley Cemetery

Connerville, OK 74836

Previous Events

Family & Friends

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

DeArman - Clark Funeral Home
305 E. Main
Tishomingo, OK 73460
(580) 371-2338
dearmanclarkfh@gmail.com
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Tishomingo Church of the Nazarene
400 South Muldrow Street
Tishomingo, OK 73460

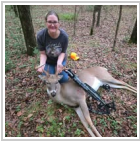
Tribute Wall

BJ

“ We worked with Lonnie at Michelin he was a very nice guy, We also camped with Lonnie and Ruth at Johnson Creek he was a great guy to be around. Prayers for Ruth, Debbie and Michael and the Family 🙏❤️ Fly High Lonnie 🕊️



Bill & Linda Jones - October 01, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Jennifer Powell lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Burl Shelley



Jennifer Powell - October 01, 2025 at 03:14 PM

BW

“ My husband and I met Lonnie and Ruthie while camping on Lake Texoma. We became friends and either would go out of their way to do anything for anyone. Lonnie loved the Lord and his wife Ruthie. It was our pleasure to meet such a couple. Lonnie has passed the Pearly Gates and is “living the life”!

Bonnie Warner - October 01, 2025 at 12:34 PM

SA

“ I hope you, Mom, and Jerry had a wonderful reunion. I'll join you soon.

Sam - September 30, 2025 at 06:12 PM