



Shane Christian Kelley

November 19, 1974 - October 27, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Shane Christian Kelley after a long battle with multiple health issues.

He was born on November 19, 1974, in Cordele, Georgia, and passed from this life on Monday, October 27, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. John K. Kelley, Jr., and Mrs. Mary W. Kelley.

He is survived by Kitty Stover; his sisters, Karen (Murphy) Mullins; Jan (John) Hutto; Sheila (Charles) Martin; his brothers, Danny (Pam) Bolivar and Gerard (Cynthia) Bourgeois; two nephews with whom he shared a close bond, Jesse (Alyssa) Gass and Austin (Kimberly) Mullins; close friend, Grant (Hope) Staples; and a host of other family and friends.

Shane graduated from Northeast Jones High School, and went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in music composition at the Berklee School of Music in Boston. He was a talented musician, teacher, and mentor. His contributions to the local music scene included performing with various bands, and helping other artists compose, record, and promote their work. His love for people and music was evident by the smile he had when performing. He touched the lives of so many people through his music, teaching, and friendships with people all

over. He will be missed, and he would want his students and friends to carry on and keep making good noise!

To honor Shane, a memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Life Church in Laurel, MS, located on 5021 US Highway 84, Laurel, MS 39443. Reverend Ken Stover will officiate. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation (or as Shane called the tip jar at his shows-“the love offering”) at the service so that a scholarship can be established to benefit local students pursuing a degree in music. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation for the scholarship fund, an announcement will be made later on how to donate. We hope to keep the scholarship funded every year to honor his memory, and we hope that you will consider supporting the scholarship for years to come. Other donations can be made to the Glory House in Laurel at thegloryhouse.org/donate.

We thank everyone for your love, support, and prayers during these past eight months. We find peace in the fact that he saw a glimpse of heaven before his passing, and is no longer suffering from pain or illness.

To view and sign the online guestbook, please visit www.memorychapellaurel.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Life Church
5021 Hwy 84 West
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Today a Beautiful Memorial was held for our beloved, friend Shane Christian Kelly. He entered into Heaven on October 27, 2025. We are heartbroken but comforted by the beautiful memories he leaves behind and the joy he brought to all who knew him. Shane had the biggest heart and a laugh that could fill a room. We miss you deeply, our dear friend. Until we meet again. ❤️❤️❤️

Mireya Clark - November 22, 2025 at 09:44 PM

TW

“ I have not seen Shane since he was a toddler.His Mother Mary was my Daddy sister.For some reason (I know now) GOD place him on my heart tonight.I am so sorry we have not had a family connection in all these years.Reading his obituary he was a gifted musician.Prayers for his family and friends.
Tina Welborne Whatley

Tina Whatley - November 21, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Shane was gifted, one of the most talented people I have ever known or probably will know. He influenced the music scene in Laurel and taught what he knew to many--one of the most noble things any human with a gift can do.

Kyle Reynolds - November 21, 2025 at 06:40 PM

DB

“Shane was one of the best friends I had in high school. We ran the roads of Jones and Wayne County every weekend. Hanging out “the studio” and watching and listening to Shane as he developed his God given talent are some of my favorite memories of that time. Super talented and a truly kind soul.

David Buckley - November 04, 2025 at 08:12 AM

JH

The one and only. Shane was a great friend and will be missed by all that new him.

Jess Herrington - November 17, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RH

Among my elementary music students I recognized in Shane a wise old soul whose budding music talent was firmly growing.

Rose Ann Hodge - November 20, 2025 at 08:37 PM

DB

For those that that would like to see Shane play and sing I found a performance on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/JpP4muAvQ2Y?si=zs418dOPfX4qIBGF>

David Buckley - November 22, 2025 at 02:25 PM