



Shelton Lee Loper

April 9, 1939 - January 2, 2021

Shelton Lee Loper, age 81, of Laurel, died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, on January 2, 2021.

He was born on April 9, 1939 in Laurel, MS. Shelton was a true distinguished Southern gentleman who possessed many talents and interests throughout his lifetime. Words that best describe Shelton are kind, caring, considerate, compassionate, cheerful, charming, calming and creative. Whatever Shelton put his hand to, one could be assured that it would be done with perfection. Shelton loved nature and spent much time landscaping his lawn to picture perfect quality. He was not perfect, because God told us there was only One. However, he was the most perfect example of how to live and give to others. Psalm 92:14 "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green". Shelton was a loving and devoted husband, who shared a special bond with his wife Becky. They were married for 59 years and were the parents of two daughters, Lisa and Stephanie. Shelton provided a Christian example to his children and grandchildren. He was the most Godly man and was a rock to his daughters and wife. Together, Becky and Shelton directed and decorated many weddings throughout the area. They enjoyed cooking and entertaining, as well as hosting social activities for the older members of the church which always involved a lot of laughter. They looked forward each year to the annual Stone Family Reunion, where they got to watch their families grow up while sharing family stories and good food. They also

enjoyed many opportunities for traveling with friends throughout the United States as well as Canada and Europe.

Shelton graduated from Ellisville High School and The University of Southern Mississippi where he majored in Accounting. He was an Office Manager for Bush Construction and Catron Oil for many years. Shelton was a devoted member of Eastview Baptist Church where he served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, bookkeeper, choir member, VBS superintendent and any other job that needed to be done. He later became a member of Glade Baptist Church where he continued to use his skills as needed.

Shelton was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest L. "Shuck" Loper, Evelyn Ruth Holifield Loper, a brother Bennett Ray Loper and a brother-in-law, Autry Beard.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Becky Stone Loper, his two daughters, Lisa Loper Harrison (John) and Stephanie Loper Roberts (Jeff); five brothers and sisters, Evelyn Loper Beard (Autry), Sam Ernest Loper (Gail), Linda Loper Skinner (Jack), Carolyn Loper Jordan and Jason Wayne Loper (Mary); six grandchildren, Jon Brannon Harrison (Nancy), Nathan Barnes Harrison (Lindsay), Andrew William Harrison (Ava Marie), Erin Harrison Britt (Corey), Wesley Gaines Roberts (Breanna), Rebekah Marie Roberts (Jake), eight great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

The success and accomplishments of his daughters, son's-in-law and grandchildren brought Shelton much pride. His eight great-grandchildren especially brought him great joy in the last years of his life as did his fur babies, Fritz and Gutenberg.

Shelton possessed a servant's heart and definitely made the world a better place. He was always willing to help anyone that had a need and will be

missed greatly by the many, many people who knew and loved him.
Revelations 21:4 “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Visitation will be from 10 am to 11 am on Thursday, January 7 with the funeral service to follow at 11 am at Glade Baptist Church. A graveside service will immediately follow at Memorial Gardens. Rev. Ken Harrison of Glade Baptist Church will officiate. Pallbearers will be his six grandsons, Brannon, Nathan, Andrew, Corey, Wesley and Jake.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Shelton’s giving nature, the family asks that memorials be made to Glade Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Glade Baptist Church
72 Triangle Dr
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ So sorry about Shelton. Just so glad I had a chance to know him. My prayers are with you, Becky. Anne Crumbley

Anne Crumbley - January 15, 2021 at 12:50 PM

CM

“ I have known Shelton for almost all of my 80 years. I was one grade behind him in school and was good friends with his brother, Bennett. Even as a youngster and teen ager, when most of us were seeing what form of mischief we could get into, Shelton was always different. He seemed to be on another level of maturity from most of us, always steady and focused on his goals. I respected and admired Shelton very much. My condolences to Becky and all the rest of his family. Carroll Manning

Carroll Manning - January 14, 2021 at 01:48 PM

PW

“ Shelton was my boss for many years at Bush Construction. During that time my family and I became very special friends with him and his family. I look back on those years as some of the best times in my life. He was such a kind, compassionate and funny person that you loved being around. I pray God will comfort his family Becky, Lisa and Stephanie and your families during this difficult time.

Love and prayers,

Geoffrey and Pam Williamson

Pamela Williamson - January 08, 2021 at 09:49 PM

CR

“ I’m so sorry. Sending prayers. Love you.

Cyndie Beech Robinson - January 08, 2021 at 06:32 AM

DH

“ DENNIS HENLEY lit a candle in memory of Shelton Lee Loper



DENNIS HENLEY - January 07, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shelton Lee Loper.



January 06, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelton Lee Loper.



January 06, 2021 at 04:57 PM

PM

“ *Becky , Greg and I are so sorry for your loss. Just want you to know how much you are both loved by us. You were just a great example in our early marriage as we watched you and Shelton our days at Eastview. Love and prayers for you and you family 🙏*

Patsy Merritt - January 06, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shelton Lee Loper.*



January 05, 2021 at 09:00 PM

CG

“ *Mrs. Becky you do not know me, but I feel I know you and Mr. Shelton. I worked with Stephanie for many years at BCBSMS. She spoke of you two often and of the fun you all have during your week of camping together. What a beautiful family you and Mr. Shelton created together. I am praying that you and your family all feel the Peace and Comfort that can only come from our Heavenly Father. Sincerely, Christine Goff*

Christine Goff - January 05, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KE

“ Mr. Loper was one of the finest men I ever met. His wife, Mrs. Loper taught me at South Jones. You never saw them that they were not smiling and full of life. I enjoyed getting to remember school days with them when they would come eat at Charlie's. They loved to visit and I always looked forward to talking with them. May God wrap his arms around this family and comfort them during this difficult time. ❤️🙏
Kim Evans

Kim Evans - January 05, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ I worked under Shelton for 7 yrs and he was a wonderful person .I will be praying for comfort for his family and friends



Amanda Mandy Braswell - January 05, 2021 at 03:42 PM

AR

“ Praying that God gives you the peace and comfort that only he can give during this time. David, Angela & April Rudolph and Nell Gieger

Angela Rudolph - January 05, 2021 at 08:26 AM

HD

“ Mrs. Becky, I am so terribly sorry for your loss! Mr. Shelton was a gem for sure, and I know he will be greatly missed! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Much love, Heather Parker Davis SJH Class of 1995

Heather Davis - January 05, 2021 at 01:16 AM

GS

“ So sorry to hear this. Shelton was always so nice and friendly. He will be missed. Praying for the family.

Gail Shaw - January 05, 2021 at 12:53 AM

BB

“ Becky & family, I send my prayers for you. Shelton was a very special man. He's in God's hands now with no pain or bad health. God is with you through this.
Brenda (Mansell) Brown

Brenda Brown - January 05, 2021 at 12:38 AM



“ Deepest Sympathy Extended to Becky and Family.
Praying for Comfort and Peace.

Linda Patterson

Linda Patterson - January 04, 2021 at 08:42 PM

AM

“ Shelton was always such a gentlemen I always admired him. He was always so nice and friendly. He will surely be missed. Aletha

Aletha McAndrew - January 04, 2021 at 07:24 PM

AM

“ Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Shelton was a wonderful man, and we ask the Lord to give you comfort and peace.

Carey and Kay Clay

Angela Manning - January 04, 2021 at 05:24 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Becky, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Even though it has been many years since I've seen you, I have fond memories of love and kindness shown to me and my family by you and Mr. Shelton. I ask the Lord to wrap you and your family in His loving arms.

*Blessings,
Angela Clay Manning*

Angela Manning - January 04, 2021 at 04:45 PM

LP

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss.

*Rex and Lynn Jones
Jim and Leslie Provost*

Leslie Provost - January 04, 2021 at 01:41 PM

FR

“ So sorry to hear this. Loved our conversations walking in the mall. He was always going to pick up breakfast for Becky. Prayers to the family.

Faye Rogers - January 04, 2021 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ Becky and family we are lifting all of you in prayer. We love you.
Larry and Diann Walters

Diann Walters - January 03, 2021 at 10:54 PM

DB

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers of comfort for the sweet family of Shelton Loper. May your fond memories and love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead.*

Donna Burt - January 03, 2021 at 09:25 PM

BJ

Mr Shelton was a good nice man he will be missed

Brian Jordan - January 07, 2021 at 12:26 AM

AW

So sorry for your loss. Shelton was a fine Godly man that everyone looked up to. We felt very priviledged to have know him and Becky. I worked a short time for him as a temporary employee and he was a delight to work for. Praying for all the family and friends that God will give you comfort and peace in the coming days.

Amy & Phill Williams

Amy & Phil Williams - January 08, 2021 at 04:16 PM