



## Grover Francis Shelts

August 4, 1945 - December 20, 2023

Grover Francis Shelts, 78, of Bartlesville, died Wednesday, December 20, 2023, in Bartlesville.

Grover was born the son of Loren James and Phebe (Hall) Shelts on August 4, 1945 in Bartlesville. He was raised in the area and remains very close to his siblings, Mark, Judy, and Phil. From a young age, Grover loved to read and his siblings remember his fondness for popcorn and a good book. In his childhood, Grover earned extra money selling the local newspaper on the street corner for a nickel and working at the YMCA. His College High Class of 1963 just held their 60th reunion. "Go Wildcats!" Grover went on to further his education at Oklahoma State University, graduating with a degree in accounting

He worked a short time with Phillips Petroleum Company before being drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany. Once honorably discharged, he returned home and to his career at Phillips.

By lucky coincidence a young lady transferred into Grover's department. It wasn't long before a relationship formed. Grover united in marriage with Kathy Rogers Clow on February 20, 1982, and they have been inseparable since. Grover retired In 2002 after more than 30 years of service at Phillips.

Grover was active in the Local Elks Lodge, where he went through the chairs and served as ER, Exalted Ruler. While active with the Elks he oversaw the swimming pool and the Hoop Shoot competition. Some might say his greatest passion was helping Kathy with whatever she was doing. Many volunteer hours were given to the community through their efforts.

Grover loved the Lord and was active in the ministries of the First Wesleyan Church. In years past they drove to pick up teens to attend Wednesday night Chi Alpha church activities. He will be dearly missed.

Grover is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Kathy; daughter, Lucki Lowry; grandchildren, Eliza Norris and Wesley Taylor; siblings, Mark (Candy) Shelts, Judy (Kenneth) Kimbley and Phil (Diana) Shelts; nephews and niece, Bart Shelts, Kristi Kreischer, Mike Shelts and Brad Shelts. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Grover's family will receive friends on Wednesday, from 6-8 p.m., at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pack the Backpacks, Po Box 2031, Bartlesville, OK 74005.

Services will be held on Thursday, at 2 p.m., at the First Wesleyan Church, with Pastor Joe Colaw officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Wesleyan Church  
1776 Silver Lake Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://www.fwcbartlesville.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grover Francis Shelts*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - December 27, 2023 at 01:03 PM

SL

*Kathy, thanks for sharing this with us. Thinking of you at such a special time. Grover is already missed at the Geezers table.....he was kindness personified!*

**Sally & Mac Love** - December 29, 2023 at 08:52 PM

SM

“ *Very sorry for your loss Kathy. You two had such an amazing marriage. Rarely did I ever run into one if you without the other. Grover definitely supported you in all of your volunteer activities! He will be missed!*

**Sandy (and Ron) Maxwell** - January 01, 2024 at 10:22 PM

DM

“ *Grover was very smart & such a joy to work with. We worked on tax interpretations together at Phillips Petroleum & helped build the tax rules for the first SAP system. I will always cherish the sweet memories I have of Grover, during & after our working years together❤️. Remembering you in my prayers Kathy🙏.*

**Debbie Meek** - December 28, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SG

“ *Kathy so sorry for your loss. We just saw this on facebook..love and prayers Steve and Karen*

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**steve gibson** - December 26, 2023 at 11:46 PM

JB

*I'm so sorry for your loss Kathy. Grover was definitely one of a kind. He was so nice, kind and helpful. Such a great loss here on earth and he will be dearly missed but I know heaven is rejoicing. Prayers for you and all your family.  
for you*

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**Jan Brady** - December 28, 2023 at 12:30 AM



“ *Forever in our Hearts - 11.5" Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Grover Francis Shelts.*



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December 26, 2023 at 07:41 PM

TH

“ *Todd and Melissa Heck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grover Francis Shelts.*

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**Todd and Melissa Heck** - December 26, 2023 at 07:41 PM

KL

“ Dear Kathy, my earliest memories of JPS include Grover and you. I did get the chance to know you better through working in the same group but it was always JPS that gave me contact with Grover. He was one of the kindest people I've ever met. Always willing to help with anything and patient to the moon and back. He will be missed so much and my heart goes out to you. Love and prayers as we celebrate Grover's eternal reward but grieve for the loss of his kindness and grace here. May God give you his peace and comfort.  
Karen Lutke

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**Karen Lutke** - December 26, 2023 at 04:43 PM

HB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Having loss Jack in April, it is a true loss. Will be thinking of you and you will be in my prayers. Your ex Elk partner.

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**Helen Beaudry** - December 26, 2023 at 12:22 PM

JS

“ To Kathy and Grover's family and friends, news of his passing leaves a hole in many hearts. May you take comfort in knowing that he is spending this Christmas with Jesus in Heaven!

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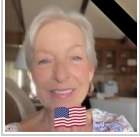
**Joy Hass Stefan** - December 24, 2023 at 04:27 PM

DF

“ To the family and friends of Gover Shelts, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very kind man to work for, when I returned to Phillips Petroleum in the late 70's.

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**Debra Farmer** - December 23, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Grover. He was one very special man and played an important role in my life as "my" softball coach. His friendship, guidance and tolerating us girls was unbelievable. My heart hurts and also for you and your loss. The two of you were a perfect couple. I am sure Grover's name is in God's Book of Life and we will see him again. My prayers are with you for the comfort and peace that God gives. Hugs!

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**Pat Harris Poindexter** - December 22, 2023 at 03:52 PM

KY

“ Kathy, so sorry to learn of Grover's passing. Nothing but good memories shared at softball, snow skiing, and of course house parties! Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Kent Yoesting

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**Kent Yoesting** - December 22, 2023 at 12:03 PM

RP

“ Kathy, I'm so sorry to hear about Grover's passing. He was always so pleasant and had a great smile. You two made such a great team working with the youth and preparing coffee for church, as well as countless other things, behind the scenes that I'm not aware of! I'm praying for Jesus to wrap His arms around you and give you comfort and peace. Love, Rita Phillippe

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**Rita Phillippe** - December 22, 2023 at 09:19 AM