



## Larry Michael Shackelford

November 21, 1943 - October 20, 2014

### SHACKELFORD, Mike

Larry Michael Shackelford finished his battle with cancer and rose beyond the limits of mortality on the October the 20th 2014. He now continues his journey into eternal paradise and into the presence of the God for whom he longed to meet.

Born on November, the 21st 1943, he was the son of Homer and Myrtice Shackelford, and was preceded in death by his parents as well as his cherished bride of 43 years, Gail Wimberly Shackelford.

He is survived by two sisters, Patricia Anne Shackelford Cauble, Janice Lee Shackelford Norris, and one brother, Richard Lynn Shackelford; and his mother-in-law, Leonita Wimberly of Conyers, Georgia.

As a youth he attended Lithia Springs Elementary School, Douglas County High School, and graduated from Tallapoosa High School.

As a young man he attended West Georgia College, continuing his education at the University of Georgia, graduating with an AB in 1965, and then graduating from the University of Georgia School of Law with an LLB in 1967.

During his college years he also attended the USAF Officers Candidate

School and was assigned to Special Investigations division in Chicago, where he met the love of his life, Gail Wimberly. He was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force with the rank of Captain.

Relocating back to his home state of Georgia he began his civilian life where he raised and fathered three sons, to whom are now married to his lovely daughters-in law: Martin Kent (and Faith) Shackelford of Liberty, Kentucky, Cary Michael (and Kristy) Shackelford of Atlanta, Georgia and Kevin Matthew (and Beverly) Shackelford of Decatur, Georgia.

During his vocation as a lawyer he practiced law in Decatur, Georgia for several years with the law firm of McCurdy Candler, and later as a sole practitioner. He practiced for many years with the Law Department of the City of Atlanta from where he retired in 2004. His specialty was real-estate law.

His joys in life were his wife and family. In his retirement years he was blessed to travel the globe with his wife and together they visited many wonderful peoples and cultures.

Throughout it all he was a devoted and enthusiastic supporter of all things University of Georgia Athletics - most especially football!

In his golden years he achieved the highest honor that can be bestowed a man - he became known as "Papa" to his five grandchildren: Abigail Grace and Annabelle Hope Shackelford of Liberty, Kentucky, Asher James and Ella Elizabeth Shackelford of Atlanta, Georgia, and Evelyn Lily Shackelford of Decatur, Georgia.

This life well lived and loved will be missed by all he has touched! Wait for us, Daddy, we will be there with you and mom soon!

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 2533 Stanton Rd. SE, Conyers, GA 30094; or West Side Christian Church, 992 Campbellsville St. Liberty, KY 42539. Mike was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, and his oldest son, Marty, is the minister of West Side Christian Church.

All services will be held in the small white chapel of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 2533 Stanton Rd SE, Conyers, GA 30094.

Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6 to 8pm.  
The funeral will be Thursday at 11am.

Graveside service immediately following at Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1215 Access Rd., Covington GA. 30014.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012; 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawnwood Memorial Park

1111 Access Road - PO Box 207  
Covington, GA 30015

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
2533 Stanton Road SE  
Conyers, GA 30094

## Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
2533 Stanton Road SE  
Conyers, GA 30094

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones!

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**cheyenne** - February 12, 2015 at 10:56 AM

CW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know this is a difficult but peaceful time for you all. I'm so glad you know he's home with his Savior. He sure raised some awesome boys.

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**Celeste Putnam Winkle** - October 23, 2014 at 09:39 PM

JM

“ To the Shackelford Family:

*I have known "Mikey" practically all my life having met him in grammar school at Lithia Springs. I was privileged to meet up with him again a few years ago at our Douglas County High School Class of '61 breakfast. We found out that we were fellow Democrats and had great discussions. When he became ill, several of us stayed in touch with him and visited him on one occasion at his home. He was a great friend and even though I did not see or talk with him for many years, it was so easy catching up with news of years gone by. He loved all of you so much and told me what a wonderful mother you kids had. I just want his family to know how much I respected your dad and brother and also to let you know how easy it was for him to tell us old friends all about his family, and we could see the love he had for each of you. May God surround you with His spirit and comfort you today and the days to come.*

*Sincerely,*

*Judy (Blair) McDonald*

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**Judy Blair McDonald** - October 23, 2014 at 07:27 AM

DT

“ Dear Shackelford Family:

*I had the privilege of meeting Mike through the GriefShare program after the passing of his beloved wife. I was one of the facilitator's and Mike was a real blessing to the group and to me. I will never forget the words of encouragement that he spoke to me one evening. In my 3 years of facilitating the groups, Mike touched my heart in a way that no one else has.*

*Please know that I am praying for your family during this difficult time. I know you will miss this wonderful man in the days to come. May the love of God comfort you and guide you in a very real way.*

*Because of Him,  
Darlene Thaxton*

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**Darlene Thaxton** - October 23, 2014 at 07:04 AM

JJ

“ *Blessed with his heavenly reward now, and also blessed with three loving sons while on his earthly journey. Peaceful rest indeed. Thinking of you Marty, Faith, Abigail, and Annabelle. Missing you at church, and praying for God's comfort and your safe return.*

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**John and Sharon Johnson** - October 22, 2014 at 10:19 PM

MS

“ *Praying for your family during this time.*

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**Melanie Sallee** - October 22, 2014 at 07:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Michael Shackelford.*



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October 22, 2014 at 03:43 PM



“ *May God bless your family, Marty. You were faithful to love and care for your father. I will pray for your family, and may you know the comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ during this time.*

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**Brent Huggins** - October 22, 2014 at 01:42 PM



“ *God bless you and your family.*

*Jean Partee*

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**Jean Partee** - October 22, 2014 at 12:08 PM



“ *I never met your father, but I feel like I know him through you. May God abide with you and your family and bring you the great Comforter which is promised in the Scriptures.*

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**James Vaught** - October 22, 2014 at 06:15 AM

LB

“ How a man loves and cares for his family attests greatly to his character and to the kind of man he is. Your father truly loved and cared for all of his family while here & has gone on to his greater reward. What a glad reunion day to look forward to for the rest of you, some day. It was always a pleasure to see your dad when they came in for a visit to WSCC in Liberty, KY & usually to congratulate him for a GA team football game against UK! We share your sorrow at this time and in the days to come. We love you and keep you in thoughts and prayers.

Linda Buchanan - October 22, 2014 at 12:06 AM

MM

“ Thinking of you guys during this difficult time, Cary. We love y'all so much. Praying for peace, comfort and The Lord's hand to be upon you through it all. He will sustain you!  
Melissa & Clay McInnis

melissa mcinnis - October 21, 2014 at 08:10 PM

CE

“ Chris Elliott purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry Michael Shackelford.



Chris Elliott - October 21, 2014 at 07:35 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Michael Shackelford.*



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October 21, 2014 at 01:01 PM



“ *Laney Ford lit a candle in memory of Larry Michael Shackelford*



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**Laney Ford** - October 21, 2014 at 10:58 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Michael Shackelford.*



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October 21, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you and your family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Carol Brumlow*

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**Carol Brumlow** - October 21, 2014 at 07:14 AM



“ I can't say that I knew Larry Shackelford that well, but I did get to meet him and the family many years back- college days- through a couple visits I made to GA with his son, Marty. I have fond memories of those times. And I will always be grateful of the hospitality shown to me. My prayers are with all his loved ones who are hurting and missing him during this time.

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**Jeffery McDowell** - October 20, 2014 at 10:51 PM

JB

“ Our prayers are with the Shackelford family, as we have loved th deeply for many years. Our hearts ache for your loss, but rejoice in the faith he shared in Jesus. With all our love, The Book family

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**Jim & Jeanette Book** - October 20, 2014 at 10:07 PM

BB

“ What a beautiful tribute to your father. Prayers for your family in the days, weeks, and months to come.

*Bridgett Blake*

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**Bridgett Blake** - October 20, 2014 at 10:03 PM

MW

“ As many others on here have expressed, I didn't know Mr. Shackelford, but I know the love of which his son Marty spoke of him. For his influence to have been so profound on Marty and his family he must have been a truly great man. As hard as it is to say good-bye I know it is a comfort to know that he had given his life to Christ and now rests in His glory, absent from the pain and sorrow that has plagued him for sometime now. Our condolences and prayers.

*Mark Wells*

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**Mark Wells** - October 20, 2014 at 10:00 PM

DP

“ I didn't know Larry much face to face. I believe we had met once or twice. I knew him through his son Marty, and to whatever extent he knew me, it was likewise through Marty. Larry gave me one of the greatest moments of my life. I was in California and received a call from Marty. Marty related to me how his dad-- his learned dad, his experienced dad, his loving dad, his wise dad-- had come to a point where he wanted to know God more than he wanted anything else. That of all the goodness he'd tasted in his life, he knew that there was another goodness that he wanted his life and relationships to be defined and characterized by-- God's goodness. When Marty told me that Larry surrendered to him, it gave me hope for the whole world, and for me too. Hope that we might all really get it more than we have so far. Hope that we might actually still be able to grow into the truth. Hope that the love and truth of God really did mean everything. Oh, I know it in my head. Larry's life and example helped that hope (that I can recite in my head) settle more deeply into my heart.

Marty had yearned for that day from the time I first met Marty about 23 years ago. I was thrilled for Marty. It was a gift I didn't know that Marty would ever experience. But on the day that God gave Marty his daddy as a brother in Christ, he gave him to me too, and a hope with it that still helps me along the way. May I be that teachable, that humble, that desirous of goodness and truth and light and life, in increasing measure, until I get to go on and experience it with him in all its glorious fulness. Thank you Larry, and thank you Jesus for him.

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David Peters - October 20, 2014 at 09:20 PM

AT

“ Thoughts and prayers, sorry for your loss.

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amy turpin - October 20, 2014 at 07:17 PM

LL

“ Sending you thoughts of peace and courage, and our deepest sympathy.

*Linda Lee, and Kaelin*

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**Linda Lee** - October 20, 2014 at 07:11 PM

SS

“ I am one of the fortunate people that met Mike on a couple of his visits to Liberty. Was a pleasure to talk with him on the church steps. Thinking of you in this difficult time

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**steve spears** - October 20, 2014 at 07:09 PM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you!



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**Jennifer Brockman** - October 20, 2014 at 07:02 PM

KN

“ Mike, a better PaPa to his grandkids and a better father to his kids there couldn't be. In the short time I knew mike I could tell how much he loved his family and can see that love in his three sons and the way they love their families. You are already missed but we will not let you or Gail be forgotten.

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**Keith Nansteel** - October 20, 2014 at 06:54 PM

BM

“ Never knew this man but he had to be a wonderful kind man. Because listening to the stories the last few weeks makes me know he was a mentor to his family! Sorry for your loss and prayers continue for the family.

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**Bonnie Murphy** - October 20, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss....Heaven ushered in a great man and rejoices, and you all will see him again in glory. Praying for you all through this very difficult time of loss.

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**Colleen Garcia** - October 20, 2014 at 06:22 PM



“ I never knew Larry but he had to be a great man to have raised such a wonderful son, Marty. May God's peace be with you.

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**Anita Caudill-Underwood** - October 20, 2014 at 06:05 PM

LB

“ Sorry for your Loss I am sure Heaven has gained a angel R.I.P.

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**Lucille Bryant** - October 20, 2014 at 05:55 PM

MW

“ The Lord has blessed this world through Larry Shackelford. Though I didn't know Larry, I know his son Marty. The love and care that his three sons provided him throughout these last weeks were amazing, but certainly a testament to what a great man Larry was and to our God in Heaven. The richest rewards are now his. Praying for all of you, Marty. Thank you for sharing your father's journey with us. My life has been enriched! Praise God HE has taken him into his Forever Home. Miriam Williams, Indiana

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**Miriam Williams** - October 20, 2014 at 05:51 PM

AN

“ *Love and prayers to some very special people during this time.*

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**Angela** - October 20, 2014 at 05:50 PM

HC

“ *My sincere condolences for your loss Marty.*

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**Harold Critchfield** - October 20, 2014 at 05:42 PM

VR

“ *Prayers for the family during this time of loss.*

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**Vernon and Trena Rogers** - October 20, 2014 at 05:40 PM

AB

“ *Prayers are sent to the Shackelford family. Enjoyed capturing precious moments with this family earlier in the year. God Bless. You are in our prayers.*

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**Amy barlow** - October 20, 2014 at 05:39 PM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Bill and Deva Hair*

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**Deva Hair** - October 20, 2014 at 05:36 PM

ND

“ *Prayers for you & your family Marty. May god bless you all!!  
Nikki Dotson*

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**nikki dotson** - October 20, 2014 at 05:34 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with during this time.*  
*Debbie Beard*

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**debbie beard** - October 20, 2014 at 05:29 PM

PP

“ *You're in my thoughts and prayers. Pam Patterson*

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**Pam Patterson** - October 20, 2014 at 05:24 PM

BH

“ *I never met Larry, but he must have been a pretty good guy, considering what a wonderful person his son Marty is. Grace and peace to you all.*  
*Bruce Hiner*

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**Bruce Hiner** - October 20, 2014 at 05:19 PM

LW

“ *Marty,*  
*Praying for you and your family in this time of loss. May the promise of Heaven be a comfort to your heart's. With love,*  
*Ken, Liz, Sarah, and Noah Woolridge*

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**liz woolridge** - October 20, 2014 at 05:12 PM

RO

*Bro.Marty our heart and prayers are with you and the family in this curve in your life.But the lord has spoken and we know he dos'nt make any mistakes.*

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**Russell Overstreet** - October 21, 2014 at 08:14 AM