



Shelvyn Gunter

June 10, 1938 - December 14, 2010

Henry Shelvyn Gunter, 72, of Elberton went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 14, 2010 after an extended illness.

Shelvyn was born and raised in Elbert County by his parents, Crayon and Lucy Smith Gunter. He was a lifelong Elbert County Blue Devil having played football for the legendary coach, "Chunk" Atkinson, and was famous for his ever growing "tape ball." He graduated from Elberton High School in 1956.

Shelvyn married his high school sweetheart, Ann Williams, in 1960, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June by dancing to the music of the 1950's while surrounded by family and friends.

Shelvyn was a man who exemplified the qualities of integrity, generosity and hard work. He devoted his entire working career to the granite industry in Elberton and proudly served as a member of the National Guard in active duty in 1961. Driven by his entrepreneurial spirit, he founded his own company, Everlasting Granite in 1972 and he enjoyed 38 years of working side by side with dedicated coworkers, suppliers and customers.

Shelvyn's greatest joy in life came in spending time with friends and family at the beach, lake and on his beloved farm. He also loved serving the Lord on many mission trips to Haiti and through his support of missions around the world. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Elberton where he served as a deacon and as a member of the Missions Team.

Shelvyn is survived by his wife, Ann Williams Gunter, and his sons and their wives; Vick and Beverly of Piedmont, S.C., and Greg and JoAnn of Elberton, his grandchildren; Brad, Mitch, Elizabeth and Abby, his brothers; Benton Gunter of Marietta, and Sid Gunter of Acworth.

Shelvyn was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Joyce Gunter Butler.

A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010, at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church with Pastors Ken Whitfield and Russell Bruce officiating. Visitation will be held from 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Interment will be at Elmhurst Cemetery.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at <http://www.hicksfuneral.com>.

Hicks Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Mr. Henry Shelvyn Gunter.

Comments



“ I am a Respiratory Therapist which had the honor of caring for Mr. Gunter. I referred to him as "my coon hunting buddy." He was very strong & courageous man. I will miss him greatly. Mrs. Gunter, you & your family are in my prayers.

God Bless & Lots of Love,

Stephanie Burmood

Stephanie Burmood - January 20, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of mourning.

Tim & Daniela Lynn - December 20, 2010 at 07:53 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I have fond memories of you and Shelvyn from my days at Northside Baptist.

Susan Brady Mitcham - December 20, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Shelvyn's passing. We were in High School together. I remember his wife. Ann. I enjoyed knowing him back in those days.

Hoke S. Fortson, Jr. - December 19, 2010 at 08:27 PM



“ Dear Ann and family, I was so very sorry to hear of Shelvyn's passing. I have fond memories of Shelvyn and your family when I would visit with you all as a young girl. I will be praying for you all.

Much love,
Dena F. Campbell

Dena Fleming Campbell - December 19, 2010 at 06:22 PM



“ Mrs. Ann and Greg,

We are both do sorry for your loss and are praying for you.

Julie and Chad

Julie & Chad Brown - December 19, 2010 at 03:05 PM



“ May God continue to give you strength and comfort. Cherish the wonderful memories you have. Praying for you.

Love,
Judy V. Eavenson
and
Family

Judy V. Eavenson - December 19, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. May God Bless you all.

Dennis & Janis Fleming - December 18, 2010 at 10:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Beth Harrison - December 17, 2010 at 05:42 PM



“ Ann, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with u.

Tammy P. Rudder - December 17, 2010 at 04:56 PM



“ Dear Ann,

My thoughts are with you during this time of loss.

Much love,
Sam

Sam Patz - December 17, 2010 at 04:24 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family for your loss. Shelvyn will be missed by his many friends.

Ellen Dye - December 17, 2010 at 02:24 PM



“ Our prayers will be with you today as you celebrate the life of your brother. Love,
Tom and Donna Johnson

Tom & Donna Johnson - December 17, 2010 at 11:46 AM



“ I will miss my dear friend. My prayers are with Ann, Greg and Vic.

Barry Avery - December 17, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

APRIL SAXON - December 17, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ Dear Ann and family:

I am heartbroken to learn of your loss. I remember you and Shelvyn being a special couple in EHS. It was obvious you were meant for each other. I am sorry that we did not see each other over the years as we went separate ways, but it was good to reconnect when my brother Ken passed. Wylene and I have kept you and your family in our prayers and will continue to do so as you deal with your loss this Christmas season. I hope you will continue to treasure all the wonderful memories of your life with Shelvyn. May God bless you and comfort you with His presence.

James Helton - December 17, 2010 at 11:15 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. We appreciate Mr. Shelvyn sharing his Lord and Savior, love, life, and family with us. We will glorify the memories of our dear, dear friend!

Cindy Cofer Rogers, George Jr., and Michelle Bond - December 17, 2010 at 09:14 AM



“ My sympathy to the family of my classmate and friend. He will truly be missed by all.

FRED HALL - December 16, 2010 at 11:04 PM



“ Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Shelvyn was a good friend and teammate. Peace be with you.

Bobby Smith, Williamsburg, VA

Bobby Smith - December 16, 2010 at 07:52 PM



“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Shelvyn was such a shining example to us as a Christian, in his business, in church, and in the community.

Martin and Rita Williams - December 16, 2010 at 07:01 PM



“ Dear Gunter Family:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Shelvyn. In our thirty years of association with Shelvyn and the Everlasting Granite family, we have always respected Shelvyn and all of you as honorable folks and Shelvyn was always very kind to all of us.

Shelvyn was a wonderful Christian gentleman and we will miss him. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

Bill, Julie, Jared and Ashley Tetrick and the Employees of Happy Valley Memorial Park, Inc.

Bill Tetrick of Happy Valley Memorial Park, Inc. - December 16, 2010 at 04:19 PM



“ We thought a lot of Shelvyn he was a great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Jason & Daniele Franklin - December 16, 2010 at 04:06 PM



“ Praying for you and your family.

Harry & Janet Floyd - December 16, 2010 at 04:01 PM



“ I extend sympathy and condolences over the death of Shelvyn Gunter. Our Blue Devil Head Football Coach, Lee Atkinson, was a great motivator, and he would tell inspiring stories about his players of the past. I still remember Coach Atkinson's stories about Shelvyn, who played valiantly even though he had a separated shoulder. At the end of the 1955 football season, Shelvyn had a big "Tape Ball" of all the tape he had saved that had been used to tape his separated shoulder during the practices and games of the fall of 1955.

Marvin Hardy, III - December 16, 2010 at 03:19 PM



“ Greg,
I know it has been a rough time for you dad. My deepest condolences to you and your entire family.

David Kaler - December 16, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you Ann, and your family in my prayers.

Millie Poole - December 16, 2010 at 02:07 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. I know there are no words that can express how you feel. May God bless your family. Love, Cindy, Charles, Casey, Callie Churney and Harry and Toshia Dunbrack

Cindy Churney - December 16, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ Please accept my family's prayers and sympathy for the loss of Mr. Gunter. I am so thankful for the many years of your entire family's kindness and friendship to my family; and Mr. Gunter always served as a great example of a good Christian man for all who knew him. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

Scott Clenney and Family
Canton, Georgia

Scott Clenney - December 16, 2010 at 01:51 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers.

Kent & Christy Guest - December 16, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ I love you so much Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now. It's a very difficult time but God will see you through it.

Faye McCall - December 16, 2010 at 11:56 AM



“ Gregg,

We are so sorry for your earthly loss, but glad for Heavens gain. Your Dad just passed over the river and will be waiting for you. He fought a good fight, He kept the faith, now his reward.

Terry, Debra and Jeramy Hux - December 16, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Martha Scott Key - December 16, 2010 at 11:07 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Shelvyn was a great guy and it is a privledge to have known him.

Robert and Debbie Whitworth - December 16, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ Ann, Vic & Greg,
Chris called this morning to inform us that Shelvyn had gone home to be with Jesus. We know that your hearts are heavy with his passing but rejoice in the fact that he has now attained his place in eternity at the feet of our precious Lord & Savior. How blessed is the thought that you will one day stand with him and praise our sweet Jesus through eternity. May the Lord hold you all extra close during this time. Our deepest condolences & love to you all.
Buba & Tammy Smith (Chris' brother)
Milledgeville, GA

Buba & Tammy Smith - December 16, 2010 at 08:56 AM



“ Ann & Guys...

I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of Shelvyn. You two have really gotten it right in this life.

May you be comforted.

Mat Hunt - December 16, 2010 at 06:27 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the Lord bless you and comfort you during this time of loss. George & Barbara Krolikowski

George & Barbara Krolikowski - December 16, 2010 at 12:27 AM



“ Our whole family was saddened by Shelvyn's passing. He was loved and admired by so many people. He lived a life of service and adoration to his family and his Lord. Now we should join together in celebrating his life.
In love,
Beverly Bond and Family

Beverly Bond - December 15, 2010 at 10:10 PM



“ Please convey my condolences to the Gunter family. I will always remember Shelvyn with great fondness. We played together in grammar school and high school and had a lot of fun.

Lester Owens - December 15, 2010 at 09:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Emily Milner Smith - December 15, 2010 at 09:20 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Shelvyn. Your family will be in my prayers and thoughts. He fought a courageous battle.

Sherri Durham - December 15, 2010 at 08:55 PM



“ Love and sympathy to the family.

"Peachie" Leard Ooley - December 15, 2010 at 05:33 PM



“ To Ann & Shelvyn's wonderful family. You are surely blessed 'cause you can rely on the Lord's unfailing presence as HE gives you inner strength & comffort during these difficult days. Your earthly loss is certainly shelvyn's gain in Heaven. Cherish the wonderful memories of the love each of you shared. You are in our prayers.

Joe & Mary Ann Smith - December 15, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ We are sorry for the loss of Mr Shelvyn. He was a great man. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Billy & Denise Erwin - December 15, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ I have fond memories of Shelvyn. Would love to hear from Benton who was in my class.

sidney s. locke - December 15, 2010 at 04:14 PM



“ This is something I read at my Grandmother's funeral and it has always comforted me.
"Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep. I Did Not Die. Do not stand at my grave and forever weep. I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and forever cry. I am not there. I did not die." These beautiful thoughts have always given me peace. I hope they can for you, Ann, and your family. Shelvyn was such a wonderful and dear friend to our family, and Mom and Dad always thought of him as their son.
We are here for you in any way we can be of assistance. May God bless you and keep you and forever bring you peace. Love, Ann Atkinson

Ann Atkinson - December 15, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ Please know your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.
Mark & Susan McCall
Easley, SC

Susan Erwin McCall - December 15, 2010 at 02:23 PM



“ Ann and Family,
I was saddened to hear of Shelvyn's passing. I always have such fond memories of him visiting Blackwell, always greeting me with a warm smile and words of encouragement. It is my prayer that God will comfort you during the coming weeks and months.

Steven King - December 15, 2010 at 01:03 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear Mr Shelvyn passed away You are in our prayers.
John,Lisa,Angelina&AbbyKay Ruffin

Lisa Anderson Ruffin - December 15, 2010 at 12:53 PM



“ my heart and soul goes out to you . he was a very dear sweet man. i will miss very, very much. may the lord away keep you in the palm of his hands.

susan webb - December 15, 2010 at 12:47 PM



“ MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL. OUR PRAYER IS THAT GOD WILL EASE THE PAIN FELT FROM THIS LOSS AND PASSING OF MR. GUNTER, FOR YOU ALL. LOVE TO YOU ALL.

WRAY AND AMY BROWN - December 15, 2010 at 12:45 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Shelvyn. He was such a wonderful person to everyone. He will truly be missed by many. Please know that the family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Mary, Sam, Jason, and Kristin

Mary Cunningham - December 15, 2010 at 12:30 PM



“ Extending love and sympathy to each of you as you travel yet another rough road.

Anne Winn - December 15, 2010 at 11:11 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Gunter will be missed by many.

Forest & Caryn Pagett - December 15, 2010 at 11:03 AM



“ Dear Ann:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. May all the wonderful memories you have shared with Shelvyn bring you comfort. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28

Love,
Tina McCall

Tina McCall - December 15, 2010 at 10:28 AM



“ Mrs. Gunter,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Frank Fortson was certainly right when he said you touched each of the lives of the ECHS Class of 65. Now it is our turn to reach out to you. Here's a hug from the Class of 65.

Fondly,
Linda White Peeler

Linda White Peeler - December 15, 2010 at 10:05 AM



“ Praying for you and your family.

Steve and Phyllis Brooks - December 15, 2010 at 09:50 AM



“ I am sorry to hear about Mr. Shelvyn's death, especially so close to Christmastime.

Mark McCall - December 15, 2010 at 09:19 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He fought a long battle and now he is at peace and in no pain. You are in my prayers.

Joye Jones - December 15, 2010 at 08:43 AM



“ Ann, Greg, and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Tanner

Tanner Moore - December 15, 2010 at 08:16 AM



“ Ann sorry for your loss.

Ronald Mooney
City of Elberton

Ronald Mooney - December 15, 2010 at 07:15 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May God bring you the comfort and strength you need to get through this. We will always remember Shelvyn as a very great man.

Travis, Kim, Kayla, Brooke Rice - December 15, 2010 at 12:29 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. He was a special person and will be missed.

Mike & Kathy Walters - December 14, 2010 at 11:45 PM



“ Ann and family,

So sorry to hear of Shelvyn's passing. May peace be with you.

Sandy and Frank Fortson

Frank Fortson - December 14, 2010 at 11:07 PM