



DeWitt Shelton

September 10, 1926 - November 16, 2019

DeWitt Stuart Shelton, 93, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on November 16, 2019 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. He was born on September 10, 1926, in rural Davis County, Iowa to James Walter and Ethel Lora Good Shelton. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1945 and Bloomfield Junior College in 1947. After junior college, he attended Iowa State University earning a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Agriculture Education. He taught high school in West Bend, Corydon, and Davis County, Iowa retiring in 1986 after more than 30 years teaching. DeWitt was a beloved teacher and he really enjoyed interacting with the many students over the years. While teaching, he was FFA co-advisor for the local chapter and received an FFA Honorary Degree and the National Honorary FFA Degree. DeWitt also farmed his mother's family's Century Farm for many years; raising livestock and growing crops.

On September 5, 1948, DeWitt married Phyllis Altheide at the Bloomfield Methodist Church. The couple had two children; Rebecca and Stuart.

DeWitt had been a member of the Bloomfield Christian Church since 1938, serving as Deacon, Elder, Board Chairperson, Memorial Committee Chairperson, and on other various church committees. He was also very active with the Davis County Fair and served on the Fair Board for many years. He loved attending the Davis County Fair and had been attending since

he was a young child. Other organizations DeWitt volunteered for include Davis County Cattlemen's Association, Bloomfield Lion's Club, Bloomfield Public Library Board, Bloomfield Community Housing Association, Davis County Tourism Corporation, Davis County Sesquicentennial Commission, and the Davis County Historical Society. His tireless efforts in education, church, and community organizations touched many lives and he will be greatly missed by his family and community members.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Shelton; daughter, Rebecca (Garry) Berryman of Scottsdale, Arizona; son, Stuart (Dixie) Shelton of Stockton, Illinois; six grandsons, Bradley (Rebecca) Berryman of Woodinville, Washington, Cale (Michelle) Berryman of Scottsdale, Arizona, Eric (Vicki) Berryman of Glendale, Arizona, Travis (Sarah) Shelton of Ankeny, Iowa, Chad (Kendra) Shelton of McFarland, Wisconsin, Trent (Chika) Shelton of Tokyo, Japan; and eight great-grandchildren, Elliana and Garrick Berryman, Graham and Shea Berryman, Paxton and Finley Shelton, Beckett and Kyler Shelton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Gloria Baughman.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Bloomfield Christian Church with Pastor Jim Wakelin officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Memorials have been established to the Bloomfield Christian Church and the Davis County Agriculture Society (Davis County Fair).

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

NOV 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
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Funeral Services

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomfield Christian Church
107 N. Davis St.
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Tribute Wall



“ DeWitt Shelton

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ My favorite teacher! "Doc" truly cared about us as students. I will always remember a day in the Spring of 1975, I was doing chores one morning and Doc pulled into our driveway, not sure if it was a weekend or some time during our Spring break. I thought maybe I was in trouble for something, but he was just "visiting" students on the farm that day! He walked around with me as I was finishing up with chores, and we walked by a sow with a litter of pigs that were about a week old.....he stopped and looked at the pigs. He said, "you know, those pigs would be just about right for showing at the county fair, you should talk to your dad about maybe taking them to the fair". I mentioned it to my dad and he gave me that litter of pigs for payment for doing all the chores. I ended up with the Grand Champion pig and reserve Champion pen of 3. My litter of 9 pigs ended up selling through the fair sale and I ended up buying more hogs with my proceeds. Mr. Shelton, I will always cherish the day you came to visit and will always remember the positive influence you had on my life. Sincerely, Darvin Dykes

Darvin Dykes - November 23, 2019 at 07:53 AM

MM

“ Mr. Shelton made such an important and lasting impact on the lives of me and my four brothers as our FFA Advisor and Ag Education instructor. I have so many positive memories of experiences he encouraged me to pursue in FFA including speaking contests, livestock judging, and becoming a district and state FFA officer. He was a great teacher, mentor and advisor who offered a positive agriculture outlook to hundreds of Davis County farm kids during the early 80's farm crisis. I am better off for having spent 4 years in his classroom. Thank you, Mr. Shelton for so many great memories! Our prayers and thoughts are with the Shelton family.

Matt Musselman

Matt Musselman - November 21, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of DeWitt Shelton.



November 21, 2019 at 09:06 AM

MD

“ My deepest condolences to Phyllis and family in your loss. DeWitt was a good man and highly respected. I will always appreciate his fine example as instructor and guidance for our sons during their high school years. They will always have fond memories of Mr. Shelton. Marilyn Downing

Marilyn Downing - November 20, 2019 at 09:46 PM

PG

“ Deepest sympathy for you loss. He was a gentle man who taught with my dad - Marion Harold "Bud" Elson teaching FFA at the high school... and your family was great friends to ours.. the Elson's. He lived a long life and made great accomplishments. Prayers to all your family.

Phyllis Elson Garbison

phyllis elson Garbison - November 19, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of DeWitt's passing. He was such a model of integrity, faithfulness and wisdom. I will be holding you in prayer, Phyllis and family.

Jack Knox - November 19, 2019 at 07:56 PM

GN

“ My thoughts and prayers to you; Phyllis, Becky and Stewart in the loss of you husband and father. I have so many wonderful memories of spending time with my best friend in your home growing up in Bloomfield. When we moved to Bloomfield in 1965 your family was the first to welcome us and throughout the years you were always a large part of our family in many ways. Love to you all, Gayla "Lacy" Nickel

Gayla Nickel - November 19, 2019 at 02:02 PM

CF

“ Chika & the Kusakawa Family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of DeWitt Shelton.



Chika & the Kusakawa Family - November 19, 2019 at 08:55 AM

JB

“ The greatest gift that DeWitt and Phyllis gave to this community was living their lives by giving back to their community. They were ever present at events in our community throughout the years. As others are sharing. DeWitt touched our lives as well as many others. Just very recently he and Phyllis helped our family complete memorial bricks at the Davis County Fairgrounds honoring our parents and families. A memory that I will hold dear to my heart was this past Davis County homecoming parade. The retired school personnel and the Davis County School Support Foundation honored DeWitt and Betty Judd for their many years as educators in the Davis County School District. I will never forget the roar of the crowd as the float representing those two organizations announced their names and years of service to those watching the parade. DeWitt's life is truly remembered by touching the lives of so many. We are a better community because of his love and dedication to his home and community. Thank-you for all you gave, God Bless. The Jerry and Janice Batterson families.

Janice Batterson - November 18, 2019 at 11:32 PM

GB

“ Gina Burket purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of DeWitt Shelton.



Gina Burket - November 18, 2019 at 08:14 PM

LM

“ DeWitt was a one of a kind guy. He was so very kind and caring. I worked with him through the 4H and FFA programs for the fair for many years. He was in charge of the sheep show at the fair and I knew things would be done correctly and given to me in a timely manner. He was missed when he retired. My thoughts and prayers go out to Phyllis, Becky, Stuart and families during this time.

Lana Minnick

Lana J Minnick - November 18, 2019 at 06:51 PM

RG

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family on a one of a kind guy. He touched many lives through the many years of teaching and his commitment to the community was a life long service. Edward was one of his students and has good memories of those years. He was on the library board when I was director and I always knew I could count on him for advice, support and sometimes just his smile. An honor to have known him.

Regina Gooden - November 18, 2019 at 03:05 PM

DM

“ *What a grand life "Mr. Shelton" gave all of us that knew him. I considered him special..... in the way he lived life.... and how he treated the rest of us. On returns to the community he would always take time to visit... share stories... and make us feel as if we were equally special in his memories as he became in ours. Recently... I saw that a friend from school.. Lewis Horn.. had passed away.. and I recalled an evening at the county fair. Lewis and I were sitting at a food stand under the grandstand having a crumbly beefburger. Mr. Shelton stopped and visited with us... and then.... out of the blue.. paid for our burgers and drinks. We told him he didn't need to do that. His reply was "I owe you boys". I don't know why but I have always thought there was more to that than money.*

D. McCullough - November 18, 2019 at 03:00 PM

CH

“ Growing up, DeWitt had more influence over me than anybody else other than my parents. I probably followed his directions better than my parents because teenagers know they are already smarter than their parents! I will never forget all of the hours in voc ag class and shop, the many FFA meetings, contests and trips that DeWitt lead us on. He expanded a lot on what my parents taught on projects and record keeping. But most importantly he echoed my parents that we should be responsible people and to give without expecting anything in return.

Recently, DeWitt volunteered to be the administer of my aunt's estate after she passed away. My other aunt in St. Louis and I were ever grateful that DeWitt { and Phyliss} were there in Bloomfield to handle all of the big and small details that popped up! Although they had never done that job before, they did it expertly and in a very timely fashion doing far more than needed. We are forever grateful. We will all miss DeWitt but a part of him lives on in each of the students he had.

Charlie Horton, Class of 1968

Charlie Horton - November 18, 2019 at 02:36 PM

MB

“ Mr. Shelton was an excellent teacher and mentor. It was evident in how much he gave of himself for others. I'll be forever grateful for him writing one of my recommendations for veterinary school. God bless his family during this time.

Marilyn Brown

Marilyn Brown - November 18, 2019 at 02:05 PM

MR

“ Becky, Gary and Stuart, sorry for your loss. May God grant him happiness in Heaven.

Mike Ritter - November 18, 2019 at 02:00 PM