



Phyllis Shelton

December 29, 1928 - November 12, 2024

Phyllis Marcene Shelton, 95, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on November 12, 2024 at Hospice House in Ottumwa, Iowa. She was born December 29, 1928 in rural Davis County, Iowa to Vernetta Andrew and Elsie Blackwell Altheide. Phyllis married DeWitt Stuart Shelton September 5, 1948 at the Bloomfield Christian Church. They were married 71 years before his passing in November 2019. They were the parents to two children, Rebecca and Stuart.

Upon graduating from Bloomfield High School in 1945, Phyllis began a secretarial career working for several Bloomfield attorneys, two Iowa State professors, and a county school superintendent. She also worked alongside her husband supporting his career as a farmer, vocational agriculture instructor, and FFA Advisor.

Together, Phyllis and DeWitt grew and supported the Davis County Fair and the Bloomfield Christian Church. Phyllis was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship - holding various leadership positions. Phyllis also belonged to PEO, Eastern Star, Chautauqua Club, Prairie Home Club, and was a 4-H leader.

In addition to volunteer work, Phyllis and DeWitt enjoyed travel and often incorporated Phyllis' hobby of genealogy into their travels. The couple also

spent several winters at Rock Shadows RV Park in Apache Junction, Arizona. Every August their RV enabled Phyllis and DeWitt to visit with friends and host family while camping at the Iowa State Fair. It was a special joy to show their grandchildren and great-grandchildren the fair which played such an important part in their lives.

Phyllis took great pride in her six grandsons and their families. She and DeWitt traveled to many sporting events, graduations, and weddings across the United States.

She will be remembered for her curiosity that often led her to reach for her World Book Encyclopedia, Rand McNally Atlas, and “Hey Siri” on her iPhone in order to research places and things relevant to her family and friends.

Phyllis will be missed for her thoughtfulness, her generosity, and her energetic spirit that brought so much joy to all who loved her.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Rebecca (Garry) Berryman of Scottsdale, Arizona; son, Stuart (Dixie) Shelton of Stockton, Illinois; six grandsons, Bradley (Rebecca) Berryman of Scottsdale, Arizona, Cale (Michelle) Berryman of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Eric (Vicki) Berryman of Glendale, Arizona, Travis (Sarah) Shelton of Ankeny, Iowa, Chad (Kendra) Shelton of McFarland, Wisconsin, Trent (Chika Kusakawa) Shelton of Tokyo, Japan; ten great-grandchildren, Elliana and Garrick Berryman, Graham and Shea Berryman, Paxton and Finley Shelton, Beckett and Kyler Shelton, Luka and Emika Kusakawa Shelton; brother, Don (Dee) Altheide; sister, Marlene Cook; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Richard Altheide; and two sisters, Helen Altheide, Lois Fitzgerald.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at the Bloomfield Christian Church with Pastor Don Naftz officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church on Saturday morning. 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 with Family Present

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Lynn. Roberts lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Shelton*



lynn. roberts - November 16, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JM

“ *I have such fond memories of Phyllis as a warm and cheerful presence in church while growing up. She was always ready with a kind word or encouragement. She was a lovely woman. May she rest in peace.*

Joe Melvin - November 16, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SW

“ *Becky and Stuart, your folks were both really good people. Phyllis and I were both on the Library board back in the '90s and like myself, she was devoted to our local library. I was lucky to have known them both. Sheila (Smith) Westegard*

Sheila Westegard - November 16, 2024 at 10:16 AM

KD

“ *Stuart, Becky, and families, our thoughts and prayers are with you. So, Sorry for your loss. Ken & Betty Downing*

Ken Downing - November 16, 2024 at 06:56 AM

KS

“ *Karen Spargur lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Shelton*



Karen Spargur - November 15, 2024 at 01:37 PM

MD

“ *My deepest condolences to Phyllis' family...to know her was to love her! She was a great influence to all who knew her, and she lived her faith well!
Sincerely, Marilyn Downing*

Marilyn Downing - November 15, 2024 at 11:08 AM

DR

“ *Our condolences to Becky and Stuart and all of their families. Their parents and ours were great friends for many years and shared all of the joys and sorrows that come in life. Card games, parties, church functions, and on and on. She will be greatly missed.*

*Don and Mary Richardson
Diana (Richardson) Stratbucker*

Don W Richardson - November 14, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Shelton.*

November 13, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Shelton.*



November 13, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Lynn lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Shelton*



lynn - November 13, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ *Pastor Donald Naftz lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Shelton*



Pastor Donald Naftz - November 13, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Shelton*



Regina Gooden - November 13, 2024 at 08:58 AM

RG

Phyllis was a very nice lady and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family

Regina Gooden - November 13, 2024 at 09:00 AM

SH

I have known Phyllis and DeWitt for a long time. First, in church then memories of Dad and Mom playing pitch taking turn hosting card parties...kids were invited too and always had fun!! 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Sherry Stockham Hopkins - November 13, 2024 at 12:39 PM



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



November 13, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ *It is with great sadness to hear of her passing. Her and DeWitt were our neighbors across the street for several years in Bloomfield and we thought the world of them. We send our deepest sympathies to the family. The family of Jeremy & Rachael Wilcox.*

Jeremy Wilcox - November 13, 2024 at 07:11 AM

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Shelton*



Georgia Stevens - November 13, 2024 at 02:12 AM