



Raymond Shaw Shelby

September 30, 1948 - February 25, 2022

Raymond “Ray” Shaw Shelby, age 73, passed away in his Laurie, Missouri home on February 25, 2022 after a hard, fought battle with lung cancer. He was born on September 30, 1948 in Kansas City, Missouri. He grew up in Overland Park, raised his family in Denver, Colorado, and has lived in Lee’s Summit, Missouri, Laurie, Missouri, and Florida, and owned a vacation home in Mesa, Arizona.

Ray was a loving father and grandfather who always liked to joke around. He had a quick wit, kind smile, and benevolent nature. He was a hard worker and always liked to keep busy. When Ray completed a project, he would make sure it was done right.

He loved spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks with his wife, JoEllen. He loved it so much he built their forever home in 2006 and they relocated from Kansas City in 2015. Ray enjoyed swimming, grilling, boating, and taking his grandchildren tubing. He always took joy in convincing others, especially his children and grandchildren, into “shooting the minnow”. After learning from him over the years, Ray decided to take after his father and become a general contractor. Throughout his career, he worked for many companies around the country, before starting his own company, Shelby Construction, in Kansas City. Ray was admired by clients, subcontractors, and others in the construction industry.

Ray loved flying/planes, traveling, and watching Chiefs football and Jayhawk basketball. After moving to the lake, Ray became an active member of the Elks Lodge where he attended many social gatherings, volunteered, and made many friends. Ray was loved by everyone around him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, JoEllen Shelby, of the home; his children, Heather Shuman, Holly Shelby, Heidi (John) Davis, Scott (Beth) Shelby, Robin (Chris) Jones and Staci Beasley; grandchildren, Liam, Brendan, and Piper Davis, Brett and Brooklyn Shelby, Josh Cramer, Emily and Matthew Elkins, Derek Rios, and Kylie and Danica Jones; three great-grandchildren, Bella, Wrenley, and Grayson Cramer; sister-in-law Claudia Noakes; sister Joan Vibert; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Shelby and Virginia Sarazan, sister Diane Thorp, and daughter Jennifer Rios.

Service is being held on Saturday, March 26th at 4:00 pm at Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66210. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Garber Memorial Estates in Laurie, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society and United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, <https://donate3.cancer.org> or <https://umdf.org>.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was lucky to spend so much time with Rocky since the time I was born to working with him. Rocky could be so funny and used to have so much fun teasing back and forth while working. I love the photos of Rocky in my crib with me.

Scott Weiter

Scott Weiter - March 18, 2022 at 09:40 PM

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“ Rest on peace brother Elk. You will be missed

Preston Moore - March 14, 2022 at 01:49 AM

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“ Preston Moore lit a candle in memory of Raymond Shaw Shelby



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