



Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin

November 16, 1951 - February 19, 2019

Obituary

On February 19, 2019, Laurence “Sugarboy” James Shelvin departed this life peacefully at the VA Medical Center in Pineville, LA. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Williams Funeral Home Chapel. Viewing will begin at 9:00 AM.

Laurence was born on November 16, 1951 to Benjamin and Wilda Marcel Shelvin Sr. in Breaux Bridge, La. He attended JS Clark High School in Opelousas, LA. He also served in the Army branch of the military.

Sugarboy was a brilliant man. He enjoyed mechanics and carpentry. He had a successful business in Palo Alto, CA (Shelvin Facilities Service) over 20 years. He returned to his hometown of Opelousas, La in 2008. He remained there until he moved to Alexandria in 2016. He resided in Alexandria until he departed this life. Throughout his life, Sugarboy never met a stranger. He had more relatives than any of his siblings!

On March 29, 2016, the Governor of Georgia honored PVT Laurence James Shelvin with a Certificate of Honor for his service during the Vietnam War. During his tour in Vietnam, he was an engine equipment repairman with Co C 704th Maintenance Battalion, 4th Infantry. He also received the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

He leaves to cherish his memories; one daughter, Linsey Kelly (Ricky) of Opelousas; one grandson, Torian Cane of Opelousas, LA; one granddaughter,

Morgan Kelly of Opelousas, LA; Five sisters, Theresa Graham of Houston, TX; Mary Graves(Richard Sr) of Phoenix, AZ; Shirley Felix of Opelousas, LA; Catherine Shelvin-Boozer of Baku Azerbaijan; Nerma Dave of Valdosta, GA; Two brothers, Roy Daniel Dave of Houston, TX; Charles Ronald Dave (Olif) of Valdosta, GA

He was preceded in death by; his parents, Benjamin and Wilda Shelvin Sr.; his grandparents, Octave and Annabell Marcel, and Joseph and Josephine Shelvin, one brother, Benjamin Shelvin Jr. one niece, Yvette Felix; one nephew, Antonio Nathan Felix.

Share words of comfort with the Shelvin family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Jacqueline Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin*



jacqueline roberts - March 11, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ *Brenda Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin*



Brenda Green - February 28, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *RIP, Lawrence. My deepest prayers and condolences to your family.*



Brenda Green - February 28, 2019 at 02:14 PM

BL

“ Beverly Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin



Beverly Lewis - February 28, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ I will miss you uncle sugar boy the last few times I seen you it was fun and laughter I feel loss for not even saying good bye but God dont make mistakes at all he know what he is doing with you since you made it home tell dad I love him and miss him also my grandmother and grandfather also my mom sister and nephew I hope to see you on the other side love you uncle sugar boy always

Marco Thompson - February 27, 2019 at 11:42 PM

RF

“ Rowan Relentless Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin.



Rowan Relentless Family - February 27, 2019 at 10:52 PM

SB

“ *The Barnes Family would like to send our condolences and tell the family how much Sugar Boy was loved & the positive impact He made in our lives. The Twins (Jaq & Shaq) will forever hold Him in their memories & hearts. We were so blessed to move to Alexandria and find someone who was from Opelousas as well. He LOVED my son's & they LOVED Him just as much. You will be missed Sugar Boy, but knowing you are with God makes the transition a lot easier to get through.*

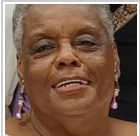
Selena Barnes - February 27, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Mr. Lawrence James Shelvin.*



February 27, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *RIP SUGAR BOY. WE WERE NEIGHBORS IN BALLARD'S ADDITION. YA'LL LIVED ON JACKSON ST. AND WE LIVED ON JANIS ST. MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. FROM THE GUIDRY FAMILY.*

Celina Richard - February 27, 2019 at 03:34 PM

DC

“ Oh my God. I'm so sorry to have to see you due to your passing. Sugarboy. The kindness and sweetest person. You will be missed. I often thought of you and wondering where you were. Always had a huge smile on your face. Linsay Kelly and the rest of the family, y'all have my deepest condolences. I'm praying for strength doing this time. May God be with you all.

Deborah Clark - February 27, 2019 at 12:13 PM