



## Robert L. Shelton

July 13, 1934 - November 6, 2018

Robert “Bob” L. Shelton, loving husband and father, passed away Tuesday November 6, 2018, at age 84. It is rumored he soon thereafter handed St. Peter a list of recommendations for improving the transit of newly arrived Souls, along with a rezoning request to sanction erection of a forty-foot radio tower just beyond the Pearly Gates.

Born in East St. Louis, IL to Leo and Faye Shelton during the summer of 1934, Robert moved with his mother to Danville, IN in 1940, after his father’s premature death. As a student at Danville Community School, Robert hoped to become an engineer, as was his father. However, with little money for college, Robert was encouraged by a math teacher, Bill Kirtley, to apply for a scholarship at General Motors Institute (GMI) in Flint, Michigan. Although more than one hundred students took the entrance exam, Bob was one of only thirteen to be granted a scholarship. He graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from GMI in 1956.

Robert’s engineering career led him to several jobs across the Midwest, including stints with Allison Transmission (Indianapolis, IN), Hesston Corporation (Hesston, KS), and Cincinnati, Inc. (Harrison, OH). He returned to Indiana in 1975 to begin work for Anderson Tool & Engineering, Inc. Starting as a general manager, he eventually became the company’s president, before retiring in 2000.

In 1957, Robert married Amy, his wife of 61 years. Although they knew each other in high school, they did not start dating until both were in college; he at GMI and she at Milligan College in Tennessee.

Robert was a longtime member of Bethany Christian Church, serving for a period as the church Treasurer. An amateur radio enthusiast, Robert and his distinctive call sign, K9IND, were well known to area radio club members.

Robert was preceded in death by his Father, Leo; and his mother, Faye. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Amy; sons, Jeff (Jeannine) and Gary (Melissa); brothers, Roger Cain and Ray Shelton; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes, 200 West 53rd St., Anderson. Service will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Loose Funeral Homes with Bob Bell officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Robert's family asks donations be made to the Madison County Humane Society or the Animal Protection League.

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# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Anderson, IN 46013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
Anderson, IN 46013  
(765) 649-5255  
info@loosecares.com

## Service

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - November 08, 2018 at 09:04 AM

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“ From Ed and Marilyn Raczka and family  
purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for  
the family of Robert L. Shelton.



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**From Ed and Marilyn Raczka and family** - November 07, 2018  
at 06:33 PM

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“ Good friends of ours, Clay and Georgiann Coons, sent us a copy of Mr. Shelton's obituary. Our condolences to you and your family. How wonderful it was for us to read about the encouragement Mr. Shelton received from our grandfather, Bill Kirtley. (Lowell Maurice Kirtley was his official name, but he was called Bill). Bill was an engineer too and lost his job during the depression. That is when he went into teaching and coaching at Danville. I can't think of a better honor than to know that Bill made such a difference in his life and that his family has never forgotten that act of kindness. May love and your memories of him surround you with peace and comfort.  
Bill and Laura Lilly Kirtley  
Seymour, Indiana

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**Laura Kirtley** - November 07, 2018 at 09:29 AM