



## Paul Davis Shelley

October 18, 1957 - March 27, 2023

Paul Davis Shelley, 65, passed away Monday, March 27, 2023.

He was a retired middle school art teacher.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Sarah (Beard), and Heshup Shelley; his eternal love and first wife, Sandra Shelley; sister, Deborah McDonald, and nephew, Nick McDonald.

He is survived by his love of 11 years, and second wife, Denise (Casey) Humble; sons, Kyle Michael Shelley (Amanda), and Scott Patrick Shelley, and grandchildren, Parker, Cannon, Spencer, Lily, Carter, Jacob, Hadley, Colton, and Remi Grace.

His funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2023, at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial at Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sunday and 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday at Owen Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy  
Louisville , KY 40216

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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APR 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

QK

“ I keep thinking about reaching out to you to talk about how far I've come with my art since your class at Medora, and then I remember you're gone. It hurts every time, and I miss how my mom would always find a way to reach out to you and let me know how you were doing. You were so great at helping kids get their emotions and ideas out through art. Especially kids like me who were terrible with language. I may not be good at it, however, I don't think I would be chasing my glass blowing dreams at UofL right now if it wasn't for you. You helped me so much after my TBI in elementary school. I didn't even realize how much so until looking back at my childhood art portfolio. You had such a big heart and you never stopped believing in me!



QKL - April 07, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul Davis Shelley.



March 30, 2023 at 09:25 PM

DM

“ Paul was good friends with my brother Chuck MacAllister. Now they are back together laughing like crazy! Paul always had a great sense of humor. I think that is what made him special!

Daina MacAllister - March 30, 2023 at 04:07 PM

TW

“ Back when Paul and Sandy started dating, I was so jealous of Paul because he took my friend away from me. Sandy would spend time with him instead of me. Then Paul and I became friends and they included me in with them alot. Back then it was just fun to go driving around. There were so many laughs with them. They were one of the best times of my life. I'm so glad they are back together now. I love you Paul and Sandy.

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**Teresa Simmons Wilder** - March 29, 2023 at 12:11 PM

HH

“ He was my middle school art teacher at Johnson Traditional. He was a wonderful teacher who really got invested in his students. He entered a horse picture I drew in his class, in a contest at the Churchill Downs Museum, and I received a ribbon for it. I'll always remember that. I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. I'm sure he touched a lot of kid's lives!

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**Heather (Hertel) Hendricks** - March 28, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Davis Shelley.



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March 28, 2023 at 07:04 AM

KC

“ I had Mr Shelley as my Art Teacher at St. Denis elementary school. He really put amazing efforts into his Art Classes, I still remember making Paper Mache, Pottery, and even making my own BON JOVI T-Shirt in his class! He had a BIG personality and he tried hard to connect with each student. I just recently found him on facebook and left him a comment, I sure hope he saw it. Great teacher!

Kent Cothron - March 28, 2023 at 02:39 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul Davis Shelley.



March 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I grew up with my cousin Paul when my uncle Heslep and aunt Sarah would bring the family for Summer visits back to the Shelley home place in North Georgia. We spent many a day picking berries, swimming in creeks, fishing in ponds and just exploring the lands of our forefathers.

We had a lot of fun growing up but sadly, growing apart is part of life also, just as this next step into the hereafter is natural also. Just because you don't see people frequently (we did talk a good bit over the last several years) doesn't mean you don't care and indeed love them as well.

Boys, I'm sorry you've lost your Dad at what most all of us would consider a young age. He will never be far away, he'll stay in your heart and on your mind forever.....Tim Blinkhorn

Timothy Blinkhorn - March 27, 2023 at 09:20 PM

MH

“ I taught with Paul at Greenwood Elementary. The Greenwood Gator he designed was my favorite in all my 34 years teaching there. He was the friendliest, sweetest, most humble man! Prayers for comfort and peace for all who love him!

Mary Annette Hackett - March 27, 2023 at 07:45 PM

KK

“ I loved Mr. Shelley! Art class was what it was because of him! Such a fun, sweet, and caring soul. God got him a good man! He will truly be missed.

Kelli K - March 27, 2023 at 07:06 PM

RB

“ Paul was the most authentically hilarious human I've ever had the pleasure to work with, be mentored by (... or be entertained by his stand up act).  
The world loses a treasure.  
He often said I knew too much. However, he was the one who had all the real wisdom.

Ruth H. Bennett - March 27, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Paul Davis Shelley.



March 27, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Davis Shelley.*



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March 27, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Paul was such an integral part of the educational setting at MEDORA Elementary. He was such an outstanding artist and teacher. His BIG personality and love for children, made him an outstanding educator and such a joy to work with. I only have fond memories of our days together.* 💙

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**Judy Finn** - March 27, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Davis Shelley.*



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March 27, 2023 at 04:38 PM