



Shelby Clifford "Sonny" Shartzter

July 2, 1935 - January 6, 2026

Shartzter, Shelby Clifford "Sonny", 90, of Louisville, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Sonny was an electrician by trade and a member of IBEW Local 369. He enjoyed dancing and karaoke with Patricia Blanford, his life partner of 37 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jimmie Lee (Barmore); his daughter, Denise Joyce Shartzter; his parents, Roy and Eva (Cottrell) Shartzter; and his siblings, Roy Franklin Shartzter, Jr., Brenda Haueter, and Frances "Doodie" Beamer.

Besides Patricia, Sonny is survived by his children, Greg Morgan (Anna), Christopher Shartzter, Allison Vincent (Robert) and Deborah Carbon (Jonathan Curd); grandchildren, Krista Carbon, Brittany Smallwood, Bridgette Koch, Jacob Morgan, and Ben Morgan; and his great grandchildren, including Stella Sylvia Holland.

Visitation will be 2pm-8pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway. The funeral service will be 1pm Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the funeral home, followed by burial in Bethany Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Bethany Memorial Cemetery

10917 Dixie Highway
Valley Station, KY 40272

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 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

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ As a teen I always liked talking to Sonny. He was funny and always had time to chat So sorry I couldn't come and pay my respects. Chris, Debbie, and Allison, love y'all. Deepest sympathy for all of your family.

Joseph Johnson Jr. - January 14 at 01:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shelby Clifford "Sonny" Shartzter.



January 13 at 12:10 PM



“ Debbie Spears, Arvada, Colorado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelby Clifford "Sonny" Shartzter.

Debbie Spears, Arvada, Colorado - January 13 at 12:10 PM



“ Jeff, Avery and Aubrey Smallwood purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shelby Clifford "Sonny" Shartzter.



Jeff, Avery and Aubrey Smallwood - January 13 at 05:45 AM

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“ Gulf South Network Ops purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shelby Clifford "Sonny" Shartzter.



Gulf South Network Ops - January 11 at 11:54 AM

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“ He really made me laugh. I remember him trying to get a mouse out your bedroom. Just thinking of it makes me laugh right now. I am sorry for your loss.

Kristin McNair - January 08 at 05:56 PM

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Am terribly sorry over the death of your Dad, Greg. Am sure he was a great person. So sorry for your family's loss!

Sherrie Dembrowski - January 09 at 08:48 PM