



Joseph Shelby

March 10, 1923 - May 20, 2015

Shelby, Joseph

Joseph Shelby lived a full life of 92 years, leaving behind a loving family with many wonderful memories. He was one of nine children born to Ida and Leopoldo Shelby on March 10, 1923 in Albuquerque. Their original home was located on the 11th street and remained in the family until just recently.

He served his country proudly as a Staff Sergeant/Tail Gunner in the Army Air Corp. during WWII. He never hesitated to share stories of his experiences with students. More recently he astonished family members with the memories of that time in his life.

Never wanting to leave Albuquerque, he worked for the Railroad and Sandia Labs until his retirement in 1980. Joe and his wife, Marge, were able to travel in their motor home (the Marjo) with many family members and friends. He always made time to make incredible memories with his grandchildren from camping in the backyard to the many memorable trips in the motor home.

He is survived by his wife, of 35 years Margaret Shelby; daughters, Janice Sells and husband Lucky, Jo Lynn Colberg and husband Chuck;

stepdaughters, Marsha Kennington, Chris Pace, Sandy Stevener and husband Bill, Denise Elliott; stepson, Mike Farner; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Teri Brown and her husband Scott; stepdaughter, Darlene Farner; and son-in-law, Ron Pace.

A private burial will be at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe on Friday, June

26, 2015. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Church, 6901 San Antonio NE. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Wounded Warriors at woundedwarriorsproject.org.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **27**. 11:30 AM (MT)

Grace Church
6901 San Antonio Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Joseph Shelby .*



June 25, 2015 at 03:10 PM



“ *I first met Joe n Marge at my Aunt Tillie n Uncle Orrin's cabin in Jemez. We shared many memorable times laughing, telling stories, cooking n playing volleyball! You both were always so fun to be around. Jeff n I were blessed with your presence, along with Barney n Barbara, at our wedding. I will always remember your everlasting smile Joe, n your wonderful words of wisdom! May u be dancing with the angels, along side my daddy, Frank Gutierrez Jr., in heaven!*

Margaret Irene Gutierrez Wenker - June 09, 2015 at 12:02 AM



“ *What wonderful memories as a boy growing up across the from the Shelbys. Joe was like an uncle. He was always nice to us. Jim Bewley*

Jim Bewley - May 24, 2015 at 08:20 PM



“ *I remember camping in the back yard with Teri & Lynn, it was always fun. The house on Alacazar. Cheri Walker*

Cheri Walker - May 24, 2015 at 07:56 PM

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“ Lots of love & sympathies to all the families!! May God bless you & your families!

Winnie & Bub Hayes - May 24, 2015 at 06:01 PM

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“ Dear Shelby Family, our family lived at 1108 11th St. If I remember correctly your great-grandfather also built our home. We moved to 11th in 1951 and lived there for almost 25 years. Every Halloween, we were invited into the house to receive candy and to talk to your widowed gr-grandmother, Mrs. Shelby. She had the dining room table with the lace table cloth. She was so very nice to us. She wore all black, her hair was gray/white and wrapped around her head with a braid. She had the most beautiful old-world accent. I loved to hear her speak. At the time it was your dad and his brother who lived with her--as bachelors. Every morning, we could set our clock as each one went to work with his lunch box. Your dad/grandfather taught me how to clip a hedge when I was 10. In the summers, we were allowed to pick cherries from the trees, your gr-grandfather planted long ago--that lined the north side of the property line where the acequia flowed through.

Throughout by adulthood, Mr. Shelby has always been my role model for a quiet, thoughtful and kind neighbor, full of all kinds of interesting tidbits and helps. It does not surprise me that he would leave his family with many wonderful memories. Well wishes to all his family. bettyanne

bettyanne - May 24, 2015 at 02:46 PM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Trinity Montoya - May 21, 2015 at 05:56 PM