



Gary Rhea Shelton

May 10, 1958 - June 20, 2021

Gary R. Shelton, DVM, passed away suddenly at his home in Elkton, Florida on June 20, 2021 surrounded by his loving wife Nena and his two carefree Jack Russell Terriers.

Gary, age 63, himself a carefree, happy-go-lucky person with an easy smile, was a well-known local veterinarian. Born and raised in Bethesda, Maryland, he moved to Florida and graduated from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. His career began in Interlachen, Florida where his exceptional professional skills, pleasing personality, infectious laugh and business acumen launched the successful Shelton Veterinary Clinics located in Interlachen, Elkton, Bunnell and Palm Coast, Florida. Always available for animals in need, he was a comfort to the owners too, in knowing they were all in such competent hands.

In addition to his clinical practices, Gary volunteered at the Flagler Humane Society and was a former medical director there. He volunteered internationally, traveling numerous times to Thailand with his wife, to provide desperately needed care there also. He really loved his work but was well rounded in life. He enjoyed traveling, biking, scuba diving and spending time with all but especially treasured playing with his grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by everybody.

Gary is survived by his wife, Nongnard Shelton; stepdaughter, Opal Kerdwsawat; grandchildren; Athena and Arya; brothers, L. Robert Shelton III, Richard (Beth) Shelton DDS; mother, Elizabeth Shelton; niece and nephew,

Jessi, Ryan. He was proceeded in death by his daughter, April Shelton and his father, LaVega Robert Shelton, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Good News Church, 1357 Wildwood Dr, St. Augustine, FL 32086 with Pastor Smiley Sturgis officiating. A visitation beginning at 2:00 pm will precede the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Flagler Humane Society, 1 Shelter Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137 or at: <http://www.flaglerhumanesociety.org>

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Rhea Shelton* ”



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 02, 2021 at 11:28 AM

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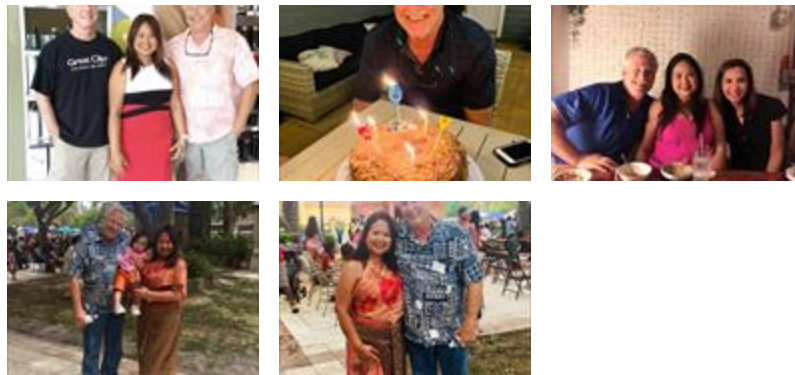
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Thomas Kahler - July 09, 2021 at 08:47 PM

NK

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Nong Kahler - July 09, 2021 at 08:36 PM

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Immy Green - July 09, 2021 at 06:11 PM

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Immy Green - July 09, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Immy Green lit a candle in memory of Gary Rhea Shelton*



Immy Green - July 09, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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nongnard shelton - July 09, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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nongnard shelton - July 09, 2021 at 04:01 PM

RS

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Richard Shelton - July 09, 2021 at 02:26 PM

BS

“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bob Shelton - July 09, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DS

“ *One of my favorite classmates. Always made us laugh at his antics and humor. And the smile...lit up a room. Loved seeing the adventures of Gary through his FB posts. Gary will find a way to light up earth school for us. Class of '85, let's all connect soon. Dr. Marlene Siegel*

Dr. Marlene Siegel - July 08, 2021 at 11:35 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 07, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Diane Hutcheson lit a candle in memory of Gary Rhea Shelton



Diane Hutcheson - July 07, 2021 at 11:25 AM



Gary was my vet back in the day , such a funny guy ,but very serious about his animals n the care they got . He stitched up my horses forehead n did an awesome job . Gary will be missed by many!! One of the best veterinarian you would ever meet . Blessings n prayers to his family 🙏🙏

Diane Hutcheson - July 07, 2021 at 11:30 AM

RS

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Richard Shelton - July 04, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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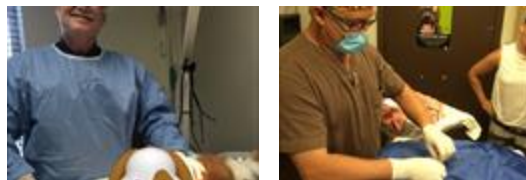
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Richard Shelton - July 04, 2021 at 01:55 PM

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Darlene Aspinwall - July 03, 2021 at 02:43 PM

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Darlene Aspinwall - July 02, 2021 at 07:46 PM

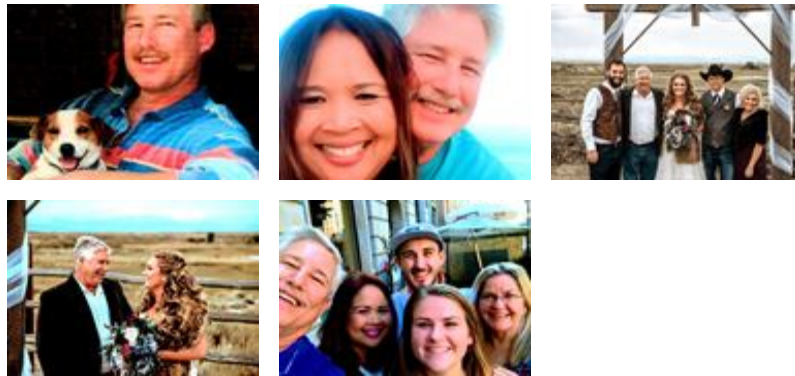
DA

Dr Gary was my friend and my mentor, I learned so much from him in the 29 years I have known and worked with him. He will truly be missed. My sincere condolences to the family, his memories, his smile and his laughter will always live in your hearts

Darlene Aspinwall - July 02, 2021 at 07:55 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 02, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Dear Opal and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could be at the memorial service, but I am out of town on July 10. Sending you love and healing thoughts.

Danielle Cook Taylor

Danielle Taylor - July 01, 2021 at 08:14 AM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 01, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *“Grief is the final act of love.”*



Shannel - June 30, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ *May His Memory Be Eternal*

The Pavlos-Sykes Families

John Pavlos - June 30, 2021 at 07:15 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 30, 2021 at 04:10 PM

PW

“ *Gary took care of my horses for many years. I will never forget him and his wonderful friendly smile, and his wonderful gentle way of working with animals. He was a special person in so many ways. I will always smile when I think of Gary.*

Patty Wagstaff - June 30, 2021 at 11:51 AM

TF

“ *Dr. Gary Shelton was our friend and Dr. Jeff Laraways boss for 30 years. Our family shared many fun boating trips and dinners with Gary in our early years.*

I can say with utmost positivity that my sweet husband Dr. Jeff Laraway would say that Dr. Gary was his mentor..his teacher and someone Jeff respected and modeled after. These amazing men were a twosome that worked very well together . Jeff really looked up to Gary.

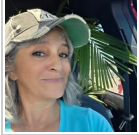
It seems...VERY sadly....for our remaining families and friends..that our heavenly father has chosen to unite Gary to join Jeff.. to be the dynamic duo again and to welcome all of our family and friends wonderful pets, and walk them side by side over the rainbow Bridge. Nena and your beautiful granddaughter and family, all us Laraway girls send many prayers and love for strength to cope. There are simply no words to describe how much we understand the incredible loss that you have endured. We will do anything needed for you...our hearts are shocked and saddened beyond words for you all. Gary was so blessed to have you as his wife and family. Seeing the light glow from him that you put there was beautiful to watch. May God bless you and keep you strong.

Love

The Laraway family 💙💙



THE LARAWAY FAMILY 💙 - June 30, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Gary was an absolutely amazing person. Would do anything for anyone if he could. Was not afraid to work with any animal that was brought into him. He always had a smile, loved what he did and it showed. Didn't matter what state or country you lived in, if you had questions or needed advice on your pet, he was always right there. Him and Nena made people feel like they were so much more than clients, they made you feel like you were family.



He will be greatly missed. My prayers and condolences go out to you and the family Nena. Remember, he would only want you to celebrate his life.

Peggy Brewer - June 30, 2021 at 09:18 AM

NM

“ Nancy and Frank lite a candle,for Gary. Condolences to Nena and Gary's family and especially his mother. He always spoke very fondly of you. He was very loved and respected for his expertise as a vet and for the way he cared about animals and the people who owned them. Gone to soon!



Nancy & Frank Morrison - June 29, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JR

“ Gary was an awesome Vet, Person, Human. He always remembered which girl I was one he left gauze in her horse. Shay... He has been our vet since he started here.



Jeannie Richards - June 29, 2021 at 01:18 PM

DO

“ *Darlene Osteen lit a candle in memory of Gary Rhea Shelton*



Darlene Osteen - June 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM

ST

“ *Stacy lit a candle in memory of Gary Rhea Shelton*



stacy - June 29, 2021 at 08:44 AM

DK

“ *Deborah Klipstine lit a candle in memory of Gary Rhea Shelton*



Deborah Klipstine - June 28, 2021 at 08:51 PM