



John Bennett Shelton, Jr.

January 17, 1944 - December 2, 2018

John Bennett Shelton, Jr. of Lewes, DE passed away after a short illness at University of PA Hospital on December 2, 2018, at the age of 74. He was surrounded by his loving family. John attended St. Peter's Catholic school in New Castle for both elementary and high school. He also attended the University of Delaware.

John spent his entire working career at the News Journal in the circulation department. After retirement he continued to work a part time job with Gannett. He also ran Claymont Janitorial for close to 40 years. He mentored special needs children at Richardson Park Learning Center.

John and his wife Chris enjoyed traveling with family and friends especially around the US. They were proud to have visited 43 states. John was a diehard Eagles and Phillies fan. John lived life to the fullest and was blessed with many friends who shared his love for old cars, sports, playing cards, dancing and especially music. He also enjoyed going to the casino with a stop for a Wawa fountain coke first. He loved playing golf and was a member of Indian River Seniors Golf League. But one of his favorite pastimes was sitting on their front porch swing with his dog Bruno chatting with neighbors.

John was predeceased by his parents Theresa White Shelton and John Bennett Shelton, Sr. He will be deeply missed by the love of his life, his wife Christine Fusca Shelton; a son John Bennett Shelton, III; three daughters, Traci Dobrowolski (Jon), Lauri Littleton (Otis) and Kelli Batten (Doug); and two sisters: Marie Manuel (Eddie) and Sally Fraticelli (Steve). Ten grandchildren called him PopPop: Logan, Cole, Rylee, Cami, Max, Brayden, Makenzie, Jack, Smith and Brandon.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital

for their kindness and compassion during John's stay.

In honor of his mother-in-law, memorial donations in memory of John may be made to Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley, 399 Market Street, Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Please sign John's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 10 AM, SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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DEC **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Chris: I am broken hearted for you. I met you in New Mexico when you first started dating John. That meeting began a wonderful friendship and I watched as your relationship with John grew into your "watch" engagement and your beautiful wedding. I remember the day we helped you move into your Woodcrest home and the way we found that house. We've lost touch over the years but you and John have always remained in my heart. His loss must be incredibly hard for you. Please know that any time you need to talk or a shoulder to cry on, I'm here for you. I don't know how to get in touch with you but you can reach out to me on Facebook. I have loved you as a great friend since that day in New Mexico and continue to do so. God bless you. Love, Linda

Linda - 15 hours ago



“ Chris, Sally and Marie -- Wayne and I are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The world has lost a great guy and heaven gained a new fun character we all loved and will always remember. He and Frank can catch up on old times again. May you be comforted and find peace in all the wonderful memories.

Wayne and Gwen DelCoglin

Gwen DelCoglin - 16 hours ago



“ I worked with John at The News Journal, I was a photographer and worked in the newsroom, and worked there for 50 years. In all that time, I never passed John in the hallways or outside that he didn't have a big smile on that handsome face and a friendly firm handshake to greet you. And oddly enough I bumped into Gene Ashley the next day and he said the same thing about John. Gene's wife also worked at The News Journal with John. Gene is a TV photographer for Ch 12.
John, with tears in our eyes we all love you and will miss you.
Sincerely, Fred Comegys
staff photographer

fred comegys - Yesterday at 04:45 PM



“ Dear Chris and Family,

So very sorry to read of John's passing. I have many, many memories of playing golf with John. I first met him when I was the president of the Greenhill Golf Club way

back in the 80's and always enjoyed his company and his zest for the game. May the memories of John give you comfort in this time of sorrow. Len McCartney, Sr.

Leonard E McCartney SR - December 09 at 08:48 PM



“ Chris, Kevin and I were so sorry to hear about John’s death when his name was announced at St. Jude’s this morning. We always enjoyed talking with John in Woodcrest and when we ran into him down here in Lewes. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. I am sure that he will be a special angel who will look out for you and your family and that your grandchildren will never forget the love he shared with them.

Anne Eanes

Anne Eanes - December 09 at 08:59 AM



“ Chris, John and I are so sad to hear of your loss of, Poor Baby. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris Modi Straub

chris - December 08 at 06:22 PM



“ Chris,

Very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a real gentleman and pleasure to spend time with golfing and just being his friendly self.

Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. I do so hope that all your fond memories soon help to heal your hurting heart.

Joseph J. McCool

Joseph J. McCool - December 08 at 05:33 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear, Chris. John always had a way to make us laugh. My best memory was Thanksgiving at our house... and sitting in the table dubbed “Fusca Wannabe’s”. You’re in my thoughts.

Emily DeLalio - December 08 at 01:24 PM



“ It's just so hard to think of John without Chrissy. He had great humor, such a smart guy, and you always knew where he was in the room--right next to his equally alive, sparkling wife who played off his wit. This was a love story, not a fairy tale, of two big hearted people who worked hard in life and didn't forget to play together, and turned toward each other when things got tough. It ended far too soon. I'm so so sorry, Chrissy. Love, Jackie

Jackie L'Heureux - December 07 at 09:33 PM



“ My condolences Chris an family. John was a great neighbor and friend. I'll miss our chats as he walked the dog and his presence at social eventfs.

Best regards,
Jim Kelley

Jim Kelley - December 08 at 02:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear about John. We have a lot of good memories. Now he's with Frank playing golf in heaven! Love, Bill Coleman & Donna

Donna Cross - December 07 at 08:02 PM



“ Dear Chris,
So sorry to read about John's passing. I didn't know him but did meet him with you one time. Thinking about you and your family.

Linda Outten Cofran

Linda Cofran - December 07 at 11:28 AM



“ Chris and family, I am sooo sorry to hear of John's passing. I will always remember his smile and laughter. My prayers and love to all of you. Diane Huntley



Diane Huntley - December 07 at 12:01 AM



“ Marie and family:

It was with great sadness that we read of Johnny's passing. We are very sorry for your loss.

Johnny and I were classmates from the 1st grade through high school graduation. I have included a picture taken when we were in the St. Peter's May Procession in 1950.

Our prayers are with you.

Anne Suppe Ryan and Mike ("Mickey") Ryan

Anne Suppe Ryan - December 06 at 07:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Anne Suppe Ryan - December 06 at 06:44 PM



“ I worked with John at the News Journal back when we were all adjusting to the paper's move out of the city. John was one of those people who fit seamlessly in every department. Everyone in the building knew John, and his quick humor and his kind nature put everyone at ease, especially at Weight Watchers meetings, which were pretty hilarious. He's one of those rare people who makes everyone's day better.

Kathy Canavan

Kathryn Canavan - December 06 at 03:02 PM



“ We could not have asked for a better neighbor when we bought our house in Lewes. Our 3 little boys loved running to the front door in the morning, in theirPJs, to say good morning to John and Bruno. Exton Street won't be the same without him! Godspeed, hit em long and straight ole buddy, we'll play 18 together one day!

Travis S Finkenbinder - December 06 at 05:43 AM



“ Chrissy, we are so very sorry for your loss. John was such a wonderful, fun, warm and friendly guy who will be dearly missed. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Karen and Chuck Rynkowski

Karen Rynkowski - December 06 at 04:49 AM



“ Chris, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So very sorry to hear of John's passing. May all your best memories help to heal your heart. Rose

rose mattei - December 05 at 08:14 PM



“ Chrissy, I'm so sorry to hear this. Enjoyed playing golf the couple times I played with John. You will be in my thoughts. Love Frank

frank holodick - December 06 at 08:30 AM



“ Chris

Rita & I are very sorry to hear of John's passing. Glad the VOFPOA was able to help you folks with the drainage issues several years ago. Wish you the best in dealing with this tragedy.

Rita and John Gilbert

John Gilbert - December 06 at 10:34 AM



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Warren Fuller - December 05 at 05:07 PM



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Warren Fuller - December 05 at 05:01 PM



“ Mini Reunion in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Warren - December 05 at 06:05 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, Chris - John was a wonderful and generous neighbor - ever ready with a warm smile and a cheerful greeting. I will always be grateful to you both for your help when I needed it most last spring. Laura Marriott

laura Marriott - December 05 at 04:01 PM



“ Dear Chris .. Running into John walking Bruno was always a high point of the day. Always positive, always a smile. We will miss him.

Sol and Bev Peltz

Sol Peltz - December 05 at 02:50 PM



“ So sorry Chrissy for your loss. What a wonderful man with a beautiful smile. I can still see you two dancing at the Christmas party. May your memories help you through these terrible times. With deep sympathy Ardean

ardean owens - December 05 at 01:13 PM



“ Love and Miss John. Thoughts and prayers to Chrissy and the family. Grateful to spend time with you all this Summer. Always remembered. Love you guys.

-Brent and Amy Sulecki

Brent Sulecki - December 05 at 10:43 AM



“ Andrew, Sylvia, Kevin and David Lewandowski purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of John Bennett Shelton, Jr..



Andrew, Sylvia, Kevin and David Lewandowski - December 05 at 10:19 AM



“ Chris,... we are sorry for your family's loss. John will surely be missed, we have good memories to reflect back on. As I look at his picture now, I remember playing football on his team on the George Reed football field. I can still see him driving that brown muscle car when we were teenagers. His smile was infectious, RIP my friend.
Jane and Butch Fuller

Warren Fuller - December 05 at 09:55 AM



“ I was a classmate of John's, at St. Peter's High School, and remember John telling My brother ,Jim, that I was always happy to share my homework with him.

I will remember er John and his family in my prayers.

Pat Berrigan

Pat Berrigan - December 05 at 09:19 AM



“ Chris,
So very sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May you have comfort with the knowledge that John is resting in the heavenly house of our Heavenly Father.
Sandy and Buddy Hewes

Pastor Clayton W Hewes Jr - December 05 at 07:16 AM



“ Chris,
I am so terribly sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Mary Michalik

Mary Michalik - December 05 at 05:32 AM



“ Dear Chris and family,

I had the pleasure of knowing John and playing golf with him for the last six years. We spent a lot of time laughing and complaining about why we couldn't find a better way to waste a day. He always was smiling, always friendly, and always keeping things stirred up. He was the perfect golf buddy in my books. We were trying to get to be better friends. I'm so sorry about his passing.

Chris Johnson

chris johnson - December 04 at 08:42 PM



“ I love you Poppop I'll miss you so much.

Cole Mahoney - December 04 at 07:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Bennett Shelton, Jr..



December 04 at 07:44 PM



“ To Chris, John III, and the entire Shelton & Fusca families my deepest, deepest condolences to all of you. I have so many fond memories of John and working with him at the News Journal. Boy, could we and did we....just laugh. He had such a tremendous personality; and if you hadn't seen him in years, you would just pick up where you last left off. He had a big heart, he LOVED music, and was an amazing dancer. I used to tell him he would swagger out on the dance floor. RIP John....you will be forever missed by all. Here's a John Shelton song...The Capris "Baby Come Back To Me."

Gail Kracyla - December 04 at 07:19 PM



“ Chris, I'm so sad and sorry to hear of John's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. Judy Brunner

Judy Brunner - December 04 at 06:05 PM



“ It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that Michele and I are sharing our warmest memories of John Shelton with all those who knew him and loved him. John was truly one of the nicest guys we have ever met. During the short period that he became ill just about everyone that knew him all recognized the same thing: "what a shame for this to happen to such a great guy." All of us that had the privilege of sharing time with John have each had a richer life as a result.

Michele and I will miss his laughter, kindness and companionship. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with Chris and her family. To our dear friend John, rest in peace.

Michele Gott & Jeff Austin

Michele & Jeff Austin - December 04 at 04:26 PM