



Robert Jefferson Shelley

November 9, 1944 - April 30, 2026

Robert Jefferson Shelley, a beloved brother, uncle, and esteemed educator, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2026, in Austell, Georgia. Born on November 9, 1944, in East Point, Georgia, he lived a life marked by dedication to his family and his passion for education. He was 81 years old at the time of his passing.

Robert spent his professional career as a respected professor at Kennesaw University, where he imparted knowledge and inspired countless students. His commitment to education and his students was unwavering, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of learning from him.

A world traveler, Robert embraced the richness of diverse cultures and experiences, broadening his understanding of the world and sharing those insights with family, friends, and students alike.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rhuel and Christine Shelley, and his brother, Richard (Dick) Shelley. He leaves behind a loving family who will cherish his memory: his niece, Jill Shelley Stell, and her husband, Keith; his great-nephew, Benjamin Stell, and his wife, Abbey; his great-nieces, Abby Pagel and her husband, Tyler, and Hannah Bice and her husband, Ben; and his great-great-nephews, Walker Pagel, Cooper Pagel, and Gunner Bice. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Rebecca Shelley.

A graveside service to honor Robert's life will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, at 1 o'clock at Sharon Memorial Gardens, with Dr. Keith Stell officiating. Family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate the life of a man who touched many lives with his kindness, wisdom, and generosity.

Robert Jefferson Shelley will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his love for family, and his dedication to education. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those he left behind.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sharon Memorial Gardens
Senoia Road
Tyrone, GA 30290

Tribute Wall



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“ *I knew Bob well as we were high school co captains. He was a serious teaching professional and his students loved him for it. Bob was close to his family and beloved by all who knew him. I believe Bob liked things to be orderly and planned. Once in class the teacher announced that there would be an additional spelling word on the test that day and Bob go up to say no it wasn't fair to do so.*

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