



## Bubba Shell

February 5, 1952 - January 19, 2018

Mr. Louis "Bubba" Donald Shell, III, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5 PM in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville with Rev. Larry Glover officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4 PM until the service hour.

Mr. Shell was a native of Miami and moved to Milledgeville at the age of 10. He was the son of the late Louis Donald Shell, Jr. and Jacquelyn Hubert Shell. He attended Georgia College and was the Quality Control Manager for Haband. He was also the drummer for the band Reunion and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Shell of Milledgeville; daughter, Donna (Scott) Shell Ellison of Macon; son, Bo Shell of Atlanta; stepdaughter, Amy (Jamey) Brown of Eatonton; stepson, Rudy (Liz) McMillan of Bluffton, SC; grandchildren, Libby Ellison, Abby Ellison, Haley Ellison and Addison Brown.

Flowers accepted and for those who wish, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Kidney Transplant Center at Augusta University Medical Center, 1120 15th Street, BA-4236, Augusta, GA 30912-4090.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Debbiewilkinson11@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



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**debbiewilkinson11@yahoo.com** - February 14, 2018 at 07:49 PM

DE

*Such a good man and wonderful life long friend may you rest in peace*

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**debbiewilkinson11@yahoo.com** - February 15, 2018 at 08:37 AM

SH

“ *Sherry lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



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**Sherry** - January 31, 2018 at 02:42 PM

CJ

“ *Christi Janes lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



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**christi janes** - January 27, 2018 at 07:10 AM

SA

“ One of many memories was the time Bubba and Bo visited us in Athens to attend an UGA Gymnastics meet. Before the meet we went to the Bar-B-Que Hut for supper. On the menu was an all you can eat bbq plate. Bubba ordered that and was served first. Needless to say before everyone else was served Bubba had finished his plate and was asking for his second plate. I don't remember if it was the fourth or fifth plate when Bubba announced “that's all I can eat”.

*It should be noted that the next time we went to the BBQ Hut, the all you can eat item had been removed from the menu.*

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**Sam** - January 23, 2018 at 04:54 PM

FC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Frank and Joann Chambers.

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**Frank and Joann Chambers** - January 22, 2018 at 08:25 PM

ML

“ It has been a pleasure to know and co-work with BUBBA for many years. His uplifting personality will always be remembered by many.

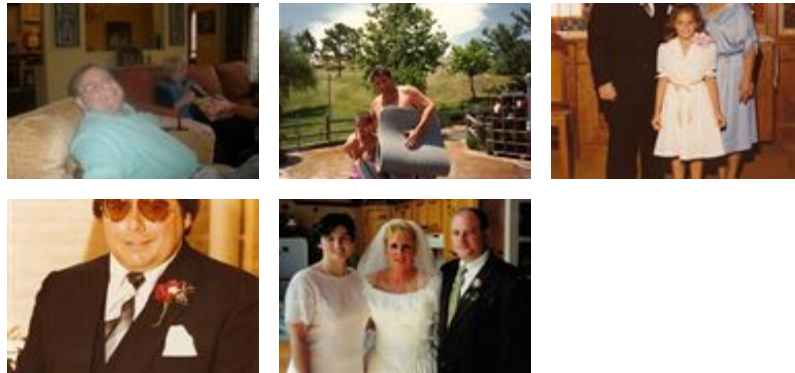
*MEL and Saralyn Latham*

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**Mel Latham** - January 22, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ 135 files added to the album LifeTributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - January 22, 2018 at 01:39 PM

RD

“ Being around Bubba was experiencing pure joy with a strong dose of courage. Besides his larger than life personality, he was a gifted musician and a lifelong friend. My deepest sympathies go out to his family.

Ricky Donnelly - January 22, 2018 at 08:22 AM

BS

“ Bill Scott lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell



Bill Scott - January 21, 2018 at 08:57 PM

JH

“ Jason Haskins lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



Jason Haskins - January 21, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ Terry Hardie-Smith lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



Terry Hardie-Smith - January 21, 2018 at 04:13 PM

TF

“ Theresa Fortner lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



Theresa Fortner - January 21, 2018 at 03:37 PM

JS

“ Janice Shepherd lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



janice shepherd - January 21, 2018 at 12:33 PM

RN

“ Bubba played the drums with us, The 120/80 Vocal Band for several years and even though he had to have special gloves to hold the drumsticks and was partially blind and could hardly walk he loved performing and I am so glad we were able to share the stage with Bubba Shell, a true lover of music. Whenever we would talk over the last year he would always say he was just about ready and wanted to know did we have a place for him. There was, and will always be, a place for Bubba. Lila you are the very best and we love you to the moon and back. He was a light and it still shines in the hearts of all of us who were blessed to have him in our lives.



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**Randy Newton** - January 21, 2018 at 02:05 AM

PA

“ Hello, Sweet Bo.... thinking of you... Fond memories of you... so sorry about your father .... thoughts and prayers....Patty Anderson

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**Patty Anderson** - January 20, 2018 at 10:34 PM

JD

“ Julie Owens Deason lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell



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**Julie Owens Deason** - January 20, 2018 at 04:47 PM

GM

*Dear Bo: I am so sad to read of the death of your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Sending love, hugs, and prayers. Ginger Carter Miller*

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**Ginger Cartet Miller** - January 21, 2018 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ Prayers for Bubba’s family and friends. RIP.

Sonny & Patsy Bass - January 20, 2018 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ You live your life and only meet a person like Bubba Shell once in your life ! He was truly one of a kind with a heart of gold !

Many say Don Rickles was the funniest man to ever live. Don’t think those people ever met Bubba Shell

His humor will NEVER be forgotten !!!!!

Mike Harper - January 20, 2018 at 03:03 PM

 Sarah Lynn Martin

“ Sarah Lynn Martin lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell



Sarah Lynn Martin - January 20, 2018 at 01:46 PM

VW

“ Villane Waldhauer



Villane Waldhauer - January 20, 2018 at 01:06 PM

ST

“ Stephanie Touhy lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



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**Stephanie Touhy** - January 20, 2018 at 12:14 PM

KM

“ Deepest condolences to Bubba's family. He  
was a fine man with a wonderful sense of  
humor. His smile always brightened the day  
for others. God bless all family and friends.



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**Kappy (Norma) Brantley Morris** - January 20, 2018 at 11:39 AM

SP

“ Shirley Peacock lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



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**Shirley Peacock** - January 20, 2018 at 11:36 AM

SP

*Good memories of Bubba at McGaw*

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**Shirley Peacock** - January 20, 2018 at 11:37 AM

LM

“ *Bubba will be missed by all, He was a friend to all.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



**LUTHER MINOR** - January 20, 2018 at 08:47 AM

SJ

“ *Donna, Bo and family.....so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. Know that I am thinking of you and sending love your way.*

**Sherrill Jones** - January 20, 2018 at 07:50 AM

JH

“ *Judi Goggans Howell lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



**Judi Goggans Howell** - January 20, 2018 at 05:58 AM

JH

*I am so sorry to hear this sad news. He was a super sweet and talented and we will miss him. God Bless his family.*

**Judi Goggans Howell** - January 20, 2018 at 06:00 AM

MC

“ *Myron Crooms lit a candle in memory of bubba shell*

**myron crooms** - January 20, 2018 at 12:38 AM

WM

“ Wallace Moore lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



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**Wallace Moore** - January 20, 2018 at 12:25 AM

CB

“ Christine Batchelor lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



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**Christine Batchelor** - January 19, 2018 at 11:36 PM

TM

“ Tonya Martin lit a candle in memory of Bubba  
Shell



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**Tonya Martin** - January 19, 2018 at 11:05 PM

LO

“ Donna and family, so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I  
have such fond memories growing up around him. So glad I got to  
see him at Libby and Dylan's graduation.  
Lyn Ogle

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**Lyn Ogle** - January 19, 2018 at 10:32 PM

DJ

“ Our Love and Prayers go out to our Precious Friend Lila and Bubba's Family. You lovingly cared for your Sweet Husband and adored him day and night. Each time I would see you, you were always smiling and ready to do whatever it took to care for your Love. Our hearts ache for you at your Great Loss. May God wrap His Loving Arms around you all and carry you through these difficult days and weeks ahead!💜💕  
Much love, Dianna and Jackie Jackson



Dianna and Jackie Jackson - January 19, 2018 at 10:20 PM

BM

“ Bubba was my Supervisor at McGraw . Always loved being around him . Great memories of our working together . Prayers sent to his family for God to Give them Peace and comfort



Brenda Miller - January 19, 2018 at 09:17 PM

CS

“ Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell



cathy smith - January 19, 2018 at 08:31 PM

AB

“ I met Bubba when we were both members of the Baldwin Band of the Braves. He was the life of the band. He made daily practice, afternoon practices, and every band trip memorable. I can still see him behind the band room cutting up and making every one laugh. He knew no strangers and everyone wanted to be his friend. A few years ago he and I spent a few hours catching up on old times and praying together for his health and future. I told him then that God had gifted him in this life with music and laughter. We were blessed to have been in his company and no one who knew him will ever forget him. Much love to his family. Keeping you in my prayers.  
Annette Newton Burgamy

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**Annette Newton Burgamy** - January 19, 2018 at 08:29 PM

AR

“ Athena Ragan lit a candle in memory of  
Bubba Shell



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**Athena Ragan** - January 19, 2018 at 07:59 PM

DP

“ Debbie Yeager Pounds lit a candle in memory  
of Bubba Shell



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**Debbie Yeager Pounds** - January 19, 2018 at 07:57 PM

JB

“ *Jamey Brown lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



Jamey Brown - January 19, 2018 at 07:42 PM

RF

“ *Raynell Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



Raynell Faulkner - January 19, 2018 at 07:29 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Helton Hudson lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



Lisa Helton Hudson - January 19, 2018 at 07:12 PM

CM

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Charles Middlebrooks - January 19, 2018 at 06:47 PM

MS

“ Mike & Brenda Shepler lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell



Mike & Brenda Shepler - January 19, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ Sue Howell lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell



Sue Howell - January 19, 2018 at 06:10 PM

AB

“ I know Bubba's in Heaven telling jokes, playing the drums and having a good time. He'll be missed by so many. I still answer to the nickname he gave me "Hot Annie". Lila thank you for taking good care of him so we could have him around longer. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Donna, Bo and the rest of the family.

Anne Burgamy - January 19, 2018 at 06:05 PM

LR

“ In our thoughts and prayers.



Len & Jenny Roach - January 19, 2018 at 05:21 PM

TS

“ *RIP sweet Bubba! You were loved by so many and will be dearly missed. Your laughter was contagious and enjoyed by everyone around you! Our condolences to Lila (a true angel on earth) and the family. Terry and Susan*



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**Terry and Susan** - January 19, 2018 at 05:19 PM

RW

“ *Rita And David Williams lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



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**Rita and David Williams** - January 19, 2018 at 05:02 PM

RW

*So sorry to learn of this sad news. Lila we are praying for you and the family. Love you,Rita*

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**Rita and David Williams** - January 19, 2018 at 05:05 PM

PD

“ *Patsy Dalton lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



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**Patsy Dalton** - January 19, 2018 at 04:50 PM

DB

“ *Diane Shepherd Burdette lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



**Diane Shepherd Burdette** - January 19, 2018 at 04:47 PM

BP

“ *Beth And David Pettigrew lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



**Beth and David Pettigrew** - January 19, 2018 at 04:40 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Dillard Castillo lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



**Lisa Dillard Castillo** - January 19, 2018 at 04:16 PM

LL

“ *RIP sweet Bubba. You are whole and in no more pain. You were so loved and will be missed by us all. Prayers for Lila, Donna, Bo, and families. Louise Hall Layson*



**Louise Hall Layson** - January 19, 2018 at 03:49 PM

GA

*Rest in peace friend. Your light shined something fierce through every silly joke, hug and philosophical conversation :). We seek solace in knowing you are no longer in pain. Your laughing, joyful spirit will be missed. Moma Lila you and your beloved family are in our prayers. In HIS love - Gary & Wendy Andrews, Gail, Justin & Pierce*

**Gary & Wendy Andrews** - January 19, 2018 at 05:15 PM

TM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Tina Mathews** - January 19, 2018 at 03:47 PM

DW

“ *RIP my Bubba.....my best friend oh how I will miss you.....will love you forever, and send our sincere condolences to Miss Lila (You were an Angel and Godsend to him) and all the family.....Nubs and Butch*

**Debbie and Butch Wilkinson** - January 19, 2018 at 03:35 PM

HM

*Great guy I mainly remember how witty and charismatic he was and a great drummer.love be with his family*

**Hector Mendez** - January 19, 2018 at 03:41 PM

EH

*Will miss you Bub - Liz*

**Elizabeth Hopson** - January 21, 2018 at 02:46 PM

BT

*Many boring social studies lectures at Baldwin High School were jazzed up by the witty antics and jokes of the Bubba Shell and Charles Middlebrooks comedy team. I am not sure that Ms. Gaines ever recovered! What a wonderful family legacy Bubba has left behind - his wife, children, and grandchildren. Bubba lived well, loved well, and laughed often. My love and prayers go out to his family upon losing such a brave and valiant warrior. The sound of this laughter and his drums will forever echo in my memory.*

**Brenda Thomas** - January 21, 2018 at 10:37 PM

 Joe Bellflower

“ *Lila and family, we are deeply saddened to learn of Bubba's passing. He might be one of the funniest people I have known and he will be truly missed by all who knew him. He can rest now, having suffered for many years. I'm sure he's telling jokes and playing the drums on high. We will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Joe Bellflower** - January 19, 2018 at 03:32 PM

JO

“ *Sending condolences to Bubba's loved ones. Praying the Lord will grant you comfort, peace, and strength. Bubba was a former classmate and has always been a very talented, friendly and caring guy. So sorry for your loss.*



**Joan Oxford** - January 19, 2018 at 03:31 PM

SI

“ *Oh, how our hearts ache to read this...Bubba was truly one of a kind and the funniest person in the world! You're healed now, old friend, and playing in heaven's band. Holding the family close in our hearts and in our prayers.*

**Steve and Judy Prosser Ivey** - January 19, 2018 at 03:14 PM

 Nellie Adams

“ *To live in the hearts of those you leave behind is NOT to die. Keep them laughing Bubba, when we think of you > we smile.*  
*Thomas & Nellie Adams*



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**Nellie Adams** - January 19, 2018 at 03:07 PM

MH

*Bubba*

*You will be missed by countless friends and family. Your life blessed more people than your ever realized.*

*You always held on to your great humor even facing great adversity.*

*You will always remain close to our hearts !*

*God bless the Shell family always !*

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**Mike Harper** - January 19, 2018 at 03:46 PM

RB

“ *Robyn Belk lit a candle in memory of Bubba Shell*



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**Robyn Belk** - January 19, 2018 at 02:59 PM

RB

*My prayers go out to the family.*

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**Robyn Belk** - January 19, 2018 at 03:00 PM