



Gerald Shipley

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Funeral services for Gerald Shipley, 48, of Longview will be held at Twelve O'clock Noon Friday October 29, 2004 at the Greggton United Methodist Church with Reverend Lynne Settlemyre officiating. Interment will follow at Rosewood Park Cemetery under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Mr. Shipley passed away Tuesday October 26, 2004 in Longview.

Gerald was born December 4, 1955 in Hereford, Texas. He was a 1974 graduate of Hereford High School where he was a member of the Varsity Basketball, National Honor Society, Key Club and Future Business Leaders of Agriculture Economics. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1978 with Bachelors in Agriculture Economics. While at Tech he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Ag Economics Club and Block and Bridle.

He met his future wife while at Texas Tech and was later married on November 28, 1981. He began his career as a stockbroker for E. F. Hutton. He was then employed by Dowell Schlumberger for 18 Years. He was a member of the Greggton United Methodist Church.

Gerald's passion in life was his family and coaching softball. He loved and cherished the time he spent on the softball field coaching young ladies, especially his twin daughters. Gerald was an active member of the Longview Girls Softball Association. He volunteered his time in coaching, competitive fastpitch teams, helping young ladies learn how to pitch and managing softball tournaments. He was never too busy to help someone.

He was a wonderful coach and role model who touched countless lives.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, two daughters , Christy and Kelli Shipley of Longview, TX.; father and step-mother, Don and Verline Shipley of Amarillo, TX.; mother and step-father, Mary Tom and Mark Charles of El Paso, TX.; brother, Jeff Shipley of Dawn, TX.; sister, Gene Ann Kush of Dawn, TX.; nephews, Charley Shipley; Jerad Shipley; Jeff Shipley Louis Marasco, niece, Samantha Marasco.



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Memorial contributions may be made in Gerald's name to Longview Girls Softball Association, 239 Country Place, Longview, TX. 75605

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday October 28, 2004 from 6pm until 8 pm.



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Anonymous posted:

Class mate of 1974. Gerald will be missed##imported-begin##Deanne Bruegel Allen##imported-end##

November 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I just wanted to let you know what a wonderful man I thought Gerald was. Our first meeting was 8 yrs. ago when i brought a rookie 12 and under team oldest nieces team to play in Longview. Of course we were way out of our league, but I heard Gerald tell his team that he wanted the girls to play hard but that they were there to help our team learn. As a former High School coach I thought he had alot of class in this. This past year he gave my 7 yr old and youngest niece pitching lessons; for a shy child he could make her laugh. During the years I have always tried to keep up with the Shipley twins, I know your dad was very proud of you. So during this hard time my prayers are with you and your family. Gerald will be missed by many; he touched so many lives and alot he never knew that he did. Debra Brill##imported-begin##Debra Brill##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy, Kristy, Kelly, There are no words that express how we feel for you. It is just so unbelievable. We called Heather to let her know and she was devastated. Even though Gerald was hard on the girls, they loved him and respected him and learned much from him. We thank him for all he did for Heather and Tara. They are better players because of him. This isn't anything you didn't already know, but I wanted to let you know how we feel. You are all in our prayers and thoughts. Love, Tanya Powdrill##imported-begin##Tanya Powdrill##imported-end##

October 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gerald was a good co-worker and friend. I got to know him well in the time he spent in Longview with Schlumberger. He always went out of his way to help new employees and anyone that was in need. Farewell friend I will see you someday on the streets of Heaven serving the Father of us all.##imported-begin##Michael Micky Kennedy##imported-end##

October 31 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I was sad and shocked to read about the loss of Gereald in our local paper. In High School he was in the class above me. We shared a class or two toghether. Gerald was very kind and a good friend. I know he will be missed deeply. You have my deepest sympathy. Nancy Friemel.##imported-begin##Nancy Banner Friemel##imported-end##

October 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy, you and the girls, are in our prayers of comfort and sympathy. I maintain the fondest of memories of Gerald from growing up in Hereford to rooming together in Lubbock. Seek comfort in God as his strength and love are everlasting.##imported-begin##Shelley Hacker##imported-end##

October 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Shipleys,It is with a deep sense of loss that I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you all today. I grew up with Gerald and knew him to be such a sweet, wonderful person. His sense of humour was legendary as was his kindness. I know that you all will miss him so much but please take comfort in the fact that he has seen the face of our Savior and will be waiting for you. The bible says that 1 day in heaven is 1000 days here so he will not have much time to miss his beloved ones. I know that our Father knows our hearts desires and He made a place for Gerald Wayne according to his desires. I bet that he is coaching a girls softball team or planning to! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.831, Gerald.##imported-begin##Doris Kelley-Hamilton##imported-end##

October 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Shipley, I was sorry to hear of the loss of Gerald. I remember him from the years we spent growing up in Hereford. I liked and respected him and pray that you find strength and comfort from God. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Rodney O'Rand##imported-begin##rodney o'rand##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are thinking of you at the time. May you be comforted and blessed by our Lord.Ray and Marylin Murphey Leasure##imported-begin##Ray and Marylin Leasure##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We stand beside you at this sad time. May God bless you and keep you and hold you in His arms. We love you.John and Louise Coombes##imported-begin##John and Louise Coombes##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gerald was a very out going young man. He went to school with my daughter Greta Short ,also my son Winston Short.He will be miss.So with is May the special memories always live in your heart to help you find comfort and peace. God be with you. Peggy Fitzgerald,WinstonWynnand Greta Short and Chad Fitzgerald##imported-begin##Peggy Fitzgerald##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy:I just wanted you to know how sorry I am to hear about your loss. I want you to know that I am praying for you and the girls.##imported-begin##Michelle Young##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##DENNIS & PAMELA BROWN##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Your family is in my prayer##imported-begin##Suzanne Mobley##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

i am so sorry for your loss-##imported-begin##helen stoll##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

May God touch and ease the pain in your heart. I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you.##imported-begin##Annita Estes##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy, There is not anything I could say to ease the grief you are feeling at this time. But I wanted to let you know that I am praying for you, Christy, and Kelly that you will feel Gods presence near you. Through the past years, Gerald taught Jordan alot on how to play "the game" correctly! I have seen her demonstrate things on the field that she only learned from him. And she and I will always remember him holding on to her "pony tail" when she was pitching to get her to "stand up straight". He was so proud of your girls, not once can I remember talking with him, that he didn't have something good to say about them! We were truly blessed to be able to know him. I think it goes without saying he will always be thought of everytime Jordan steps on the field. Thank you and the girls for allowing him to touch our lives and so many more. We will continue to pray for you all Sincerely, Kristy and Jordan Pierce##imported-begin##Kristy Pierce##imported-end##

October 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy, Christy and Kelli-Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We will never forget the great times on the softball field. "Go Sluggers" Your Dad was very proud of you girls for all of your accomplishments."Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles... 2 Corinthians 1:3-4~We love you all, Cindy Gillis, Kay Gillis-Geffers, & Carli Boyce##imported-begin##Cindy Gillis, Kay Gillis-Geffers & Carlie Boyce##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Kathy,Christy,Kellil know that there are no words I could say to stop the pain and hurt you feel now. I just wanted to let you know how much I respected Gerald. Every time I talked to him the conversation always came back to his two daughters. He was so proud of you. I feel like Gerald and I had a lot in common. He was a competitor and had a passion for young people. Having a daughter who loves softball and pitching, this is a reminder to seize every moment, every second setting on that bucket catching balls. Christy and Kelli, I want to thank you for being a great role model for my daughter Minta. You guys are the ones that inspired her to pitch. Remember that GOD is an awesome GOD who loves you. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Randy Spears##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with and for this man's precious family. It is evident that he touched lots of lives and I know was truly a blessing to each person he touched, particularly those playing ball, their family and close friends. I believe Heaven has gained another Angel.##imported-begin##Millie Harer##imported-end##

October 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs. Shipley, Christy and Kelli, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Shipley! He was such an amazing man and I admired him so much for the work he did with all of his softball girls. Even though he is no longer here on Earth, his memory will live on through LGSA and any one of the girl's he taught and coached. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Megan Reynolds##imported-begin##Megan Reynolds##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs. Shipley, Christy and Kelli, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Shipley. He was an amazing person and I know he will be greatly missed. Even though it's hard to know he's no longer here on Earth, thinking of the great memories you have of him will make things a little easier. I know that I'll be able to remember the TREMENDOUSLY long hours of pitching in your front yard almost every day! Even though it wasn't always the thing you wanted to be doing, he definitely wanted you to succeed in everything you did... softball being one of them. He cared about all of you SO much and will be watching you up in Heaven until the time comes when you can be with him again. I know it will be hard for you Christy and Kelli, but make him as proud of you now as you did when he was here. And if you need anything Mrs. Shipley, my mom is just across the street. Don't hesitate at all. We're all here for you! You and Your family will be in my prayers. In Christ, Erin Tollefson##imported-begin##Erin Tollefson##imported-end##

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