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Dr. Robert B. Shelton, Longview native and beloved local dentist has died after a battle with cancer.

Bob was born March 26, 1951 to Ted & June Shelton, of Longview. He grew up in Longview and attended Longview High School. He was a proud alumnus of the Mean Green Marching Machine and recently celebrated his 50th high school reunion with the class of 1969. He first attended Kilgore College, where he met his beloved sweetheart Sharon, and then Stephen F. Austin University. From there he enrolled in the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental Branch in Houston, Texas. Upon earning his degree in 1976, he returned to Longview to set up private practice, where he treated patients for 44 years.

Bob and Sharon wed on August 19, 1972. Their happy marriage enjoyed many blessings, including two children, Ben & Bonnie, of whom he was very proud. He had a warm sense of humor and loved to laugh. For anyone who knew him, you know that he knew everything about anything he cared to know, which was a lot! He would tell you, with no minced words, his opinion on anything. Faith was a key component of his life. Bob came to know the Lord in 1986 and shortly thereafter took a medical missionary trip to Rincon del Tigre in the Bolivian jungle. He credited this trip for creating a love of mission work and the importance of giving. He traveled there 8 more times over the course of his life where he ministered in dental surgery and music. An accomplished trumpet player, he enjoyed worshiping through music in local churches over the years. He was an active member of High Ridge Church at the time of his passing.

In 1984, through on-going continuing education, Dr. Shelton obtained the Fellowship (FAGD) level in the Academy of General Dentistry. In July 2011 he was awarded the Academy's most prestigious honor, Mastership of the Academy in General Dentistry (MAGD). He maintained memberships in a variety of professional organizations and



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regularly attended conferences in pursuit of oral health. He was on active staff at Longview Regional Medical Center, where he served on several committees and for a short while, taught at the Texas A&M (Baylor) College of Dentistry. He was committed to the overall health of his patients, took an active interest in his patients' lives, and was a personal friend to many. His patients and colleagues remember his calm demeanor and his desire to share whatever knowledge he had. He was dedicated to serving others and loved to support his community.

Bob loved to fish and was an avid hunter. Many of our favorite stories of Bob involve his time spent outdoors. He loved to bask in God's creation, and he passed that love to his children and grandchildren. He could often be found in the kitchen cooking meals to the savory delight of his family. He had quite the collection of cooking paraphernalia, which he used to perfect family recipes. He frequently shared these recipes and their updated versions with loved ones via email and Facebook, and he enjoyed grilling food for churches and schools in their fundraisers or large gatherings.

He was a great conversationalist and gifted storyteller. Friends have remarked what a kind man he was. He took the time to perfect all of his work from the dental office to the kitchen to the outdoors. He enjoyed the simple things in life and shared the wonder of regular moments with anyone around him. He loved his grandchildren—he read the books they liked to read, taught them patience in the kitchen, and encouraged their interests. Over the last few months, he made specific time to spend with each of the grandkids. He was integral in helping them understand who they are and that they are so loved. He was for his family a steady anchor of guidance and support. He respected others and was willing to help anyone who needed it. He was generous with his money, time, and attention. He was a firm believer in the importance of the Shelton family legacy which, in the words of his grandson Banks, is “love and joy, peace, patience, and laughter.” His legacy will be carried on by his bride of almost 48 years, his son Ben Shelton (Deena) of Longview, daughter Bonnie Ford (Collin) of Frisco, grandchildren Banks, Everly, Jackson, & William, sister Kathy Shelton of Longview & numerous family members, friends and colleagues. A Memorial Service to honor his life will take place on Friday, June 19, 2020, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in his name to the HighRidge Church Building Fund (2011 W. Marshall Ave 75604). <https://www.highridgelv.com/give>



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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



June 19 at 4:18 AM



Irene Parthum posted:

Sending love and prayers to Sharon, Bonnie, Ben, and the family. May you be comforted by sweet memories of Cousin Bob. May he Rest In Peace with the ancestors. ❤️😭🙏 Irene Parthum, Milwaukee, WI

June 19 at 6:02 AM



S & L Bock posted:

We will miss him as our dentist of many years and our recent new neighbor.S & L Bock

April 20 at 11:49 AM



Teresa Mcnew posted:

Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of Dr Bob's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family, He will be greatly missed.Teresa and Jackie McNew

April 20 at 7:09 AM



Patti G Renfro posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Bob's family at this time. We know he will be sorely missed by all.Bill and Patti Renfro

April 20 at 12:38 AM



Betty Wellman lit a candle in honor of Dr. Robert.



April 20 at 12:11 AM



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JW

Jim Wright posted:

Dr. Bob was a Doctor of Doctors. He was known as a dentist BUT he was so much more. Bob gave his all to his patients. I felt like family when we visited. His "practice" reached more than his office. His true concern for individuals will NEVER be matched. When he saw you he schooled you on how the body responded to tooth care. We continually joked about flossing - BUT it was a serious subject with him. Everything from HEART, to wearing gloves to work outside, to fever blisters, to medicines, to toothpaste and tooth brushes, and how to make good biscuits or mince meat pies. Only doctor I will ever know that would call me at 7:00 P.M. to tell me he was reviewing some prints and was concerned that something might have been missed about a tooth! God called home a saint, a friend, a great trumpet player and all-around good man! I will miss him sorely! Sharon must know that Rose and I loved him and her as friends and family. Love and blessings to all the family from Jim and Rose Wright.

April 18 at 3:41 AM

LB

Lee Ann Carr Berry posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Shelton's passing. Working for him for three years was such a pleasure. I learned so much. Dr. Shelton had a big heart and loved his work. He will be missed. Thought and prayers for his family.

April 17 at 5:01 PM

DD

Dr. Errol Derouen posted:

Sharon, I was greatly saddened to see that Bob has passed away. My condolences to you and your entire family. I know each of you will miss him dearly. He touched many, not only in his practice, but those he met in any and every venue Bob had the occasion to give of his time, effort and expertise. I will always remember him as an excellent practitioner. His referrals always had good things about him. We will ALL miss him. Dr. Errol and Judy DeRouen

April 17 at 12:01 PM

JH

June Holliday posted:

Sharon, I am so sorry about your sweet husband. I will miss him so much. I just want you to know I loved you'll. God bless you at this time. I can't believe it 🙏🙏🙏🙏 To you and your children! Prayers

April 17 at 8:09 AM



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KC

Kendra Chapman posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss; prayers for Sharon and family.Kendra Chapman

April 17 at 7:10 AM

BH

Bobby Holcomb posted:

Our condolences to Sharon and her family. Dr. Shelton was a great dentist that will truly be missed.Bobby and Lavonne Holcomb

April 17 at 6:55 AM

CT

Ciara Torchia posted:

The most intelligent man I have ever met! He truly had a huge impact on my life. He always inspired me to go that extra mile & I'll never forget everything that I've learned from him. An amazing man that I'm honored to have known! My thoughts and prayers are with the family! Love you all! ❤️

April 17 at 6:18 AM

MD

Marisa Denton posted:

I worked with him for 27 years. He has taught me a lot through the years. I was so blessed to have worked with him. I will miss him deeply. Risa Denton

April 17 at 5:55 AM

DC

Doug Case posted:

Condolences from our family to yours. Bob was a great loving family man who we enjoyed seeing weekly at church. His heart was always to give input to help you and better you. He will be missed.Doug and Laura Case

April 17 at 5:51 AM

BW

Bettye Works posted:

Kathy, we were so sorry to read about Bob's passing. It seems like only yesterday we were in high school together. Wish we could give you a big bear hug.Much Love,Phillip & Bettye Works

April 17 at 5:33 AM



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BC

Brenda Copealnd posted:

Dr. Bob was a trusted mentor, colleague, and friend who was very special in my life. I will miss him deeply and feel so blessed to have had the special friendship that we had. I loved his passion of excellence in anything he pursued. He was a great man and a tremendous influence to many. He will be missed. Brenda Copeland

April 17 at 4:44 AM

LB

Lance Bridwell posted:

Bob and I have been friends since Jr. High/ I will miss our long conversations of fishing, hunting, and sharing of our Lord, Jesus Christ Lance Bridwell

April 17 at 4:26 AM

KC

Kay Cox posted:

My condolence to Sharon the family and his office staff. I will be thankful to have known them and will miss them. Kay Cox

April 17 at 3:52 AM

GS

Glenn Stephens lit a candle in honor of Dr. Robert.

What a great man.

April 17 at 3:08 AM



JS

Jeff Shelton posted:

Words cannot express the blessing Dr. Bob was in my life. He is greatly missed.

April 17 at 1:25 AM



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AA

Amanda Adams lit a candle in honor of Dr. Robert.

Sharon hired me literally off the street and bless his heart he had never even really met me. He just picked right up and began teaching me. The Shelton's welcomed me with open arms and became great friends to me during a time when I was finding myself. He was fun, warm, giving, and so caring. I will miss his long talks and his smile. I was blessed to have known such a wonderful man. I love you guys and I'll be praying for you all in the days ahead.



April 16 at 6:27 PM

MW

Mike White posted:

I was saddened to learn today that Bob passed away. I've known Bob since he and I were 4 years old. I, too, was a part of the mean green marching machine and we shared some great times during those high school years. Bob and I were in Explorer Scouts together. And, we are both SFA alumni. Bob left a great legacy which I was blessed to read about. Jane and I pray that the Lord will bring comfort and strength to Sharon, Kathy, and the family. Mike and Jane White

April 16 at 5:35 PM



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BW

Billy Westbrook posted:

Bob was a dear friend. We both began our respective practices in Longview the same summer (1976), our offices a couple of blocks apart on East Marshall Ave. We developed a friendship in that we both had more time to "fraternize" in those first "leaner" years. He was a gentleman and a scholar. Our lives will all be better for having known him. Our condolences to Sharon and family

April 16 at 2:35 PM

AW

Ann Womack April 20 at 11:15 AM

Dr. Shelton was chair over one of my committees at Longview Regional Medical Center for over 10 years and he took great honor in being at the meetings even on days I know that he did not feel like being there. He was passionate about quality of care and his passion showed with the questions he asked and the guidance he gave on how to improve with such subjects as sleep apnea and acid reflux. We absolutely loved him being on our committee and he was also quick to pay you a compliment or stand behind you when delivered the not so nice messages. He will be sorely missed in our medical field. Thank you for sharing him with us, may God give you peace and comfort during this time. Ann Womack, RN, Chief Quality Officer, Longview Regional

KD

Krista Darr April 18 at 5:16 AM

Dr. Bob will be greatly missed. He was a man of excellence on so many levels. My sympathy to Sharon and family.

TH

Terri Hallonquist April 17 at 6:42 PM

Sharon I was so very sad to hear about Dr Shelton passing. He was a wonderful dentist and person and was always looking out for my health. I appreciate you and your staff so much and I will miss him.



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Marylou Parthum June 19 at 6:50 AM

Today's memorial is most touching and provides us over distance and time apart a deep well of understanding of who Bob was and the lives he touched. Hearing about him reminds me of his parents, uncle Ted and aunt June dear to our memory. May the Shelton family and friends have comfort in a life well lived. Tears are shed effortlessly.... with love, cousin Marylou Milwaukee WI



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dr. Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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