



Danny 'Dan' R. Shackelford

December 29, 1946 - March 3, 2026

Danny 'Dan' Rex Shackelford of Grove, OK, passed away on March 3, 2026, at the age of 79, in Joplin, Missouri. Born on December 29, 1946, in Miami, Oklahoma to the late William and Della (Welch) Shackelford, he was a distinguished communicator, known for his articulate, intelligent, and quick-witted nature.

Dan's academic journey included completing his early education in Miami, Oklahoma, graduating from Blaine High School in Blaine, Washington, and furthering his education with an associate's degree from NEO in Miami, OK. He then earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Missouri Southern College in Joplin, MO.

He served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he was wounded and received three Purple Hearts. Following his active duty, he continued to serve in the Army Reserves as a military policeman.

Dan was called to the ministry early in his career, pastoring both Emmanuel Temple in Vinita, OK, and Miami Full Gospel Tabernacle in Miami. His dedication to faith extended to his roles as a pastor on radio and television. Additionally, he worked for the Sheriff's Department in Springfield, MO and at Paul Thomas Funeral Home in Miami during his career.

A man of deep faith, Dan worshipped most recently at Crossroads Church in Grove. His hobbies reflected his diverse interests, including beadwork, exploring Native American culture, fishing, and writing. He authored a Christian-based book titled "Christ of the Revelation" and children's fiction, as well as writing curriculum for ministry.

Left to cherish his memory, his wife, Helen Shackelford; his son, Steve Shackelford of Grove; and granddaughters Taylor Miller and Lauren Shackelford. He was preceded in death by; his sisters Joyce Gossett, Roberta Rogers, Sylvia Meyers; and his brother, William 'Bud' Shackelford.

Graveside services will be held at 2 pm on Monday, March 16, at Brighton Cemetery in Brighton, MO. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, OK, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dan will be greatly missed by his family, friends and many colleagues.

Cemetery Details

Brighton Cemetery

Brighton, OK

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brighton Cemetery

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Brighton, Missouri 65617

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Helen so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Pam Hutchison*

Pam Hutchison - March 17 at 09:50 AM

CA

“ *Our condolences to Danny's family. We graduated from Blaine High School with Danny in 1965. He was always a pleasant and friendly guy during our high school years. Bob & Carrillee (Reid) Fischer.*

Carrillee - March 15 at 05:04 PM

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“ *Rene', Sonjia, & Bud purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Danny 'Dan' R. Shackelford.*



Rene', Sonjia, & Bud - March 07 at 11:59 AM