



William "Clay" C. Shobe

December 8, 1956 - September 27, 2024

William "Clay" C. Shobe, 67, passed away unexpectedly on September 27, 2024, in Grove, OK. Born on December 8, 1956 to Jay and Loretta (Burleson) Shobe, Clay graduated from McDonald County High School and embarked on a varied career, initially working at B.F. Goodrich for a decade, then he began Shutterbug Photography and photographed 1000's of people in Grove over the years. Most recently working in the electronics department at Walmart, where he greeted everyone with a smile.

Clay was a man of many passions, including riding his Harley Davidson and spending precious moments with his grandchildren. His love for Mt. Dew, Almond Joy, and the joyous times spent telling jokes and having fun were well known among his friends and family. He was also musically talented, playing piano in his free time and in his younger years singing bass.

Clay's life was marked by his kindness, generosity, and the happiness he brought to others, a legacy that will be cherished and remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by his daughter, Khristi Hardesty (David), son, Travis Shobe (Brianna), grandchildren, Samantha, Zech, Alex, Gabbie, Elizabeth, Abbie, Bailey, and Lilly, and brother, Doug Shobe (Ella).

Niece Kelly Morgan and Clint, great nephew Dakota Morgan nephew Chad Shobe and wife Brandi Great nephew Cody and Gunner Shobe and o host of

friends and family

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held at 3 PM on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at Bible Baptist Church. Visitation will be 5-7pm Monday, September 30, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service.

Donations may be made to Bible Baptist Church youth - Church Camp fund in c/o the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Olympus Cemetery North

Grove, OK 74344

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-6761
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

Bible Baptist Church
28050 S. 630 Rd
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-3466

Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Clay" C. Shobe



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - September 30, 2024 at 03:16 PM

ML

I just found out today (February 10,25 about Clay. I met Clay for the first time at Walmart over 15 years ago, but officially met him through a mutual friend of ours. And the friendship grew from there. He always had a smile, and would always give me crap at Walmart. And I loved that about Clay. He was a one of a kind guy. I will miss not seeing him in the store. Until we meet again Brother.

Matt Bon Lintel - February 10, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TB

“ I went to school with Clay . I didn't know that he had passed. I am very sad for your families. He was a sweet man ❤️

Tonja Blecha - December 08, 2025 at 09:50 PM

DA

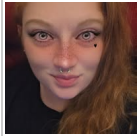
“ Thank you for all the pictures I have enjoyed over the years of my kids in sports and family pictures. Your face will be missed in Walmart.

Dawn - October 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM

NT

“ He was always the kindest face in the store and he always had time for us. He helped me find a new television just a few months ago. We will miss him so much.

Norita Taylor - October 03, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ Had a lot of laughs with Clay when I worked for Premium back in electronics, selling phones, and when I started working for Walmart, the laughs continued. When my husband passed last January, he was one of the first of my old Walmart coworkers to say he was sorry. I'll never forget wandering into Walmart and seeing him and the first thing he said every time was "oh lord, here comes trouble" and we would laugh. He was always first to help a customer and stop for an occasional friendly chat with shoppers. You will be so missed, Clay.



Fiona Frazier - September 30, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Clay" C. Shobe.



September 29, 2024 at 10:08 PM

SG

“ Sterling Giuffria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Clay" C. Shobe.

Sterling Giuffria - September 29, 2024 at 10:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Clay" C. Shobe.*



September 28, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Worked with Clay in the Photo lab at Walmart many years ago. He was a lot of fun. We always had a good conversation when I would go in the store from then on. He will be greatly missed. 🙏*

Judy Coursey - September 28, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *I have known this man 19 years we met when my daughter was young and the photo department was up front she ran to him because he gave her suckers lol I loved him ever since he never failed to make me laugh it's a huge light lost going into grove Walmart wil never be the same he will be missed*

amber powell - September 27, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ *Worked with Clay many years at the mart. The last few years he fought health issues BUT that never stopped him from being kind to everyone. Will miss seeing him everyday. But he's smiling at the angels now.*

Rebecca heeney - September 27, 2024 at 09:30 PM

MP

“ When Clay came to Grove it was a big deal because it gave everyone another option to take your senior high school photos. He always did a great job. I worked for him at his studio after high school. He was always nice and had a good sense of humor. I saw him decades later and I will never forget what he said to me. He always encouraged me.
Condolences to his family and close friends. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Mary Pryor - September 27, 2024 at 09:20 PM

KB

“ I'm going to miss Clay. He was always easy to pick on at work but of he picked on me. We talked about photography and enjoyed looking at each others work. I remember one day we were picking on each other so bad that we had customers almost on the floor laughing wondering was was going on. My husband even remembers having a nice chat with Clay one day in the Subway in Walmart and could say nothing but nice things about him. Electronics is definitely going to be different with our Clay. 😭

Kim Banks - September 27, 2024 at 08:46 PM

RO

“ Clay was one of the first people we met when my wife and I moved out here to Oklahoma. He was always kind and friendly and loved our dog too.

Robert - September 27, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JB

“ Knew clay and his parents for many years from Tiff City MO. Rest in Peace friend.

*Jim and Georgia Bradley
Tiff City Missouri*

James Bradley - September 27, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CB

Clay will be miss I loved his smile 😊 he was a great friend ! see you in Heaven ❤️ Prayers for family and friends !

Carrie Bristow - September 27, 2024 at 08:56 PM

PH

“ *I will Miss Him Dearly We Picked on Each other every time I came to WM A Kind Caring, Funny, Smart, Just Made my day every time He will be Dearly MissedMy God Bless and Keep Him and His Family !*

Pam Helfinstine - September 27, 2024 at 05:32 PM

JV

“ *I have known Clay 40 plus years. Clay was my photographer at my wedding. He is a really great guy. Clay will be missed tremendously. I sure will miss talking to him at Walmart.*

Jackie Van Vliet - September 27, 2024 at 05:22 PM

JT

“ *Clay wasn't just a photographer for my family for years, but a friend. Being technically challenged he always helped me with my photos. I am shocked and saddened. What a nice, nice man. He will be missed. 🙏*

Janie Sweeten Tipton - September 27, 2024 at 05:11 PM

RS

“ I cannot believe it!! I threw my phone when I saw your face and an obit. I love you so much Clay!! I had such a great time modeling for you, working for you. Mostly my kids getting to know and love you. RIP my old friend

Racheal Schreppel - September 27, 2024 at 04:54 PM

BD

I've known clay fir a lot of years , but my favorite time was when he was the photographer about 27 years ago at my wedding .. he was always so nice everytime I seen him .. so sorry to hear of his passing

Barbie Davis - September 27, 2024 at 10:53 PM

CB

Clay was a good man and friend to me at Walmart in Grove Oklahoma ! My Prayers for family and friends ! You will be miss ☐ see you in Heaven ❤️

Carrie Bristow - September 28, 2024 at 01:25 AM

MH

This guy was Mr. Walmart to many of us!!! His knowledge, humor, kindness, wit were all endearing!!!! Loved visiting with him ❤️ and my heart hurts 💔 from this loss....we're all better because he was here....miss 'ya, CLAY SHOBE ❤️

Marty Hamilton - September 28, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JS

Clay was a very nice and gentle man I met him over 30 years ago he took pictures of my daughter on several occasions and developed a lot of film for my family rest in peace dear friend until we see you again

Jennifer Easter Smith - September 30, 2024 at 01:50 AM