



Robert John Shelley

July 27, 1941 - May 24, 2023

Robert "Bob" John Shelley

Robert J. Shelley, fondly known as Bob, a dedicated public servant and respected leader, passed away on May 24, 2023, in Pompano Beach, Florida, at the age of 81. He was born on July 27, 1941, in New York, New York.

Bob made a lasting impact in his community through his various roles in politics, firefighting, and community service. In 1969, Bob relocated to Florida and quickly became an integral part of the Pompano Beach community. He pursued his education at Broward Community College, acquiring the knowledge that would serve as a foundation for his future endeavors.

Throughout his life, Bob exhibited a deep commitment to his family, and he was happily married to his beloved wife, Patricia. Together, they raised five children: Theresa, Michael, John, Donna, and Kenneth.

Bob's leadership and service were also recognized through his love for his country. Prior to his illustrious career, Bob served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1962, dedicating himself to his country and embodying the values of honor and duty.

Bob's career as a firefighter was marked by exceptional dedication and unwavering bravery. He served as the Division Fire Chief and Fire Marshal in

Pompano Beach, exemplifying his commitment to protecting and serving his community. During his tenure, he became a respected figure within the Pompano Beach Professional Fire Fighters union, where he served as President from 1973 to 1979. Bob's leadership extended to a broader scope as he assumed the role of District Vice President for the Professional Fire Fighters of Florida union from 1978 to 1981. His tireless efforts to improve working conditions and advocate for the rights of firefighters left an indelible mark on the firefighting community in Florida.

In addition to his firefighting career, Bob was actively involved in the political landscape of Pompano Beach. He held the position of President in the Pompano Beach Republican Club from 1981 to 1982, demonstrating his passion for conservative values and his commitment to fostering political engagement within his community.

Bob's dedication to public service extended beyond his immediate affiliations. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1982 and served until 1990, where he served on numerous committees and helped pass legislation that is still in effect today. He later served in the Pompano Beach City Commission until 2002. He was also an active member of the Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He played a major role in the beautification of Pompano Beach project which is still in effect today.

In his golden years, he was happily retired and spent his days spending time with his grandchildren. He spent his time teaching them to swim, drive and attending any activities in which they were involved. They were truly his greatest joys.

A man of faith, Bob was a member of River of Life Church in Coral Springs. He believed in the power of faith to bring people together and provide comfort

during challenging times.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Catherine Dwyer Shelley, his siblings William (Bill) Shelley, his wife Ann, Eugene (Bud) Shelley, his wife Grace, and Noreen Shelley Jaconetti. He is also preceded by his sons Michael Vincent, and John Patrick. He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia, his children Theresa Shelley Knorr (Thomas), Donna Shelley Robb (David), and Kenneth Shelley. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild , as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

His presence will be deeply missed, but he will be remembered for his unwavering dedication, steadfast leadership, and immense love for his family and community. He leaves behind a legacy of service and selflessness that will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Pompano Beach Cemetery

400 SE 23rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pompano Beach First Church of the Nazarene
916 NE 4th St
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
<https://www.pompanonaz.org/>

Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert John Shelley*

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM



“ *Love and prayers from the Guevara family.*

Anna Guevara - June 09, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Love From, The Lotito & Rigdon Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert John Shelley.*



Love From, The Lotito & Rigdon Families - June 08, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert John Shelley.*



June 08, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ 164 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - June 08, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert John Shelley.



June 07, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ 163 files added to the album *Memories Album*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - June 05, 2023 at 05:34 PM

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“ Carlton Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert John Shelley



Carlton Jackson - June 04, 2023 at 07:58 AM

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“ Carlton Jackson lit a candle in memory of Robert John Shelley



Carlton Jackson - June 04, 2023 at 07:57 AM

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“ Michelle & Brett Olitzky and family, purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert John Shelley.



Michelle & Brett Olitzky and family, - June 03, 2023 at 11:11 AM