



Paul Lee Shortt

April 10, 2006

Paul E. Lee Shortt, Richlands ? 72, left his earthly vessel on April 10, 2006 at Clinch Valley Medical Center surrounded by his family and friends. He fought a long and brave battle against an insidious disease, multiple myeloma. He showed great courage while in the presence of others, his pain was never an excuse to turn away a visitor. Mr. Shortt was born November 17, 1933 in Baptist Valley to Business Owner and Farmer Terry Shortt and his wife Martha Davis Short. Mr. Shortt was the youngest son out of fourteen children, his late brothers and sisters were Ethel Billings, Edgar Smith, Bertha Smith, Nancy Hess, Edna Rasnake, Rosie Shortt, Luther Shortt, Walter Shortt, Noah Shortt, Roy Shortt, Jim Shortt, John Shortt, and his only surviving sibling, Herbert Shortt. Mr. Shortt served in the United States Army in the 3rd Armored Division Tank Corps in West Germany and Ft. Hood, Texas. It was in the army where Mr. Shortt developed his well-known skills operating tracked vehicles. In 1954 he married Bettye Jane Cordle of Raven and they established a home in the Middle Creek community. A son, Michael Lee Shortt (now of Savannah, Georgia) and a daughter, Paula Diane Shortt Egleston (now of Oak Ridge, NC) were born to the couple. For many years Mr. Shortt operated several Shell gasoline stations in the Richlands area, most notably the City Shell Station that sat across from the Flanery Theater. Paul Shortt was a regular competitor for many years in the sport of drag racing where he campaigned his beloved 1965 GTO, which he still owned at the time of his death. In 1967 Mr. Shortt remarried, his second wife was Georgia Louise Case Shortt and

they moved to his current home in Long Branch. It was in that happy home where they raised two children, again a son, Paul Lee Shortt, Jr. (now of Clarksville, TN) and a daughter, Bobbie Jo Shortt (now of Clarksville, TN). It was during this period that Mr. Shortt sold his businesses and established Shortt Construction Company, which specialized in land clearing and property development. Many other developers, land speculators and homeowners in Tazewell County contracted Mr. Shortt during the thirty-five years that he operated his business working at the controls of heavy equipment. His skills were well-known in the area and on many occasions he succeeded where others had said it couldn't be done, he was always most proud of his work in helping to establish the Hidden Valley subdivision. Among his other hobbies, Mr. Shortt raised Texas Longhorn Cattle and thoroughly enjoyed the daily rituals of caring for his small herd. Late in life, Mr. Shortt married Nancy Vance , her loving companionship gave him much joy and she offered great support and encouragement while he valiantly fought his illness. In his last months, her constant presence and devoted attention was of great comfort to him. Mr. Shortt was a Christian man and served as a Gideon, his mission to spread the teachings of the Bible were always of great importance to him. He was a friend to many and always had time to lend an ear to his family and friends. Survivors include His children and their spouses; Michael and Joni Shortt, Paula and Paul Egleston,, Paul Jr. and Laura, and Bobbie Jo, as well as two grandchildren, Paul Egleston, Jr. and Christiana Emily Egleston, brother Herbert Shortt and many nieces and nephews survive him. They will all miss their father, grandfather, brother and uncle very much. As the proverb says, "We come and cry and that is life, we cry and go and that is death." The tears will dry but our memories will live in our hearts forever. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from 6p.m. until 9p.m. at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home, Religious services will be held at the Hurst-Scott Funeral home on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 11:00 am with the Rev. Max Linkous officiating. His body will be laid to rest in the Clinch Valley Cemetery near the remains of his Mother and Father. His soul left us at the time of his death and

now resides in a place far better than any earthly location. Remembrances should be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Care

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Lee Shortt*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Paul Lee Shortt*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *he was like a father to me and i will never forget him he watched me when my parents were fighting and i know he is still watching over me now i will really really miss him. =(*

hunter - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *i really miss him*

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“ *You will be missed, Uncle Paul.*

Lorene Billings Ford - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Thought I did not know Mr. Shortt, I almost feel like I do a little bit through knowing his wonderful daughter, Paula Diane. She is a tribute to his name and has always been such a wonderful person that I know much of that had to do with the influence of her father. He sounds like he was an incredible man and I am happy that he is no longer in pain or suffering and can be with those who passed before him.

God Bless his family. Peggy

Peggy Burkett - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I did not mean to forget six very important people, Joni, Laura, Paul, Nancy, Little Paul and Christana.

Nancy, you were the foundation that Dad rested upon during the last two years, your strong support and care for Dad was much appreciated, you were as dignified during the last week as you were compassionate over the last two years.

To my wife Joni, I waited 19 years between wife #1 and wife #2, I was holding out for the perfect woman for me and I found her in you. You were of great support to me and our family during our time of need. You accomplished more in a simple touch that anybody else could have done with ten thousand words of regret and sorrow. I Love You.

Laura, like me, PJ saved the best for last, your devotion to PJ and the love shown to my Dad was evident in everything that you did. I am very pleased that PJ made the choice that he did too and look forward to getting to know you much better.

Paul, during a time when it would be easy to understand someone not being 100% there, you were, you were the anchor that held your family together. All of us will be praying for you while you are away in Iraq for the next 18 months, Godspeed and hurry home Major! Little Paul and Christana, sadly you were both in the room with Joni and I when Dad passed away, I hope that the experience wasn't a negative one for you, it was indeed sad, but just by being there with Dad at that moment and seeing him go peacefully should be of great comfort to you. I'm certain that he knew you were there and that he knew that you could handle it as well as you did. I was very, very proud of you for offering comfort to your mother, it says a great deal about both of you. Dad loved you both very much and no matter what else may occur in the future, you two will be the only grandchildren that Dad will ever have known. As you grow older and have families of your own please share this experience and guide them through the darkest of days with understanding and love.

Michael Lee Shortt - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Thanks to the numerous family members and friends for visiting us during Dad's hospital vigil, the visitation (wake) and his funeral. Your kind words and emotional support made it all go just a little bit smoother, we were most moved by your stories about Dad, many of which exposed a side of Dad that we knew little about.

None of us has experienced a close family member loss before, there is a tough learning curve handling final arrangements, we very much want to thank the Drs., Nurses and Staff at the Clinch Valley Hospital for their devoted attention to Dad, although he was in pain most of the time, his quick wit and wry sense of humor never left him and many of you made him feel very special. The entire staff at Hurst Scott was attentive and easy to work with, their kindness and strong emotional support helped us through what must surely be the worst shopping and planning experience imaginable. Both Jeff and his father seem very sincere and paid particular attention to the children to help us cope with our loss.

To all of our family members, you were simply the best, we were all so proud to see each of you.

To Dad's friends, you shared stories with us that taught us more about Paul Shortt than we knew, we were all beaming with pride and I'm sure Dad would have been appreciative of such kind thoughts and words.

To my Brother PJ, you were amazing in your abilities to help us create a final tribute that did justice to Dad. His final wish was that this whole experience would draw us all closer, it has and I hope that we remain as close in the coming years.

To Paula, you are often misunderstood but I know that your heart was broken and that perhaps you gave Dad more than the rest of us by making him a proud grandfather, he loved Little Paul and Christana very much.

To Bobbi, I hope that in the coming months that you become more at peace with yourself and our loss, we all cope in different ways at our own pace, we will be there for you when you need us. You were the "Baby" of the children and as such spent more time with Dad in his later years, that was a gift all its own.

For me, Dad will be missed in the little things, the greeting cards

that will no longer come, the telephone that will no longer ring and the gleaming eyes and bright smile that will never look at me again. I love you Dad.

Michael Lee Shortt - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Paula and Family of Paul Shortt,

I pray for each of you during this time, that Christ's love will bring you comfort and draw you nearer to Him.

*Much Love,
Audrey*

Audrey Sinisi - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I know he is not longer suffering and is now in a better place, but it is so hard to give up our loved ones from this earth. I will always remember Uncle Paul for his slow wittiness and a wonderderful loving person. I am sorry that I wasn't able to share in his celebration with all the family, but all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Delores Billings Clarkson - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with everyone in the family. In the short time I knew him he was very kind to me and welcomed me into his house and treated me like family. Take Care.*

Melissa

Melissa Billings - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your heavenly father has heard your prayers, have seen your tears and will surely heal your grief. Tears are replace with joy of all the loving memories you hold so dearly. ALL BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE*

April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Paula,*

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. This month is a time in your life that is very heavy indeed. I love you dearly, you are a friend that has been like family to me these last few years. I will keep you in my thoughts, and hope the universe picks up positive strength and energy to send your way. Take care of yourself. I am out of town this easter week but when I return if you need an ear and shoulder please let me know. Especially as big Paul is also making his leave.

Laneita Williamson - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *to paula and her family
may god be with all of you at this time .i pray for all of you and that
he will give all of you comfort .
god bless all fo you
barbara*

barbara dobbert(egleston) - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ So sorry to see you go. You're in a better place we know but we will miss you. Thanks for the times you came to see me when I came to Virginia.

Uncle Herbert loved you so . He will miss you. I haven't seen your children in years but I know the loss they feel having lost both Mom and Dad.(Fred and Bertha's oldest daughter)

Lois Smith

Lois Smith - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ God Bless you Uncle Paul, may you no longer suffer and may you rest in peace.

My thoughts and prayers to Uncle Paul's family.

*Love to all of our families,
Marsha Clarkson Fowler*

Marsha Fowler - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I remember meeting up with "Uncle Paul" around Richlands; he always struck me as being completely at peace with all he met. He will be missed by all who crossed his path.

Anita Kelly-Harrison - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We all loved Uncle Paul very much and always looked forward to his visits to Powhatan. We have great memories of a great, fun-loving uncle who treated us with the utmost love and compassion. Our memories are priceless and he will live in our hearts forever. We love you ,Uncle Paul . Farewell on your great journey.

Lane Short Horn - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I will always remember Uncle Paul for his slow, drawling speech and his twinkling eyes. He was a good man. I loved to see him and Dad leaning against whatever new vehicle they had acquired and talking over the newest purchase.
He was not just Dad's brother, but his friend, and he will be sorely missed.

Angel Short Trauterman - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Our best hopes are with you and our help is a phone call away.

Brandon A. Knox - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I visited with Uncle Paul Wed. evening on April 5 and spent time alone with him. He told me that he wanted his testimony to be that "I love everybody" and that I have every thing fixed with the Lord and not afraid to die. I visited him often during the next few days and saw for myself that he had peace and was not afraid.

He was a precious brother and friend to both my Mom (Bertha) and my Dad (Fred). He was always just a call away. He will always be treasured by my brothers and sisters and sorely missed. I am so thankful for Uncle Herbert who invited me to join them at Shoney's a couple of weeks ago and we had a great time of fellowship with both Uncle Herbert and Uncle Paul. Have a happy reunion in Heaven. Anyone that knew Uncle Paul well, knew how he loved and honored his praying Mother.

Linda Smith Simmons - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM