



## Ralph Wayne Shilling

November 29, 1948 - December 7, 2012

Ralph Wayne Shilling, 64, of Springdale, Arkansas, died December 7, 2012 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born November 29, 1948 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the son of Diral Edward and Beulah Cordie Gray Shilling. He held Bachelors and Masters degrees in Industrial Education from The University of Central Arkansas and a Master of Business Administration from The University of Arkansas. He was a retired Human Resource Director for Superior Industries and a life member of the Society for Human Resource Management. In 1973 he was named Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year while teaching at Sheridan and in 1990 he earned his private pilot's license. He was an active member of the Elmdale Baptist Church in Springdale where he had served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Nursery Worker. He was a skilled craftsman in woodworking making beautiful furniture and cabinets and a creator of problem solving inventions. He had a heart of service and loved the Lord. He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Shilling, two sisters, Sybil Sisk and Lorene Crowder and his father-in-law, The Reverend Carl Nelson. Survivors include: his wife, Mary Ann Nelson Shilling of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Katherian Cordie and David Edward Venditto of Irving, Texas; two brothers and three sisters-in-laws, Ray and Myrtle Shilling of Fresno, California, Perry and Yvonne Shilling of Flagstaff, Arizona and Sharon Shilling of Russellville, Arkansas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara Cooper of Norman, Oklahoma, Rebecca and John Hart of Inyokern, California and Clay Sisk of Charlottesville, Virginia; his

mother-in-law, Katie Nelson of Huntsville, Arkansas; and three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mark and Jolynne Nelson and Steve and Tanya Nelson, both of Huntsville, Arkansas and Randy and Janet Nelson of Livingston, Texas. A memorial services will be held at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, December 11, at the Elmdale Baptist Church, 1700 West Huntsville in Springdale with The Reverend Jeff Rhoades officiating. Cremation arrangements were by Brashears Funeral Home [www.brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net) of Huntsville, Arkansas. Memorials may be made to The Benevolence Fund at Elmdale Baptist Church, Post Office Box 2055, Springdale, Arkansas 72765-2055, Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762 or the American Wheelchair Mission in care of the Rotary Club of Springdale, Post Office Box 6006, Springdale, Arkansas 72766-6006.

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers. May God lift you up in your time of sorrow. Much love and hugz.

Laura Printz - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Ralph was a classmate of my brother's, Edgar Hillis. He spent the night at our house sometimes, and he was really a sweet person. My prayer are with you and your family.

KATHY HILLIS KIDD - December 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Charlinda (Gurley) Reeves - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Ralph Wayne Shilling

Lesha Couch - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mary Ann,  
Thinking of you...I am so sorry for your loss. I know that you are strong of faith and will find comfort there.

God Bless,

Mary

Mary Holt - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ralph was a class mate of mine in England and I remember him being so nice. I'm glad I got to see him at Daria's birthday party last year that Liz gave. My prayers are with you all.

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**Nancy Hartwick Bell** - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I have heard so many kind things about Ralph. I know he will be greatly missed. Mom has been talking to Katie, and our thoughts and prayers will be with both of you in the upcoming weeks. Jamie Witmer and Pat Hargis

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**jamie hargis witmer** - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We are sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He truly lived his entire life as a good, honest Christian man. A model for so many. He has gone for his reward. I enjoyed knowing Ralph as a school classmate in England, Arkansas. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the whole family.

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**Don and Trudy Hughes** - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Mary Ann & family - So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I always enjoyed seeing Ralph during his time in real estate sales. All of us who knew him will miss him. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Gary Karnes

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**Gary Karnes** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Mary Ann and Kathy,*

*Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. We have WONDERFUL memories of the fine man, husband, father and friend that Ralph was to so many.*

*Praying God's mercy, grace, peace and comfort over you.*

*Love in Him,  
Randy & Kay*

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**Randy and Kay Hall** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *We are sorry to hear about Ralph. Our family and his go way back to our days at Wright, AR. Ralph was a great guy and will be remembered fondly by each of us.*

*The Archer Family Betty, Karen, Patsy  
Gary and Gail*

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**Gail Archer Nunez** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Mary Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Patty Pionalto** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *So sorry, Mary Ann, but I know he has suffered a long time. Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Pattie Shinn** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Mary Ann & Kathy:*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We mourn with you in Ralph's passing, and celebrate with you in his new life eternal.*

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. I John 3:1*

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**Chad & Amy Carlson** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My love and prayers are with you.*  
*Sincerely, Dorothy*

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**Dorothy Setliffe (Mrs.Andy)** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *My sincere condolences. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family..*

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**Betty L Cline Worley** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Ralph Wayne Shilling*

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**Butch and Joye Bolinger** - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Ralph Wayne Shilling*

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**Margaret Smith** - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*Mary Ann you and your family are in my prayers. May the Lord wrap his arms around each of you and lead you thru this time. Lean upon Him and He will be there with each of you. His life lite the way for others to follow.*

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**Alvin HErrington** - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM