



Alan Douglas Shelby

January 17, 1969 - August 24, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of Alan Douglas Shelby on August 24, 2025, a devoted father, passionate outdoorsman, and beloved leader, who left this world too soon. He was 56 years old. Alan was a proud father to two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Addison, whose lives he cherished above all else. His love for them was boundless, and his greatest joy came from watching them grow, thrive, and share in his deep appreciation for nature and life's simple pleasures. Alan shared a close bond with his father, and sister, relationships rooted in mutual respect, laughter, and unwavering support. Their connection was a cornerstone of his life, and he carried their love with him through every chapter. A lifelong hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman, Alan found peace and purpose in the wild places of Florida and beyond. Whether casting a line at sunrise or tracking through pine forests, he carried a reverence for the land that shaped his character and career. A native of Tallahassee, FL and a graduate of Florida State University, Alan served with distinction as Executive Vice-President of the Florida Forestry Association, a role he embraced with passion and pride. His leadership was marked by integrity, vision, and a genuine love for the forestry community. Through his work, Alan forged countless friendships-many of which blossomed into lifelong bonds. His fun-loving spirit, quick wit, and generous heart made him a treasured companion and mentor to many. In his later years, Alan found love and companionship with Ann Palmer, with whom he was joyfully planning a future. Their

relationship was filled with hope, laughter, and shared dreams—an enduring testament to the power of love at every stage of life. Above all, Alan will be remembered not only for what he accomplished, but for how he lived—with authenticity, kindness, and a deep commitment to those he held dear. Alan’s memory will live on in the forests he helped protect, the friendships he nurtured, and the family he loved so well. He will be deeply missed.

Alan is survived by his daughters Sarah Shelby and Addison Shelby, his father Douglas Shelby, his sister Selina Shelby Hough (James), his nephews Andy (Loren), Carson and Dakota Hough, aunts and uncles Jerry Shelby (Sue), Charles Holloway and Faye Holloway Alcorn (Robert) and many other family members and close friends. He is pre-deceased by his mother Gail Holloway Shelby, his paternal grandparents Buford and Orene Shelby, and maternal grandparents Lucille Holloway Shotts, Cecil Holloway and Morris Shotts.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 10:00am in the sanctuary of Tallahassee Heights Methodist Church, 3004 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL. Service will be at 11:00am followed by reception in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions to Florida Cattleman’s Foundation, PO Box 421929, Kissimmee, FL 34742, for benefit of Florida Forestry Association-Alan Shelby or contribute to a charity of your choice. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church
3004 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MZ

“ Alan! I will never forget the "high school love" we had, the fun times with Blaine! You are missed already! May God bless you, the family and friends you leave behind. Forever in our hearts, Melissa McCullough Zierden

Melissa McCullough Zierden - September 05, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DH

“ Robyn and I will always remember the wonderful fishing trip Alan had in Boca Grande. The fun time, the laughs, with his smiles and his witty sense of dry humor. Love, Dixie Hollins

*I pray that I may live to fish
Until my dying day,
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's great landing net
And peacefully asleep,
That in His mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep.*

Dixie Hollins - September 04, 2025 at 11:30 AM

DH

Please correct the above signature to say Love, Dixie and Robyn Hollins.

Dixie Hollins - September 04, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Douglas Shelby.

September 02, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.*



September 02, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *Doug, Selina, Sarah and Addie:*

Mere words cannot express my deepest sorrow and broken heart for your loss. Alan was a dear friend and colleague who was always the shining star; the greatest friend and we had many wonderful times over the years. I will never forget the fishing and hunting trips and all of the work he did lobbying and then directing the Forestry Association.

Alan helped me through some very difficult times both professionally and personally, to which I am eternally grateful. You are all in my prayers.

And I pray that God's peace and comfort will be with you.

Phil Leary

Phil Leary - September 01, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family of Alan Shelby from the board and staff of the Southeastern Wood Producers Association*

Mike Beardsley - September 01, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Douglas Shelby.

August 31, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Douglas Shelby.

August 30, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



August 30, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Doug:

I am sad to learn of Alan's passing. I enjoyed working with him years ago at DHSMV. I know how proud you were of him. I know you are hurting right now and pray time will bring your family peace.

*Mike Boles
Bowie, Maryland*

Mike Boles - August 29, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JW

“ Sending out Thoughts and Prayers to the family of Alan Shelby. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family. From : Judy Fulford Whiting and Marie Fulford Kochanowsky.



Judy Whiting - August 29, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RS

“ Alan was a truly special person; his legacy will live on in the lives he touched and the love he gave so freely. My deepest sympathy to Alan's family during this time of profound loss. May you find comfort in the love he shared and the lives he touched. Thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Renee Smalley - August 29, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



August 29, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



August 29, 2025 at 09:07 AM

FF

“ From your Smurfit Westrock Friends purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



From your Smurfit Westrock Friends - August 29, 2025 at 07:49 AM

MC

“ Monica Corbin purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



Monica Corbin - August 28, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Douglas Shelby.

August 28, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



August 28, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Douglas Shelby.

August 28, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.



August 28, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric Gee - August 28, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ I have been a close friend of Allan's family for over 30 years and I express my deepest sympathy and condolences to Allan's family at this time of loss! Allan was a fine young man and part of a very close, loving family! No words can express the pain of losing Allan to the entire Shelby family! Bill Ross

William F. Ross - August 28, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.*



August 28, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *United Dairy Farmers of FL, Ray Hodge purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Alan Douglas Shelby.*



United Dairy Farmers of FL, Ray Hodge - August 27, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Forestry Family*



TFA Rob - August 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM