



## Gavin Michael Shelley

March 6, 1982 - July 7, 2013

Gavin Shelley, beloved son of Lewis and Linda Shelley, died at home in Tallahassee on July 7, 2013. He was born in Hollywood, Florida on March 6, 1982.

Gavin was passionate about many things. He lived life to the fullest. He loved his family and was a faithful friend to many. Gavin was strong in both body and spirit. He was a good man, hard working and compassionate; he always stood up for the underdog.

Gavin graduated from Leon High School and attended Tallahassee and Santa Fe Community Colleges. He was a certified fire fighter and EMT. In recent years, he operated a home repair and painting business. Gavin was a talented athlete, an avid fisherman, and a gifted golfer. He was proud to have played on the defensive line for North Florida Christian when they won the state Football Championship in 1998.

Gavin is survived by his parents, Lewis and Linda Shelley, his brother, James Adam Shelley, his grandmother, Marilyn Dixon, his fiancée, Elizabeth Stenov of St. Petersburg, and his loving aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M., on Wednesday, July 10, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2200 N. Meridian Road. Family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tallahassee Animal Services, 1125 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311, Last Hope Rescue, Inc. P O Box 13723, Tallahassee, FL 32308, or your favorite charity.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church  
2200 North Meridian Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Barbie lit a candle in memory of Gavin Michael Shelley*



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**Barbie** - August 26, 2013 at 10:36 PM

AF

“ *I am very very sorry he was a very good friend to me we shared a lot of good times and bad ones but he was a very good person in heart I will miss him dearly. I'm very sorry for your lost angel ortiz*

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**angel ortiz and family** - July 21, 2013 at 12:21 PM

AF

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**angel ortiz and family** - July 21, 2013 at 12:21 PM

BM

“ Dear Shelley Family;

*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your love one.*

*Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and dose have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

*Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline; "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will morning nor outcry nor pain anymore. The former things have passed away. What a comforting hope.*

*If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitle "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).*

*I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely Yours,  
Brandy Molina*

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**Brandy Molina** - July 20, 2013 at 09:06 AM

BB

“ Dear Linda and Lew, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of our RobinHood neighborhood gatherings. Those were precious times when the kids were young. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending love to the family.  
Bonnie Messer Bradley

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**Bonnie Messer Bradley** - July 13, 2013 at 08:24 PM

AN

“ I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.

anonymous - July 10, 2013 at 03:42 PM

JW

“ Linda, I am sorry for your loss of Gavin. You and your family have my deepest sympathy and prayers.  
Janna Ward

Janna Ward - July 10, 2013 at 02:56 PM

EB

“ Eddie & Gail Boles lit a candle in memory of  
Gavin Michael Shelley



Eddie & Gail Boles - July 10, 2013 at 09:27 AM

SS

“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathies, and you, Lew and your family are in my thoughts.

Sandra Stockwell

Sandra Stockwell - July 09, 2013 at 07:44 PM

DK

“ *Linda, Lew and Family,*

*There are no words to ease the pain of losing your child, but please know how sorry we are for your loss. We will pray for the strength you need to get through these difficult times and hope your fond memories of Gavin will help you in the days ahead.*

*John and Dona Kerce*

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**Dona Kerce** - July 09, 2013 at 01:31 PM

AT

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Much love to you and your family. Allen*

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**Allen Thompson** - July 09, 2013 at 12:41 PM

DM

“ *To our dear friends Linda and Lewis,*

*Your love for Gavin was so apparent in your ardent devotion to his happiness and well-being. That kind of love abides, and it will be a source of comfort to you all the days of your own lives. The loyalty and support that he showed to others reflected not only the strength of his unselfish core, but also the values that you instilled in him, of which you are justly grateful and proud. Our love and sympathy to you, and to Adam, Mrs. Dixon, and Gavin's entire unbroken circle of family and friends,*

*Dan Stengle and Jennifer Miles*

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**Dan Stengle and Jennifer Miles** - July 09, 2013 at 11:53 AM

CY

“ *Shelley Family,  
I have many fond memories of my childhood and some of the most pleasant was the time I spent with your family. Gavin was my childhood friend and was truly a special person to me. We experienced many first together and had many laughs along the way. He always stood up for me and would do anything for his friends. My fondness's memory was the time Lewis took us on a skiing trip to Vermont. It was the first time we Florida boys experienced snowboarding and it is a trip I will never forget. Through Gavin's encouragement, I joined the Air Force and I owe him so much for his support during our childhood. I promise to celebrate his life and cherish the found childhood memories he and your family gave me.*

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**Cameron Yeckley** - July 09, 2013 at 10:46 AM

BT

“ *Lew and Linda -  
Our deepest and sincere sympathies. We will be holding you and your family in love and light.  
~Beth and Fred Tedio*



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**Beth Tedio** - July 09, 2013 at 10:04 AM

RD

“ *Ralph DeMeo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gavin Michael Shelley.*



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**Ralph DeMeo** - July 09, 2013 at 08:18 AM

RD

“ *Lew and Linda and family: I was deeply saddened to hear of your untimely loss. I pray for your peace and continued faith during this difficult time. Ralph DeMeo*

Ralph DeMeo - July 09, 2013 at 08:06 AM

PR

“ *Linda, The District 11 Zonta family extend condolences on your loss and will be praying for you and your family.  
Pam Ridley Area 4 Director, District 11, Zonta International*



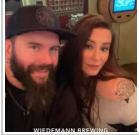
Pam R - July 08, 2013 at 07:26 PM

JW

“ *I went to High school with Gavin. Gavin, Eric, and I used to hang. Man Gavin you will be missed my brother and im glad to have known you bro.*



Jason Worley - July 08, 2013 at 06:47 PM



“ *The first time I met Gavin was at the Tallahassee mall, the summer after 8th grade. It was one of those teenage moments where a group of girls run into a group of guys and we all started chatting. Somehow we got on the subjects of birthdays and I told him mine was March 9th. He said his was March 6th. I told him that we wouldn't have been in the hospital at the same time cause I was born in Hollywood, FL. He said...HIM TOO!! LOL. My mom was put in the hospital on bed rest a week before I was born so YES we were in the same hospital at the same time when we were born. We joked that we were probably in the baby room together. We didn't always have the same group of friends so we would go months without running into each other but when we did it was always the same inside joke. "What's up HOLLYWOOD!! How was your birthday?"*

*I think my favorite memories with him and our friends happened at Hidden Villas. That was a fun year!! The last time I saw him was after I had my oldest son on a random trip to Walmart... 10 years ago. He looked at Cody in his car seat and said "What's up Hollywood JR" shook his little hand and gave me a hug. It was a quick little moment but it makes me smile. My deepest condolences goes to his whole family. Heaven definitely gained a very strong and sweet angel. RIP HOLLYWOOD!! You will be missed!!*

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**Melissa VonKuehlman Lester** - July 08, 2013 at 04:23 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Shelly,*

*The loss of a love one is so hard to face,  
you just want to hide,  
go some where and escape!  
But death is something,  
we all must go through,  
I know it's hard,  
when it's someone you loved and knew.*

*Just know now,  
he is in a better place,  
no more hurt or pain shall he face.  
It seems unfair and yes this is true,  
but he is in Heaven now  
watching over me and you!*

*God has called him home to rest!!  
And he's being well taken care of  
Because God knows best!*

*He will be missed and the memories will be treasured!*

*Tiffany (Lewis) Heath*

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**Tiffany Heath** - July 08, 2013 at 03:11 PM