



George W. Shackelford II

February 24, 1946 - July 6, 2018

George W. Shackelford II, "Shack", passed away July 6, 2018 while in the care of Hospice House in Bend OR. George was born February 24, 1946 in Omaha, NE to George & Wilma Shackelford. He was 72 years old. George graduated from San Juan High School in Citrus Heights CA in 1964; earning a BS in Forestry from Oregon St University; and Masters in Psychology from the College of William & Mary. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War, and settled in Bend, OR in 1979. He married his wife, Joanne, in 1987 and worked as a child and family therapist throughout central Oregon. George is survived by his wife, Joanne (Sisters), stepsons Jeramy Cummings (Bend), Brian Cummings (Bend), grandchildren Brenna Cummings, Andrew Cummings, and Addison Cummings, and his sister Linda Mandere (Redding CA). George spent many hours in his retirement volunteering at the Deschutes Historical Society, Sisters Rodeo Association, and as a director of the Deschutes County Fair. But his favorite time was spent as a volunteer coach with the Sisters Outlaw football team for the last 14 years. A celebration of his life is planned for Friday, July 27th, at the Sisters High School football stadium, 7:00 pm. Memorial donations can be made to the George Shackelford Football Scholarship Fund being established through the Sisters Football team, or to Partners in Care/Hospice House in Bend, OR.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave
Bend, OR
US 97701

Tribute Wall

FP

“ I know this is way too late, but I had no idea that George had passed. We crossed each other journeys a long time ago. Before the Vietnam War. More like in the early 60s. We worked a few summers at Camp Winton for the Boy Scouts of America. George's father was instrumental in setting up the air force officers club for a staff reunion a few years after. That is the last time I saw George until I opened a nightclub in San Jose , CA called the Garlic Factory. George helped with artwork and just plain old help. He was the best. I am so sorry I lost track. When he went to Vietnam, I was stuck in San Jose. When he returned home, years later I went to Vietnam. That is where my business is now. For some reason I thought of George and wanted to say hello. I had no idea he left this world seven years ago. He was a hero of mine and if by somehow someone reads this, they will agree, they do not make them like that anymore. Good bye , Shack!

Frank Podesta - October 11, 2025 at 08:29 AM

CR

“ I met George when he was out walking his adorable little cocker spaniel in late '80. His time serving in 'Nam made him an old soul, I think. He was one of the kindest, most thoughtful people I've ever met.



Cheryl Robinson - August 13, 2023 at 05:17 PM



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:34 PM

JM

“ *George was my case manager at JbarJ. He saved my life. I still use the lessons he taught me 30 years later!*

Jack McKinley - April 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Sending love to those in George's life. He touched many lives in a special way.*

Pam Culley-McCullough - April 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *Joanne, we didn't know George passed away, actually are thinking of coming over to Bend next October. George was one person I would relate to. I was so hoping to see him again. So many stories to tell about him. So sad, are you doing OK. My Email. mountainmeadow2000@yahoo.com*

Fred Wirt - December 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ *George W. Shackelford II*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ George and I were RAs in the dorm at OSU with the first experiment to have men and women share a residence hall. OSU mentioned it to no one until the year was completed and "the experiment" was a great success. He covered the only men's floor on the first level of Poling Hall. I was up on the 3rd floor with my students. He was a wonderful man who cared deeply about people. We worked hard and had a lot of fun too. I have been thinking about him a lot these past few months and now I know why. I read the announcement of his death in the OSU Oregon Stater Magazine for Winter 2019.

Carol Leitschuh - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I spent two wonderful summers with George up at Lake Tahoe. We both worked as Naturalists at the Lake Tahoe Visitor Center for the Forest Service. We lived in an old Forest Service house that overlooked Emerald Bay. Since we were both single, many BBQ's and get togethers were had at this old place. George was a great guy to work with and will be missed by all. My prayers to all family members and close friends.

Bob Perleberg, Wenatchee, WA - July 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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