



## James H. Shelley

October 12, 1943 - September 1, 2010

James Herbert Shelley, 66, passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2010 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. The family will receive friends Saturday evening, September 4, at Bridgepointe, 100 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, 4-6 p.m. Services will be conducted at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Hartsville, SC on Sunday, September 5th at 3 p.m. The Rev. Dr. William R. Bouknight and Rev. Philip Thrailkill will officiate. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jim was raised in Hartsville and graduated from Hartsville High School in 1961. He attended the University of South Carolina, graduating with a BA degree in English in 1965 and received his Juris Doctorate degree from the USC School of Law in 1968. While at USC, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and was president of his Junior and Senior classes. He served in the US Army Reserves 1968-1975, and served as a drill sergeant. He followed in his father's footsteps by joining Sonoco Products Company in 1969. He retired from Sonoco in 2003 as Staff Vice President of Employee Relations and Labor Counsel. He joined St. Luke United Methodist Church in 1969 and served on numerous boards and committees as well as serving as an MYF leader and Sunday School teacher. He was instrumental in founding the Hartsville YMCA and served as an officer and board chairman.

In retirement he relocated from Hartsville to Columbia and continued to consult with Sonoco. In Columbia, he joined Shandon United Methodist Church and was a member of the Joy Sunday School Class. He loved his

family and friends, especially his three beautiful granddaughters. He enjoyed all sports, followed the Gamecocks, and was an accomplished tennis player, biker, and swimmer.

Born in Hartsville on October 12, 1943, Jim was the son of the late William Harrison Shelley and Elizabeth Garner Shelley. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia "Patti" Knight Shelley; daughters, Joy Rohrbaugh, (Rusty) of Greenville and Susan Kelley (Kevin) of Hartsville; granddaughters, Sloan and Sarah Rohrbaugh and Reese Kelley; sister, Beth Blakeney (Bill) of Hartsville; brother, Bill Shelley (Pat) of Hartsville; and nieces and nephews of whom he was very fond.

Memorials may be made to Harvest Hope Food Bank, 2220 Shop Road, Columbia, SC 29201-5162, or the Oliver Gospel Mission, 1100 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29201-2810, or the Hartsville YMCA, 111 East Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550-4213.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hi Patti,

*We just found out about Jim and so sorry to hear this news.*

*We love you and know our thoughts are with you.*

*Always,*

*Peggy##imported-begin##Peggy King##imported-end##*

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November 26, 2010 at 12:02 PM



“ Patti, Joy and Susan -

*I'm so sad to learn of your loss. I have fond memories of all of you from my time in Hartsville, and I know Jim will be missed by so many. Our family will keep you in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Pam Browning##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ Dear Patti, Keith and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to you and all the family. We were so sorry to learn about Jim's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Caroline and Keith Williamson##imported-begin##Caroline James Williamson##imported-end##

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September 09, 2010 at 12:26 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Jim's wife, family & friends. I knew Jim at the Hartsville Y and my fondest memories are his upbeat willingness to help and offering advice in swimming & raquetball. He will definitely be missed by all the lives he touched.

Jimmy Howell##imported-begin##Jimmy Howell##imported-end##

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September 07, 2010 at 04:09 PM



“ Patti,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember when I was hired at Sonoco and met Jim fot he first time. Many fond memories over the years. God bless you during these days of adjustment.##imported-begin##Cindy Watts##imported-end##

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September 07, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ Dear Patti & family,

We were so sorry to learn about Jim. He was one of the first people I met at Carolina. He was such a positive influence for a small town girl coming to the BIG CITY. You all are in our thoughts & prayers & will continue to be in the days ahead. May you find comfort & peace in the wonderful memories you all have of him. He touched so many lives during his earthly life & will continue to do so from his heavenly home.

In loving memory,

Linda, David,& Elana Schade##imported-begin##Linda, David,  
Elana Schade##imported-end##

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September 07, 2010 at 10:23 AM



“ Patti, you and your extended family are in our thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come.  
Sincerely, Terri and Tommy Woodham##imported-begin##Terri Woodham##imported-end##

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September 07, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ Patti,  
  
May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family and comfort you during this sad time and in the coming months. Jim was an extremely incredible person who touched so many lives in so many ways and loved his family so much. He will be greatly missed. Love and Prayers in Christ.##imported-begin##Marie Euten##imported-end##

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September 07, 2010 at 09:01 AM



“ You and your family are in our thoughts. What a wonderful man Jim was! And what a beautiful legacy he left with all of us.  
Much love to all, Rhett and Kim##imported-begin##Rhett and Kim Cochran-Price##imported-end##

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September 06, 2010 at 07:09 PM



“ *Patti and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Please put your faith in God to give you the strength to go through each of the upcoming days knowing Jim is in a much better place and that you all will be reunited again someday.  
Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Shannon and Kevin Wise##imported-end##*

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September 06, 2010 at 04:03 PM



“ *Patti, I will have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Grace Thornton, Formerly of Hartsville Country Club##imported-end##*

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September 05, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ Dear Patti & Shelley family,

*The news of Jim's passing saddens Caroljean and I greatly. He was such a wonderful person. I will always remember his great sense of humor, his love of children, and his generosity. People of his character and caliber are rare.*

*The times I saw him holding a newborn baby are some of my favorite memories of Jim. He seemed to take great delight in them. The glow on his face as he embraced them revealed how much he truly loved children, regardless of whose they were.*

*Also, I'll never forget his generosity to the high school tennis program during my tenure as coach. He truly enjoyed watching all of the kids competing, especially Will, and extended many words of encouragement to me.*

*His thoughtful comments were always appreciated. I'll never forget the kind words and compliments he extended when we played tennis. I cherished his opinions and kind words.*

*His friendly demeanor influenced others farther than he ever knew, and his passing is such a great loss to all who knew him.*

*I admired him tremendously and will miss him.*

*God's blessings and grace to you and your family.*

*Bob Abbott###imported-begin##Bob Abbott###imported-end##*

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September 04, 2010 at 10:06 PM



“ *Bill and Pat*  
*Our thought and prayer are with you.*  
*in Christ name*  
*Venoy and Betsy Williamson##imported-begin##Venoy and Betsy*  
*Williamson##imported-end##*

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September 04, 2010 at 06:31 PM



“ *Shelley family, sorry to learn of your loss. Our prayers are with you*  
*during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Wayne & Edna*  
*Sims##imported-end##*

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September 04, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ *Sending our heartfelt prayers.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Thomas and Whitney Wideman##imported-begin##Thomas*  
*Wideman family##imported-end##*

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September 03, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ *Patti and Family,*  
*You guys are in our hearts,prayers and thoughts during this difficult*  
*time.Jim was such a kind man and always had a smile for all..He*  
*will greatly be missed but is certainly in a better place..*  
*Love,*  
*Chip and Patsy##imported-begin##Chip and Patsy*  
*Auman##imported-end##*

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September 03, 2010 at 01:32 PM



“ Patti, we have not seen the family for some time but think of you all often. We share good memories together that go back many years. You have a great family. We will always remember Jim. I always admired him for the example he set as a dedicated husband and father. I will miss his sincerity and great sense of humor. We love you and are praying for you during this time. William and Natalie Wideman, Marietta, GA##imported-begin##William Wideman##imported-end##

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September 03, 2010 at 10:18 AM



“ Patti, Susan and Joy. My heart is heavy with the loss of Jim. He was a truly fine man and will be missed by all who knew him. The world is a better place because Jim was in it and we are glad to have had the pleasure of knowing him. Our love to you in this sad time.##imported-begin##Joyce and Andy Beasley##imported-end##

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September 03, 2010 at 10:10 AM



“ Shelley family ,Bill and Pat, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will be praying for you and your family that GOD will grant you peace in this difficult time. I pray the best memories will flourish in your minds and heart and help your grief to be lighter. I know GOD will give peace that surpasses all understanding.  
Sincerely,  
Linda##imported-begin##Linda Stewart Knorr##imported-end##

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September 03, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ Patti, Joy, Susan and Families, Jim and I extend our deepest sympathy to you. May the memories of the good times you shared with Jim bring you comfort and peace for all the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Lathan and Jim###imported-begin###Mary Lathan Steele###imported-end###

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September 03, 2010 at 09:19 AM



“ Patti and girls, Dick and I are so very sorry for your loss. Dick so enjoyed working with Jim and I remember the first time we met, during that horrible snow storm in '86 when I first came to Hartsville and you two were so kind to walk to Little Italy for dinner with us. You and the family are in my prayers.###imported-begin###Dick and Vicki Price###imported-end###

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September 03, 2010 at 09:17 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult days. I have known Jim and the Shelly family all of my life. Jim will be surely missed. Your brother in Christ, Archie###imported-begin###Archie Biggs###imported-end###

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September 03, 2010 at 09:13 AM



“ Joy and Rusty we were so saddened by the news of your dad's passing. We know how difficult it will be for you and your family, but also know how sufficient a Savior we serve. Continue to trust and lean on Him through these tough times. We will be praying for you, Patti, Susan and the rest of the family. We love you!###imported-begin###Bryan and Judi Cook###imported-end###

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September 03, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ Patti and family, I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rita White##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 11:12 PM



“ Patti, Bo and I have such fond memories of Jim. He was a very kind man - one who always greeted you with a big smile. I don't think he ever met a stranger. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love to all of you.##imported-begin##Lucy and Bo Brown##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 10:05 PM



“ Dear Shelley family so sorry to hear about Jim. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Wade Harris##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 09:20 PM



“ My deepest sympathy is extended to Jim's family. I only saw him once since we graduated from high school, but he was the love of my young life my junior year in high school, my date for the Junior/Senior Prom and the source of many happy high school memories. He was a gentleman even then.##imported-begin##Lucia Lewis Solomon##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ I offer my prayers and feelings of true loss to Jim's Wife and family. I knew for close to 55 years. He was a very good person and a gentleman.##imported-begin##Cecil L. Tner Sr.##imported-end##

September 02, 2010 at 07:19 PM



“ We express our sincere condolences. Jim was a good man and a good friend to many. You are all certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Travis & Marilyn##imported-begin##Travis & Marilyn Walters##imported-end##

September 02, 2010 at 06:09 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I first know Jim when we lives on 1st Street and his family on Carolina. We started 1st grade together and graduated in 1961. He was a very kind man. I know he will be greatly missed. Hold on to your faith and God will see you through some tough days. Prayers go out for the family.##imported-begin##Lucia Raines Robertson##imported-end##

September 02, 2010 at 05:51 PM



“ Jim and I were friends since 1st grade at Thornwell Elementry and were in the same graduating class 1961. We both worked at Sonoco and saw each other at the YMCA often, when he was in town. He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Dick##imported-begin##Dick Brown##imported-end##

September 02, 2010 at 04:37 PM



“ Remembering all of you in our thoughts and prayers.....##imported-begin##laura crouch##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 04:23 PM



“ I had not seen Jim since 6th grade at Thornwell, but had asked about him several times over the years. Was so disappointed that he could not make it to the class reunion in '06 so our friendship could be renewed.

He is a friend that is not forgotten as we go through our lives.  
Prayers and thoughts go out to all the family at this time of loss.

Carrol Amerson

Roanoke, VA##imported-begin##Carrol Amerson##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 03:41 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Jim was a true gentleman. We will miss him at Sonoco.##imported-begin##Gayle McDonald##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 03:26 PM



“ *Patti and family,  
We are sad to hear about the passing of Jim but we also know that he has fought a long and hard battle. He is at peace now and has won the battle. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and we will continue to remember all of you in the days ahead. Jim was a wonderful person and we will all miss him. Hold all the wonderful memories close to your heart and he will always be with you.  
Love in Christ.  
Martin and Lee Davis###imported-begin##Martin and Lee Davis###imported-end##*

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September 02, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ *Dear Patti, Joy, Susan, grand-children, Beth & Bill - My heart is broken for all of you. Jim & I met when we were in the first grade at Thornwell Elementary School. For over 60 years, he was a constant, faithful friend. At one point, Jim was over the Safety Department at Sonoco where I worked. He always had a smile & a kind word every time we met. It's hard to say "goodbye" to someone who was a part of my life for so long. I, and all the other HHS Class of '61 members, will surely miss him.###imported-begin##Wayne Stratton Wallace###imported-end##*

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September 02, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ Dear Patti and Family,  
Tony and I are so very sorry about Jim.  
He did fight a long and hard battle, and he was very strong and  
brave. You, his family were very strong and brave for him. I know he  
would be so very  
proud of all of you. He has no more pain. Please know we are  
praying for  
you.  
Sincerely, Tony and Cindy & Family##imported-begin##Tony and  
Cindy Thompson##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 01:52 PM



“ My heart truly aches for you. My boys and I have just traveled this  
same road. Place Your trust in GOD,as I know you already have,He  
will never forsake you. Our prayers are being sent your way. We  
love you. Jill##imported-begin##Jill Beckham ##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 01:52 PM



“ Jim was a wonderful friend and mentor to me and his colleagues in  
human resources in Canada since my arrival to Sonoco almost 25  
years ago. Jim is one of the main reasons why I chose to work for  
Sonoco and continue to remain here. His clarity of thought into  
complex matters combined with his warmth and gentle humor will  
be greatly missed. That remarkable person that I remember fondly  
lives on in Sonoco through the many people he  
touched.##imported-begin##Marc Bannister ##imported-end##

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September 02, 2010 at 01:07 PM