



Anthony Edward Shackleford "Tony"

September 24, 1971 - September 2, 2025

Big Stone Gap, VA

Anthony Edward Shackleford, "Tony", age 53, passed away at his home in Big Stone Gap, Virginia on September 2, 2025.

He was born in Norton, Virginia to Kay Shackleford Bolinskey and Steve Bolinskey on September 24, 1971. Tony worked for many years as a land surveyor and mining engineering technician for the Harlan Cumberland Coal Company as well as brother-in-law's land surveying business Palmer Engineering for over 20 years. He was an avid lover of Harley Davidson motorcycles and tending to his garden, flowers, and apple orchard. He also loved to cook and considered himself to be a grill master.

Tony is survived by his loving wife, Sherry Shackleford, who was his caregiver for many years until he went home to be with the Lord. Along with his wife, Tony is survived by his four children, Katie Shackleford Smith (Kelly) of Big Stone Gap, Samuel Shackleford (Amber) of Hartselle, Alabama, Sharessa Blair (Tyler) of Big Stone Gap, and Miranda Blair (Justin) of Big Stone Gap; his sisters, Mary Ann Palmer (William), and Brenda Clifton (Sam), both of Big Stone Gap, and Jan Scarborough (George) of Kingsland, Georgia; his brothers, Steve Bolinskey (Tiffany) and Tim Bolinskey (Christie) of Big Stone Gap; special sister, Samantha Reid of Hartselle, Alabama; grandchildren, Austin Hardy, Izabella Campbell, Hadlee Blair, and Easton Hardy; special

lifelong friends, Randy Tritt and Dink Willis; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Two who he loved like his own, James Day and Dakota Owens; and special nephew, Jake Bolinskey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Evla Shackelford; mother, Kay Shackelford Bolinskey and father, Steve Bolinskey; brothers, Joe Shackelford and Dink Shackelford; sister, Sue Hansel (Earl); and brother-in-law, Robert Litton. Tony was also preceded in death by in-laws, Freda and Kester Brock, and special brother, Mike Day.

The family would like to extend a special word of thanks to Tony's care team, specifically his nurses, Tab, Barb, and Leann and Dr. Cooperstein, from Hospice and Palliative Care of Virginia, and Dr. Basham and staff.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the visitation. (17 E. 3rd. St. N.)

His funeral service will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel at Holding Funeral Home. The service will be officiated by: Edgar Clifton and Rev. Alan Collier. His burial will follow following in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Those that have, motorcycles are asked to ride in the procession to honor Tony.

Pallbearers will be: Justin Painter, Tyler Hardy, Aaron Collier, Joe Collier, Terry Brock, Randy Tritt, Nathan Tritt, and Gabe Tritt.

An online registry is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony Edward Shackelford "Tony"



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - September 12, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JD

“ Ride on T-SHACK! So many laughable memories of our time together in Dryden and Big Stone. Brings a smile to my face often thinking about fishing on the powel river: you, Chris, Randy, Porky, and me Jamie D! Ride on brother!

Jamie Delph - September 05, 2025 at 07:20 PM

DB

“ Kyth Debbie Banks



Debra Banks - September 05, 2025 at 01:25 PM

TA

“ Sending strength and my deepest sympathy to Tony's family and friends. Tony was such a funny, warm caring person. He always looked on the bright side. Rest in Peace.

Tammie - September 04, 2025 at 09:01 PM

ST

“ I have known him my whole life, one of life’s greatest treasures is knowing Tony from kindergarten to grade school at Keokee, He was the kindest human being I have ever met and I don’t know how the universe is going to go on without Tony being apart of it, he always wore his heart on his sleeve, had a kind heart for anyone he’d ever met. There’s a lot more I could say about him, for now Tony, you have lived your life to the fullest while you lived here on this earth, and now it’s time for you to rest until we meet again.. To Tony’s family and friends, my heart, thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time of your life...



Sherrie Bush Keokee Va/Spring Hill Tn - September 04, 2025 at 11:32 AM

PL

So sorry to hear of Tony's passing. He was always so nice and helpful. Praying for all of you.

Peggy Lambert - September 04, 2025 at 01:22 PM

CG

“ Carmon Trammell Gilly lit a candle in memory of Anthony Edward Shackelford "Tony"



Carmon Trammell Gilly - September 04, 2025 at 09:19 AM

RT

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randy tritt - September 04, 2025 at 02:15 AM

JD

How young we were, seems like yesterday. JD

Jamie Delph - September 05, 2025 at 07:21 PM

RT

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randy tritt - September 04, 2025 at 02:13 AM

RT

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randy tritt - September 04, 2025 at 02:01 AM

RT

“ Brother brother brother!!! What to say? We put in 41 yrs of friendship and done about everything together!!! I always thought we'd grow old and sit on the porch in rocking chair and reminisce about the crazy things we done! Half of my heart is gone brother and I miss you sooo much! I'm gonna play you 2 songs and one for our Lil bro Steve! I remember how people in school called us Cheech & Chong lol like I said bro 41 years of memories and if we had it to do over we'd do it all again!!! Never ever will I forget you brother! Dale misses his big brother too!! I love you bro thru eternity!! I'm sure Dad was waiting at the gate to give you the best ice cream cone you ever had! Lol love ya and fly high my FREEBIRD brother!!!! 🕊️🎸🙏❤️

randy tritt - September 04, 2025 at 01:50 AM

DG

“ Tony...so sorry to hear of your passing. Loved all the fun times we had in school and cruising town. I have so many memories of our gang. You were always making us laugh. You were such a kind soul and will be missed for sure. Praying for your family. 🙏🙏🙏

Desie Begley Gentry - September 03, 2025 at 03:33 PM

LI

My condolences. We didn't hangout back in the day , but we knew each other. We went to the same school , shared the same teachers , shared the same spaces . Crossed paths many times. Walked the same hallways .Had the same friends. A place where everyone knew everyone. Maybe our paths will cross again . Until then . Fly high Tony , may you rest in peace. Sending love and light to your family .

Lisa - September 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TL

“ *God rest high on that mountain Tony.
So very sorry, all of you are in our prayers.
God Bless you.*

Dora Lynn and Trigg

Trigg and Dora Lynn - September 03, 2025 at 01:23 PM