



## John Shelton

April 8, 1917 - April 2, 2011

John Ralph Shelton, Jr.

Rayne - Funeral services will be held at Assumption of the BVM Catholic Church, Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. for John Ralph Shelton, Jr. , 93 who died Saturday, April 2, 2011 in Acadia-St. Landry Hospital.

Interment will be in the Assumption of the BVM Cemetery, Mire, LA.

He was born Sunday, April 8, 1917 in Guilford, New York, son of the late John Ralph Shelton, Sr. and the late Elsie Marie Shoales.

John retired from the USAF after 30 years of military service; serving during three wars at six military bases in the U.S. and overseas, bases in Iceland, England, France, Belgium, Germany and Japan. He was married to Sgt. Louise Lula Roach WAF in the Base Chapel, Mitchel Air Force Base, N.Y. on September 19, 1948. After USAF retirement he worked for Civil Service at the West Point Military Academy. He retired from Civil Service after 12 years moving to Louisiana to spend the remainder of his life on the family farm near Mire.

SMSgt Shelton received the Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African- Middle Eastern Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He belonged to Arceneaux Post 77, The American Legion where he served for many years as Chaplain, Air Force Association,

Air Force Sergeants Association, National Rifle Association, Boy Scouts of America and was an usher at Assumption Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Ralph and Elsie Marie Shelton, and one brother Paul Frederick Shelton.

Surviving are his wife, Louise Lula Shelton who also served in the Air Force and son, Lt. Col. John R. Shelton III and wife Marina of Poquoson, VA, daughter, Loretta Shelton and partner Gregg Thomas of Sydney, Australia, daughter, Col. Lorraine Shelton Gaines and husband Cmdr. James Gaines of Helotes, TX, grandchild, John S. Shelton and wife Niki with great-grandchild Shaiden of Kitty Hawk, NC, grandchild, Mark S. Shelton of Kitty Hawk, NC, grandchild, Marybeth S. Shelton of Richmond, VA, and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received 2:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., Monday, April 4 and 8:00 A.M. until Service Tuesday, April 5, 2011. at Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne, LA.

Contributions can be made in remembrance of John Shelton to Assumption Church Building Fund 6080 Mire Hwy. Church Point, LA. 70525.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at [www.gossenfuneralhome.net](http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Shelton was one of the Boy Scout leaders who conducted my Eagle Scout ceremony in Mire in the 1990's. I respected his dignity and appreciate his roll in this important event in my life.*

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**Aaron Hart** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Mrs Lula and family  
I have shared many good memories with my family of yours. You have opened your hearts to my family and we open ours to you. You are in our hearts and prayers during this time.*

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**Bobby Henry** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Lula and Family,  
Our Condolences and prayers for your family during this difficult time. Love, Jeanne Menard Guidry(daughter of Eileen & Pete Menard) & Patrick Guidry*

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**Jeanne Menard Guidry** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Lula and family--Fred and I were saddened to learn of the death of John through Lorraine's telephone call. Thank you for the call, Lorraine. We have some wonderful memories when the four of us were stationed at Mitchel Field and then later on after retirement when you and John visited us in San Antonio. Fred said John was the best first sergeant he ever served under and learned many many things from him. We also remember when you and John married at the chapel. What a glorious day that was. We love both of you and will cherish those memories of days gone by. May the Good Lord wrap his arms around you and the family and bring you strength, courage and peace during the difficult days ahead. Love and blessings from both of us.*

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**Fred & Jo Walters** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM