



Joel Shafter Duren

March 8, 1946 - May 28, 2018

Mr. Joel Shafter Duren, age 72, of Douglas passed away Monday afternoon, May 28, 2018, at Coffee Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. He was born March 8, 1946 to the late Shafter Duren and the late Marilzia McClendon Duren. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gerrell Faye Law Duren and an infant daughter, Sabrina Dawn Duren.

Mr. Duren, a native of Douglas, retired after 34 years of Service as Major with the Douglas City Police Department. He was a U. S. Marine Veteran of the Viet Nam Era.

Mr. Duren was a member of Unity Church.

Survivors include:

2 Daughters: Shelda Kirkland and husband Kenneth "Sam" of Hazlehurst, GA
Regina Cook and husband David of Ocilla, GA.

1 Sister: Carolyn Bowman of Douglas, GA.

4 Grandchildren: Ashley Cook and husband Trent of Hazlehurst, GA
Blaine Cook, Ben Cook and Shelby Cook all of Ocilla, GA.

1 Great Granddaughter: Sadie Cook of Hazlehurst, GA

Several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and a host of Friends.

The funeral service was held Thursday, May 31, 2018, at 1:00 P. M., at Unity Church with Rev. Joseph Cochran and Rev. Glen Fussell officiating. The Interment followed in Lax Holiness Baptist Church Cemetery. At the Graveside, Bagpipe Selections were rendered by Tim Akins.

Active Pallbearers were: Ronnie Spivey, Jerome Burch, David Richardson, Jose Salinas, Peter Brown and Adam Fussell.

Honorary Pallbearers were members of Douglas Police Dept., Coffee County Sheriff's Dept., Irwin County Sheriff's Dept. and Residents of Lakeside Facility.

Special Musical Selections, "Sun's Coming Up" presented by the Soloist and Pianist, Brandon Musgrove, "The Lighthouse" and "That Sounds Like Home" were presented by Rev. Glen and Cathy Fussell, with Rev. Glen Fussell, at the Piano. "Pre-Lude" and "Post-Lude" soft hymns were rendered by Brandon Musgrove, at the Piano.

Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lax Cemetery

Hwy 158 & Hwy 90 Junction
Lax, GA 31650

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-1155
ricketsonfunhm@windstream.net
<https://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Unity Church
1179 Thompson Drive
Douglas, GA 31535

Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Shafter Duren*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Brenda Moon lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Brenda Moon - June 01, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *Penny&Junior Benefield lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Penny&Junior Benefield - May 30, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ *Randy And Beth Davis lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Randy and Beth Davis - May 30, 2018 at 01:11 PM

HW

“ *Harriet Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Harriet Wilkinson - May 30, 2018 at 08:45 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Burkett lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Lisa Burkett - May 29, 2018 at 07:41 PM

MB

“ *Marion Boyd lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Marion Boyd - May 29, 2018 at 07:33 PM

MH

“ *Miriam Vickers Holland lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Miriam Vickers Holland - May 29, 2018 at 06:29 PM

DH

“ *Debra Harrell lit a candle in memory of Joel Shafter Duren*



Debra Harrell - May 29, 2018 at 03:38 PM