



William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr.

November 13, 1948 - April 29, 2025

William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr., 76, of Tyler, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 29, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born on November 13, 1948, in Cumberland, Maryland, to William Edward Shanholtz Sr. and Virginia Lee Pyles Shanholtz. In 1962, the Shanholtz family relocated to Tyler, Texas. Bill graduated from John Tyler High School in 1966 before graduating from Tyler Junior College and attending Stephen F. Austin State University.

After meeting the love of his life at the TJC teepee, Bill married Karen Ann Crawford Shanholtz on May 24th, 1969. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised three children: Tonya, Kelli, and Shelby. Bill was a devoted son, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend.

Bill worked over 30 years with Brookshire's Grocery Company in Tyler. At the time of his retirement in 2004, he was the Perishable Receiving manager.

Bill had lots of interests and hobbies. He spent many nights pitching on the slow-pitch softball field and often said "I hit a home run and only made it to second." He built his own dirt track race cars which led him and his father to open S&S Auto Salvage. His most famous hobby was penny pinching, asking, "Did you have a coupon for that?"

A natural storyteller with a sharp sense of humor, Bill had a healthy dose of sarcasm. He had a gift for spinning larger-than-life tales—so vivid that you were never quite sure where the truth ended and the embellishment began. His stories kept everyone laughing except for those of us that had heard them multiple times on repeat.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Deborah Lee Shanholtz Lash, and his great-granddaughter, Sawyer Shanholtz.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years, Karen; his children, Tonya Shanholtz, Kelli and Greg Bergbower, Shelby and Lesley Shanholtz; and nephew Dustin Lash that was more like a son; his grandchildren, Bree Bergbower-Foster and Harrison, Brayden Bergbower and Crystal Willis, Brylee Bergbower and Cody Swaim, Lauren Norwood and Korbyn, and Brandon Shanholtz; and his great-grandchildren, Kinlei Bergbower, Lawson Bergbower, Rylee Norwood and Kolbi Holley; sister-in-law, Andra Hassell; nephew and niece, Les Hassell and Lana Starkey.

His grandchildren and great-grandchildren lovingly called him "Pappap," and he cherished every moment spent with them.

Bill's legacy lives on in the stories he told, the laughter he inspired, and the love he shared with everyone.

Visitation will be Friday, May 2, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Elmer Cummings officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Pallbearers will be Les Hassell, Brandon Shanholtz, Brayden Bergbower, Korbyn Norwood, Thomas McMillan, Cody Swaim, Harrison Foster.

In place of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438 (donate.lovetotherescure.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org).

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 02, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..

May 02, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



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“ The Weger Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



The Weger Family - May 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



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“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 02, 2025 at 12:28 PM

RR

“ Richard Roper purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



Richard Roper - May 02, 2025 at 10:10 AM

TP

“ The Plummers purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



The Plummers - May 01, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..

May 01, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



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RR

“ *The Shanholtz family has been a really good neighbor to me many years. I will miss Bill. Richard Roper*

Ricard Roper - May 01, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..*



May 01, 2025 at 01:12 PM

PR

“ *As a friend of Tonya's since forever, I am honored to have many cherished memories of Bill. He was always an amazing host, cooking or telling 'stories'. You never knew if it was going to be the truth or a joke. Either way, he would have you rolling with laughter. I can hear him now. Bill had great advice, sometimes giving it to you when you didn't really want to hear it, but always with your best interest in mind. He loved Karen, his kids, his family, and friends. I can't think of one bad thing about Bill. I am thankful for the memories I have and will carry them with me, and smile when I eat egg salad! I love the Shanholtz family and I'm sending my hugs and condolences to each of you.*

Patty Rivers - April 30, 2025 at 06:47 PM

DG

“ Dink and Chelsea Giles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



Dink and Chelsea Giles - April 30, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JA

“ Jim Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..

Jim Adams - April 30, 2025 at 04:54 PM

JA

“ Jim Adams purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



Jim Adams - April 30, 2025 at 04:54 PM

NN

“ Neely Construction-Clint & BreeAnn Neely purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Edward "Bill" Shanholtz Jr..



Neely Construction-Clint & BreeAnn Neely - April 30, 2025 at 03:04 PM