



## Claude James "Abie" "Shu" Shumate

December 18, 1930 - November 25, 2016

Claude James Shumate of Suitland, Maryland, died on Friday, November 25, 2016 at his home. He was 85 years old.

Affectionately known as "Abie" and "Shu", Mr. Shumate was the only son born to the late Ella Mae (Teenie) and Clarence H. Shumate on December 18, 1930 in Danville, Virginia. He served in the U. S. Air Force for over 20 years before retiring as a Staff Sergeant. Mr. Shumate was also an automotive mechanic for 35 years before retiring. He enjoyed working with the crew Andrews AFB thrift store, flea marketing, yard sales, antique shops, buying and selling a variety of goods. Mr. Shumate also enjoyed coin collecting and War-Era memorabilia collecting.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty L. Shumate; children Cynthia Anne Burroughs and her husband Larry D., Mark Alan Shumate and his wife Marnie; grandchildren Tommy Shumate, Tara Arocho and Michelle Burroughs; great grandchildren Cohen Shumate, Lacie Shumate, Layla Arocho and one on the way; nieces Sharon Cusic and Judy Wright; nephew Wilford (Billy) Grove.

Visitation on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 9:30AM until time for service to begin at 11:30AM at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A. 5635 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646.

Interment to follow at 1PM at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) in support of his beloved Betty.

# Cemetery Details

## MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Claude James "Abie" "Shu" Shumate

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Claude James "Abie" "Shu" Shumate

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ So many warm and fond memories of time spent with Abie, Betty and all the family. Memories that I always have treasured. It was my honor and privilege to be a part of his life. Our hearts are aching, but heaven is one star brighter. With much love to you all...Debbie Grove

Debbie Grove - December 09, 2016 at 06:52 AM



Thank you Debbie.

condy - December 16, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ With Love, Donnie, Vickie, Paul, Amy and Robert purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Claude James "Abie" "Shu" Shumate.



With Love, Donnie, Vickie, Paul, Amy and Robert - December 07, 2016 at 06:42 AM

MC

“*Mary, Suzanne and Cathy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claude James "Abie" "Shu" Shumate.*



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**Mary, Suzanne and Cathy** - December 06, 2016 at 09:53 AM

SF

“*I regret that I never met Mr. Shumate, but I do know a few things about him. He raised a beautiful and Godly daughter. He was a committed husband who loved and cared for his wife day and night. His children love him deeply as they have demonstrated in his final weeks of life. He was a man who loved his family and I know he will be sorely missed. Praying for you all.*

*Sandra Fox*

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**Sandra Fox** - December 04, 2016 at 02:56 PM

CI

*Thank you dear Sandra, love you!*

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**Cindy** - December 05, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“*Betty you and Abie have been on my mind and in my prayers since last year when I got your Christmas card. I lost Cindy's e-mail and your cell numbers. Looked on line and could not find them. You and Abie have always held a special place in my heart. Prayers for you, Cindy, Mark and family. Love, Sandra Keen Dick and Family*

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**Sandra Dick** - December 04, 2016 at 02:00 PM

CI

*Hi Sandra, we were hoping someone from Danville would see dad's obituary! Please call the house phone and leave a message for mom, we would love to catch up. 301-423-3806*

cindy - December 04, 2016 at 07:03 PM

CI

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Cindy - December 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM

JM

“ *We send our love and prayers to you all.*

Jamie & Debi Miles - December 01, 2016 at 07:37 AM

TC

“ *We called him Mr. Shu. We were so blessed to be his neighbor for 30 years. We always enjoyed his holiday family gatherings. We also enjoyed having him and Ms. Betty over every once in a while for our family events and pig roast. We will never forget him. He will always be in our hearts. Rest in peace our dearest neighbor and friend.*

The Clemente's - November 30, 2016 at 10:02 PM

TE

“ *Betty, Cindy, Mark and family,  
Gary and I were so sorry to hear about your dad (Shu). We met him  
and your mother over 30 years ago and always enjoyed seeing  
them. He and your mom were always very kind to us and our kids.  
He will be missed. Please know we hold all of you, as well as Betty,  
in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love to all,  
Gary and Cindy Everhart*

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**The Everhart's** - November 30, 2016 at 08:38 PM

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**Larry** - November 30, 2016 at 05:37 PM

TE

*Love it! He is too funny. The Everhart's*

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**The Everhart's** - November 30, 2016 at 08:29 PM

CI

“ *Infamous Shu-ism: what are we having for dinner?  
"irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, peas, beefsteak, pork  
chops, bacon and cheese"*

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**Cindy** - November 30, 2016 at 05:23 PM