



*Paul Edward Shell*

**Sept. 28, 1953 - Nov. 22, 2024**

Paul Edward Shell, 71 of Morganton, NC passed away, Friday, November 22, 2024. Born on September 28, 1953, he was the son of Cordie Denton Shell and the late Cecil Oliver Shell. Paul was a member of Walker Road Baptist Church. He loved his family, was an avid fisherman, fly tier and an outdoor enthusiast. He was a big sports fan including tennis and basketball. Additionally, he was an animal and wildlife lover and enjoyed a very active lifestyle. When he wasn't outside, he loved making and listening to music.

In addition to his mother, Paul is survived by his son, Wesley Adam Shell (Traci); daughter, Alison LeeAnne Whisnant (Marcus); grandchildren, Marcus Cole Whisnant, Molly Ann Benfield, Max Oliver Whisnant, and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Walker Road Baptist Church. The funeral will follow in the church at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Mark Ball officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

Paul was a very talented writer & photographer & enjoyed his work at The Paper immensely. He was friendly & enjoyed life to the fullest. Will be missed by all who knew him. I looked forward to his reviews on music festivals & especially Rock music. Deepest sympathy to the family & especially his dear mother Cordie. Rest in peace my friend.

—Lorene Farr

To the family : I am so sorry for your loss! Please know that I will be praying for all of you. Peace & comfort for the days ahead.

—Susie Edwards



—Anonymous



—Lori Woodie

—Edna Suttles

Well with a sad heart we say goodbye to a good friend and a classmate of Salem High 1971, my Mother and I moved from Hickory to the Salem area in 1966 in the middle of the eighth grade, Paul was the first person I met and we became close friends and didn't live too far from him ( on a different note that was where I was given the nickname Herb I will spare you who I was named after ) Paul was a very good fisherman, I saw him put a rubber alligator on his hook and caught a pretty good size large mouth bass. I am not going to say goodbye but I will see you in heaven. To his mother Cordie Toni & I love you so very much and to the rest of the family the same. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and he will guide you.

—Herb & Toni Dills



I went to Salem with Paul and he was always so kind and had a sweet smile for everyone. I know all of you will miss him. Sending my condolences to you and praying that God gives you peace and comfort now and in the coming days.

—Rama Jean Franklin