



Roy Shelton

December 16, 1942 - August 10, 2025

Roy Raymond Shelton, 82, of Wanette, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at his home on August 10, 2025.

Born December 16, 1942, in Daisy, Oklahoma, to George and Ethel (Burlison) Shelton, Roy grew up near Stringtown and graduated with the Stringtown High School Class of 1963. During high school, he worked on a local ranch, later moving to Purcell when the family he worked for purchased a new property.

Roy proudly served his country in the Oklahoma National Guard, completing basic training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana in 1964. On February 14, 1971, he married the love of his life, Carla Black. Together, they raised two children, Amy Jo and Jayme, and built a life filled with hard work, love and community.

For over 40 years, Roy worked as a horse trainer, farrier, and farm manager. A true “all-around cowboy,” he was equally at home in the saddle, working cattle, or building a good fence. He was a longtime member of the Purcell Indian Territory Round-Up Club and was always ready to share his knowledge and passion for horses, whether with friends or a stranger who needed a little or a lot of advice.

Roy’s days often began with caring for his animals, taking a break at the coffee shop and finding a conversation to join. Those who knew him will

remember not just his skill with horses, but the way he lived every day with hard work, grit, and heart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carla Shelton; his mother, Ethel Byrd; and his sisters Wilma, Betty, Wenona, and Doris.

Roy is survived by his daughter Amy Jo Piper and husband Del of Dewey; his son Jayme Shelton and wife Sarah of Norman; sister Norma McCarty Henson of Atoka; and his grandchildren Matthew, Megan, Deacon, Birdie, and Lottie. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A come and go celebration of life will be held on September 5, 2025 from 1 - 4pm at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center. Please join us for coffee, dessert, and lots of stories.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Purcell Multi-Purpose Center
1400 Chandler Road
Purcell, OK 73080

Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed uncle Roy's stories at family gatherings, he was a true cowboy

Ken black - August 25, 2025 at 07:59 PM

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“ 1997 I was at the Purcell Livestock Auction. I purchased a full grown donkey. Well I had a problem, now I own a donkey and have no immediate way to get him home. Roy offered his truck and stock trailer. He loaded the critter and hauled him east of Wayne. Would not take a dime for his troubles. That was just the way he conducted himself. I have since cooked for him at our trailrides at Cedar Lake. Roy will be missed by all that knew him.

The Mayers - August 16, 2025 at 06:39 PM

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“ Rest in Peace Roy, Bob and I shared some good times and laughter with Carla and Roy. They added friendships to our lives and I miss them all. Sympathy send to all of the family. Teri Hamilton

Teri Hamilton - August 15, 2025 at 09:15 PM

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“ Roy was one of the nicest men I ever met even though we weren't related we loved each other like family he will be deeply missed & never forgotten rest in peace my freind until we meet again!

Lance Huffine - August 14, 2025 at 07:16 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Roy Shelton



Jayne Shelton - August 13, 2025 at 11:48 PM