

Miss me a little, but not for long.  
Go on with your life - laugh & **BE STRONG**  
Don't dwell on my passing with sorrow and tears.

*Be happy!*

We've had many wonderful years.

We've hoped, we've dreamed,  
we've struggled and learned.

We've found life worthwhile wherever we've turned.

Our days have been full. We've savored so much -  
Good friends, shared **JOYS** & the family touch.

So miss me awhile, but don't feel alone.

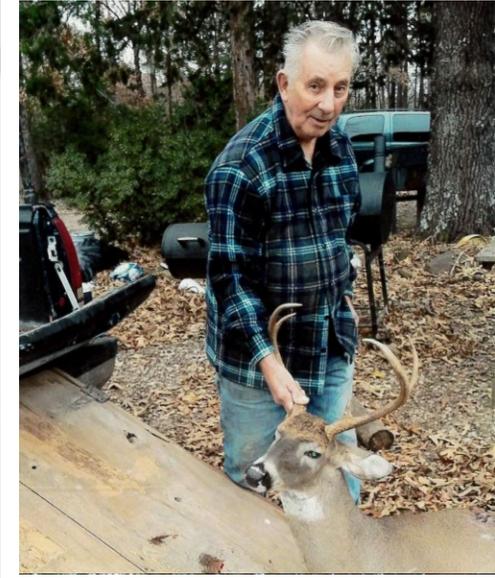
A lifetime of caring cannot be undone.

Be still and listen, your heart knows it's true:

Though you can't feel my touch,

*I Am Always With You.*

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*In Memory Of*

*Shelby Gene  
Stafford, Sr.*

February 6, 1940

January 11, 2025

Shelby Gene Stafford, Sr., age 84, resident of Somerville, Tennessee and husband of the late Shirley Smith Stafford, departed this life Saturday morning, January 11, 2025 at his home.

Shelby was born February 6, 1940 in Marks, Mississippi, the son of the late James Stafford and Jewel Faulkner Stafford. He was a painter for 60 years and a fireman for Yazoo City, Mississippi before his retirement. He was married January 27, 1962 to Shirley Smith Stafford who preceded him in death on January 28, 2002. Shelby was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, barbecuing, family gatherings and watching basketball and football.

Mr. Stafford is survived by two sons, Shelby Stafford, Jr. and Bobby Stafford (Jean); three grandchildren, Jessica Lechner (Kevin), David Stafford and Devan Rodenheiser. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, James Randy Stafford; six sisters, Mary Smith, Alice Anthony, Laura Warf, Gladys Woods, Dorothy Berryhill and Betty Stafford; and his brother, John Stafford.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Pat Summitt Foundation, 520 W. Summit Hill Drive SW #1101, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Condolences may be left on our online guestbook at [www.PeeblesFuneralHome.com](http://www.PeeblesFuneralHome.com).

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***Date Of Birth***

February 6, 1940

***Date of Death***

January 11, 2025

***Funeral Service***

2 P.M. Thursday ~ January 16, 2025

Peebles West Funeral Chapel

Oakland, Tennessee

***Officiating Minister***

Bro. Mike Hollaway

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Rossville, Tennessee

***Final Resting Place***

Fayette County Memorial Park

Oakland, Tennessee