



## Jerry Eason Shumake

November 30, 1939 - January 28, 2022

Funeral service for Jerry Eason Shumake, age 82, of Decatur, will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Decatur with Shelton Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow.

Mr. Shumake passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 28, 2022. A Decatur native, he was born November 30, 1939, to Mattie Mae Kelly Shumake and Eason Shumake. Jerry was President of Shumake Furniture Company in Decatur, AL and was a fixture at the store for almost 70 years. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, Decatur, where he was an active deacon and served in the Children's Department from 2007 - present. Jerry was also the Youth Minister at First Baptist Decatur from 1974 - 1984. In addition to serving at First Baptist, he also served as the Youth Minister at Parkway Baptist and Vestavia Hills Baptist, both in Decatur. Teaching kids and teenagers about Jesus was one of Jerry's passions.

Jerry not only served in the church, but he was also a member of the Daybreak Rotary Club, he was a charter member of the Rotary Club, and he served on the board of FACES. Jerry's pet project was to work with the NCC each Christmas to provide gifts for several kids in the community. He always involved the children at church who would assist him in shopping and wrapping the presents. He would then have a Christmas party for the kids

from the NCC at the church. The party was not only about providing the kids presents, but it was to make sure each one of them heard the story of Jesus' birth and resurrection.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, David Shumake.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 61 years, Terry; two sons, Chris (Kristen) and Doug (Karen); five grandchildren, who were his pride and joy: Ashleigh Scott (Brandon), John Shumake, Zoe Brackin (Daniel), Noah Shumake (Abi), and Jonah Shumake; and several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be John Shumake, Noah Shumake, Jonah Shumake, Brandon Scott, Daniel Brackin, and Ralph Sutton.

The Shumake family would like to thank Charlotte Lawson and Michelle Smith who assisted in his care during the previous two years.

In lieu of flowers, the Shumake family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to First Baptist Church, NCC Christmas Party, P. O. Box 1667, Decatur, AL 35602, or the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Decatur  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Decatur  
Decatur, AL 35601

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ I feel badly adding this so late. Living in Huntsville, I generally only get over to Decatur, to my nephew's house for Thanksgiving and I saw no death notice on Facebook. Jerry and I were close friends in high school and I've always thought a great deal of him. Just now finding out that he has passed fills me with great sadness. We spent a lot of fun hours together. When we touched base later, after high school, I was impressed with his conversion and devotion to Christ. The world is diminished without him...

*Earle Self*

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**Earle Self** - September 21, 2024 at 09:02 AM

MF

“ Please know that our family joins with yours in the sadness of losing Jerry. He was not only an outstanding churchman and civic leader, but also a wonderful friend to our family across these many years. His memory will be cherished. Know of our continued prayers and best wishes in the days ahead.

*The Rays (Ann, Mark, and Tommy)  
Decatur, Alabama*

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**Mr. Mark Douglas Ray and family** - February 14, 2022 at 04:32 PM

MC

“ I have so many special memories of Jerry at Rotary and in the store. Prayers with you

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**Mary K Carlton** - February 02, 2022 at 08:49 PM

PC

“ Dearest Shumake Family,

*Martha Helen, and Lisa and Phillip Chenault send our prayers of comfort to your family. What a Blessing Mr. Jerry was to Lisa and I when we interned at FBC Decatur. Both Mr Jerry and Mrs Terry were always encouraging me in my teaching. I know he is rejoicing at the Masters feet at the wonders he is now experiencing. May the Lord bless you all Numbers 6:24-26.*

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**Phillip Chenault** - February 01, 2022 at 05:54 PM

MV

“ *He always showed so much love to all the kids he ministered to. I remember him bringing Katie a stuff animal when she was sick several years ago. He was such a sweet presence here on earth. He will be greatly missed. - Mike & Michelle Voss & Family*

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**Michelle Voss** - February 01, 2022 at 01:00 PM

FC

“ *Mr. Shu touched and shaped more lives than we will ever know. He was a model of Christian values and a warrior for the youth of our community. I was blessed to teach FIX56 with him at FBC for 5 & 6 graders. FIX refers to Hebrews 12:2, Fix your eyes upon Jesus. Mr. Shu poured love and encouragement to every child that came through FIX and encouraged them to be their very best and to walk a courageous life in Christian value s. He taught inclusiveness and tolerance and giving of one's self. I have seen his influence and generosity change lives. His partnership with the NCC on the Christmas Party is a lessen in giving and humility for it has brought joy to so many that otherwise would have had no joy during the holiday season. Mr. Shu had a profound affect on my life and my daughter's, and We were blessed to know him and to love him. He is Home.*

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**Faith Carney** - February 01, 2022 at 12:58 PM

EC

“ Jerry was always a wonderful presence at our Rotary Club meetings. RIP Jerry.

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**Ed Carr** - February 01, 2022 at 11:48 AM

DT

“ My condolences to the Shumake family. Mr Shumake always made sure he took care of all our furniture needs, he always greeted us with a smile every time we visited the store.

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**Donna Taylor** - January 30, 2022 at 04:46 PM

EP

“ Any time you were around Jerry, he always made you feel welcome. He always had a smile on his face and was always there for my family when we needed him.

*I loved giving him gag gifts at Christmas. He never knew what to expect but always made a joke about them.*

*I will definitely miss you, brother-in-law, but look forward to seeing you again. Elaine Pierce*

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**Elaine Pierce** - January 30, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JS

“ I did not know Mr. Shumake but he made an impact on my life. I saw him at various events at First Baptist for FACES or children with disabilities and he was always smiling and showing love. The memory that stands out to me is of him dancing and doing the twist to show the kids that it was okay to goof off and have fun. He looked like he was having more fun than anyone and the children were drawn to him for it. Job well done, Sir.

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**Jeff Sharp** - January 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ chris, sorry to hear of the passing of your father. my brother in law steve john passed away 1/26/22 in decatur. he was my sister karens husband. on a brighter note. It was good to see you back in november at the store after 42 years after we graduated from DHS in 79

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**trey bosson** - January 30, 2022 at 11:33 AM

BW

“ During the many times I was in Shumake Furniture Store as his daughter-in-law Kristen led my husband and me through building and furnishing several houses, Jerry was always so welcoming and helpful. He was an icon in the furniture business and did so much for his church and community that most of us never knew. He will be deeply missed.

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**Brynda West** - January 30, 2022 at 09:31 AM

JH

“ Enjoyed serving with Jerry several years. He was very faithful and a good friend. Looking forward to seeing him in heaven. Praying for the family! Jim Harris

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**Jim Harris** - January 30, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MH

Jerry was a wonderful man. He was always giving and loved mission trips and helping young people. He helped a lot of our kids from the Children's Home with furniture for college or starting a home. He was always helping others. Jerry is sitting at the feet of Jesus He will be missed. Love in Christ. Martha Harris

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**Martha Harris** - January 30, 2022 at 03:05 PM

KC

*Mr. Shumake was a good and fair man. He epitomized the Rotary 4-Way Test. He loved his youth group at church. I enjoyed visiting the store to chat with him. I joked that my house was decorated in early Shumake. Jerry will be missed by all. May Almighty God give comfort and strength to his family and staff.*

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**Ken Collier** - February 03, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Eason Shumake.*



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January 29, 2022 at 10:10 PM