



Sheldon Barclay

August 4, 1956 - November 22, 2025

Born on August 4, 1956 at 12:01a.m., in Talladega, Alabama, to the beloved union of Walter and Willie Bell Barclay, Sheldon embraced life with a passion that touched everyone he encountered. Sheldon accepted Christ at an early age, finding his spiritual home at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, where he dedicated his heart and soul to his faith. His educational journey led him through the Talladega County School System, culminating in a proud graduation from Winterboro High School in 1974. Following his high school years, he honorably served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1977, instilling a sense of duty and commitment that would define his life. After returning to civilian life, Sheldon began his professional career at Bemiston Mill Textile, furthering his skills at Nunnely State Technical College, where he earned degrees in masonry and carpentry. He applied his talents at Wehadkee Yarn Mill and later excelled at Tyson Foods before becoming a dedicated process associate at Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, where he worked until his retirement in June 2016. Among his greatest joys was the love he shared with his soulmate, Margaret Barclay, whom he wed on June 18, 1998. Over their 27 years together, they raised three beautiful children, Shaun, Zabrina, and Kami, creating a family woven with love and laughter. Sheldon affectionately known as "SHEP" was a man of many interests-his joy was found in fishing, traveling, carpentry, and cheering on the Alabama Crimson Tide. His laughter, filled with warm humor, will echo in the hearts of all who knew him, especially during cherished moments spent with his

grandchildren. Sheldon Richardson Barclay, departed this world peacefully on November 22, 2025, at the age of 69 with his loving family at his side.

Sheldon's journey on this earth was not without sorrow, as he was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Willie Bell Barclay, Sr. and his brother, Walter Barclay, Jr. Yet, he leaves behind a legacy rich in love and cherished memories.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Margaret Barclay; son, Shaun Barclay, Sr.; daughters, Zabrina (Demarco) Willis and Kami (Antoine) Watts; his beloved grandchildren, Kameron Chapman, Am'ERICA Bennett, Dominic Willis, Donovan Willis, Shaun Barclay, Jr., and Crue Barclay; as well as his dear brother James Lee (Margaret) Barclay; sisters, Brenda Barclay and Susan (Michael) Pernel, mother-in-law, Shirley Curry; aunts Thelma Estelle and Linda (Winston) Scott, along with a wealth of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends who adored him. In the words of his family, Sheldon was a remarkable man who blessed our lives through his humility, kindness, and indomitable spirit—may we continue to carry his legacy in our hearts, a testament to the love he shared and received. We invite all who knew him to join us in a celebration of his life, ensuring that his spirit and the joy he brought will live on in the stories we share.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Morning Star Baptist Church
4796 Berney Station Road
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall

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“ Sheldon is a long time friend of mine. It's been a while since I have seen him but I still have fond memories of myself, JT, and Sheldon riding in Sheldon's 1975 grey Nova SS. We were all stationed together at Ft. McClellan. He was a good man. I now reside in VA. I am praying for the family in this difficult time. I wish I could be there to give a proper goodbye.

John T. Morris

Abby Claud - November 28, 2025 at 03:52 PM

EW

“ Our sincere Condolences to the Barclay Family. From the Watts Family.



Elaine Watts - November 24, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Family ,I am praying for all of guys, love and condolences. Love y'all. Praying for y'all strength. Shep is really missing already. It break my heart to look at my grands/ great-grands, their eyes say more than their mouths ever will, but Grandma Zee promise God got you guys and he never does anything to hurt us, even in death he's still a Good God. Love y'all 🥹🥹🥹



Zeola Moore - November 24, 2025 at 12:13 AM

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“ *Prayers for the Barclay Family. May God give you the strength you need.* ”

Olivia Taylor - November 23, 2025 at 01:58 AM