



DAVID SHELTON March 16, 1953 – March 17, 2012

David Leroy Shelton, went home to be with the Lord on March 17th at 8:51pm. David turned 59 on Friday and we consider it a birthday present from the Father for David to be free from the horrible prison of Alzheimer's which he fought valiantly for nearly nine years. David was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma State University for three years followed by one year at Marymount Performance College in Salina, Kansas. After a brief time in New York City, he returned to his home and reconnected with his childhood friend Steve Thomas who led him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Shortly thereafter, David chose to commit his gifts for the Lord's purposes and David Shelton Ministries was born. David met his wife, Debra Dudenhaver Shelton while on a 1984 ministry trip to Pennsylvania. After spending the first three years of their marriage in Tulsa, David and Debra felt called to the Pacific Northwest and have lived near Seattle ever since.

David spent all of his adult life using his vast dramatic and musical talent to make the Bible come to life and share the love of Christ with anyone who would listen. David performed across the nation and abroad in multiple venues ranging from a piazzas in Italy to a special barn in Duvall, Washington for his renown Christmas performance, "The Innkeeper's Dream," to nursing homes, Christian schools, colleges and staff chapels and physicians conferences at Focus on the Family. David would most often travel to churches at the invitation of the pastor to share his various performances in lieu of the sermon time, many times performing entire books of the Bible. One of David's favorite things to do was visit the prisons and share hope with the hopeless. And how he loved to sing...and how he loved to do his vocal impersonations.

David is survived by his loving wife, Debra; his three children, Paul David, Jessica and Connor; his mother Beverly Stout; his sisters Debra Phillips and Dana Stout and her daughter Audrey; and his brother Darrell. David's life was full of integrity onstage and offstage and he leaves a legacy of humbly loving and serving God- always deferring any applause to the Lord by pointing up. As he traveled over 500,000 miles over 27 years, David would often tell his wife Deb as he prepared for a trip, "I don't want to leave, but I'm excited to go." . He was looking forward to his "home-going" and now is resting in the arms of Jesus. David fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial services are to be held this Sunday, March 25th in Bothell, Washington at Canyon Hills Community Church at 3:00pm and on March 31st in Tulsa, Oklahoma at Highland Park Christian Church at 2:00pm.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Royal Family Kids Camp, Poulsbo in the memory of David Shelton. www.poulsbo.rfkc.org Donations may also be made to [David Shelton Ministries](#) so we can finish a few of the projects that were important to David and allow us to keep touching people's lives through his ministry.