



## Billy Gayle Shankle

June 5, 1945 - September 21, 2021

Billy Gayle Shankle age 76 passed away surrounded by family at his home in Ozark, Arkansas Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in Ozark. Known by his handle “Whipper Snapper” he was a cross-country truck driver and later transitioned to the oilfield retiring after 50 years; as well as maintaining his CDL, he was a skilled heavy equipment operator, pusher, owner of Shankle Field Services and ultimately retiring as a salesman for Samco. An All-around cowboy; he enjoyed his time on the rodeo circuit, team roping and riding an occasional bull. Bill was an avid outdoorsman; hunting, camping with his family and friends especially fishing from his flat bottom boat. Above all his greatest treasure was his family, whom he cherished most. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Bill was born June 5, 1945 in Wagoner, Oklahoma to W.B. “Bill” and Wilma L. Simpson Shankle. He is preceded in death by parents and a granddaughter, Piper Shankle.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Suzanne Timmerman Shankle; his children, Trey Levi Shankle and wife Misti of Ozark, Jamie Edgin of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Sidney Shankle of Ozark, special daughter/niece, Brandy Stewart and husband Nathan of Ozark and step-son Kiley Moore of Ozark; one brother W.C. “Dub” Shankle and wife Claudine of Mulberry, Arkansas; and six grandchildren, Griffin and Harper Shankle of Ozark, Maggie Rose and Weston Wright of Hot Springs; Brennan and Sawyer Stewart of Ozark and a seventh, Baby Hester, on the way.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, September 24, 2021 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Brother Kent Boyd and Brother Dale Richardson officiating under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home with burial Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joe Rath, Don Dombek, Steve Wickens, Barry James, Scottie Wright and Kiley Moore. Honorary pallbearers will be The Men of the Church, Jim Battles, , Mark Case, Gary Kirchner, John Crockett and Lance Thornton.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Oak Ridge Cemetery, Sandra Carter 15091 Lower Jethro Rod Ozark,AR 72949.

To leave online condolences visit: [www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Ridge Cemetery

Lower Jethro Road  
Ozark, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
8115 Old Hwy Rd  
Mulberry, AR 72947

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Gayle Shankle*



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**Shaffer Funeral Home** - September 23, 2021 at 12:05 PM



*Dub- sorry about your brother's passing. He was a good guy. Many fond memories of him. Want you to know that Dawn and I would be there, but are in Alaska. Our deepest condolences to you and the family. Jim and Dawn Nevel*

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**Dawn Nevel** - September 23, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Billy Gayle Shankle*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.*



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September 24, 2021 at 03:14 PM

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“ I met Bill by happenstance & became his fishing partner, friend & co worker.  
We had some great times & conversations . I learned of his love for God & his family. He was one of a kind! Until we meet again my ole friend!

Randy Devine - September 23, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.



September 23, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Teri Cunningham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.



Teri Cunningham - September 23, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ Bill was one of the first friends we made when we moved to Ozark he and his family immediately became like family to us. He was so very kind, giving, generous and so funny. He will be greatly missed. God bless his family I pray for peace and comfort for them. I'm thankful that he knew Jesus and is with him now. We love you old friend.

James and Teri Cunningham

Teri Cunningham - September 23, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.*



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September 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all! He will be missed dearly by many.*

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**Libby McClellan** - September 23, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *I always called him Shankle. We both worked in the oilfield and I would see him often. bill was always fun to be around. I hate seeing and doing this. He will be missed by so many. Bless his family as they go thru the difficult time. Love and hugs to you all!!*

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**Fonda Kirchner** - September 23, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.*



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September 23, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.



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September 23, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.



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September 23, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Billy Gayle Shankle.



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September 23, 2021 at 11:12 AM