



Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr

July 1, 1943 - October 23, 2022

Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr, age 79 of Altus, Arkansas passed away Sunday October 23, 2022 in

Ozark, Arkansas. He served six years in the Ozark National Guard, was a member of St Mary's Catholic Church, a construction worker, a part of Laborers Local 107, a custodian at Ozark Public Schools athletic departments, president of Ozark Athletic Booster Club for ten years, and a groundskeeper at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Merle loved sports, watching the Arkansas Razorbacks, the Ozark Hillbillies, and watching his grandchildren play sports. Merle was born July 1, 1943 in Altus to Merle Anthony DelSoto Sr. and Anna Dot Eveld DelSoto. He is preceded in death by his parents; and one infant sister, Dolores DelSoto.

Merle is survived by his wife of 53 years, Clara Ann Risse DelSoto; two sons, Richard DelSoto and wife Amanda of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and David DelSoto of Fayetteville; three grandchildren, Caden DelSoto of Mountain Home, Arkansas and Cash and Qwen DelSoto of Fayetteville

Memorial Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. followed by Rosary at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Memorial Mass will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday, October 27, 2022, at St. Mary's

Catholic Church 5118 St. Mary's Lane Altus, with Father Reginald Udouj O.S.B officiating. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Honorary Pallbearers will be David Kendricks, Newt Shaffer, Eddie Melton, Marcus Berry, Jim Rofkahr, Al Simpson, Charles Ray White, JT Harris, Coach John Parrish, Coach Ben Lairamore, Coach Rick Gage, Coach Ed Hula, Jerry Eveld, Coach Mark Ford, Coach Ron Rippy, Coach Bret Nagel, Tommy Eveld, Nelson Wheeler and numerous other friends.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Altus, AR 72821

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
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this will be followed by a rosary at 7p.m.

Rosary

OCT **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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this will be after the memorial visitation.

Memorial Funeral Mass

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
5118 St Marys Ln
Altus, AR 72821

Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Slideshow*



Shaffer Home - October 28, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr.*



October 26, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Junior was the "gentle giant" I knew as a fellow national guard member at Ozark. Everyone loved Junior, he will be missed.*

Harold R Pike - October 25, 2022 at 11:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr.



October 25, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr.



October 25, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Merle Anthony DelSoto Jr.



October 25, 2022 at 03:29 PM