



## W. Dale Shetler

August 12, 1938 - January 11, 2023

W. Dale Shetler, 84, of Shippenville, passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning, January 11, 2023 surrounded by his family. He was born on August 12, 1938 to the late William Laird Eugene and Annabelle Blanche Beer Shetler at 1:05 a.m. at his grandparents' home in Rural Valley.

He married the former Emma Jean "Putz" Fichthorn on October 19, 1957, who preceded him in death on November 23, 2001.

Dale boarded the USS Orion AS-18 on January 7, 1960, right out of Class A Engineman School as a fireman apprentice. He then moved up ranks from Class C-1 Engineman to being honorably discharged as E5 Second Class Engineman from the US Navy on May 10, 1963. After coming home, Dale graduated from Trade School in Diesel Mechanics.

His favorite job when asked was working with Beckwith. Dale was a field mechanic from 1963 to 2001 working all over western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio.

He was a member of the Shippenville United Methodist Church. Dale was also a member of the Clarion American Legion Post #066, the Clarion VFW Post #2145, and the NRA.

His passions included tinkering on old tractors and engines and going on adventures across America. Dale loved hoarding greasy tools and engine parts. He also enjoyed making everyone laugh at his silly jokes.

Dale is survived by his son, Brian Dale Shetler and his wife, Tammy; his

daughter, Elaine Shetler-Libent and her husband, Brian; 2 granddaughters, Keshia Shetler and Brooke Libent; and a brother, Robert Harvey Shetler and his wife, Margaret Marie; along with a number of nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will be received from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Military Honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post #066 of Clarion at 10:45 a.m. in the funeral home on Monday, January 16, 2023 where funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Steve Ketner presiding. A luncheon will be provided at the Shippenville United Methodist Church immediately following the services.

Interment will take place in the Salem United Church of Christ "Hills" Cemetery in Rural Valley.

In lieu of flowers, Dale's family suggests donations be sent to the NRA online at [home.nra.org](http://home.nra.org), the Wounded Warrior Project online at [support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org), or to the Trump 2024 Campaign because that is where Dale donated his tithing.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 15. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Military Service

JAN 16. 10:45 AM (ET)

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## Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of W. Dale Shetler



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**Robert V Burns Funeral Home** - January 14, 2023 at 03:35 PM

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*Oh my...what wonderful memories you have!!! Hold on to them always!!!! Your Dad lives on in those memories!!!!.....Judy*

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**Judy Fisher** - January 15, 2023 at 12:55 PM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of Dale's passing. It really hit me hard. I considered Dale one of my oldest and dearest friends. We have been friends since high school and I cherish the memories we made together. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. He truly was a one of a kind man. Sincere sympathies, Bernie Moore and family*

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**Bernie Moore** - January 15, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Robert V Burns Funeral Home** - January 14, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *W. Dale Shetler*.



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January 13, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *May your light shine bright in His presence and may His love fulfill your needs during this time. Always remember during your loss the beautiful times you shared with Dale.*



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**Missi Bish** - January 13, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ I am the secretary at O’Neil Service. I’ve been off work for a few days so I found out about Dale from the paper. He was such a great guy. I so enjoyed our visits and his stories when he came to the garage for inspections. He always made me laugh. He became more than just a customer to me. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to experience Dale. He sure will be missed.  
Chris

Chris Frawley-Guthrie - January 13, 2023 at 10:27 AM



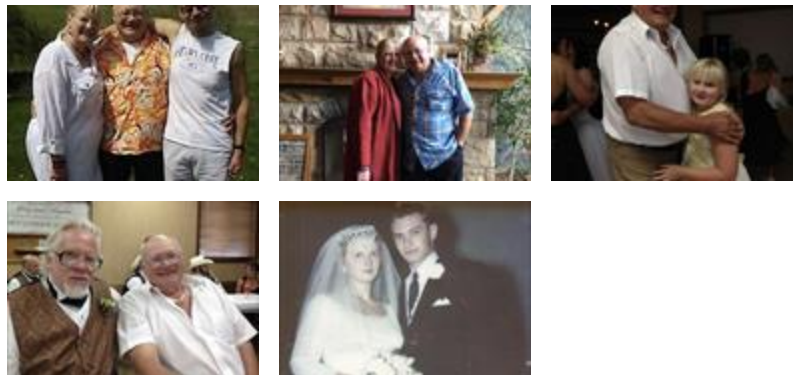
“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of W. Dale Shetler.



January 13, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



Elaine Shetler-Libent - January 12, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of W. Dale Shetler.*



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January 12, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of W. Dale Shetler.*



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January 12, 2023 at 07:48 PM