



Vance Davis Shelton (DOWNTOWN)

August 20, 1947 - January 2, 2026

Vance Davis Shelton, 78, passed away Friday, January 2, 2026.

He is survived by his children, Kelly Shelton and Kasi Shelton; grandchildren, JaKobe Thompson and Jeremiah Thompson; sister, Linda Dabney; brothers, William T. Dabney, II, Jerome Dabney (Dianne), Melvin Shelton (Cherrie), and Robert Shelton (Jennifer); stepmother, Lameatria Shelton, and a host of family and friends.

Visitation: 9am-11am Saturday, January 17, 2026 at The Lord's Kitchen COH, 1811 Standard Ave., funeral service to follow at 11am, burial in Green Meadows Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadows Cemetery

3800 Shanks Lane
Louisville, KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Lord's Kitchen COH
1811 Standard Ave
Louisville, KY 40210

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ HE WILL BE MISSED GREATLY HE WAS GOOD SOLDIER FOR CHRIST,

Paula Macklin - January 19 at 05:23 PM



“ Vance was a true man of God! We met many years ago. We are Birthday twins & Friends May his work for the Kingdom be ever a light that shines & inspires forever!

Sharon Morris Trotter - January 17 at 02:22 PM



“ Mislaidy, and all those who knew Pastor Vance. Please accept my condolences. Pastor Vance was such a special man of God, Father and Minister of the Gospel. He was a precious brother to me. Because of him inviting me to have lunch with him in 2006 at that time he invited me to preach weekly at the Lord's Kitchen. He will be so missed by me and many others. He loved preaching the Word and leading people to Jesus. He was always evangelizing. He has a crown of jewels in Heaven. Well done good and faithful servant. What a blessing that I was able to minister and know you on this side of heaven.

Evangelist Miriam Gabay - January 17 at 05:36 AM

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“ Vance Shelton was and will always be The Face of The Lord's Kitchen. His daily interactions with the guests, volunteers, groups, and Community Service Workers always conveyed Love, The Gospel of Jesus Christ, The Good News! Along with ministering the Word, and ensuring that a hot, nutritious meal was served each and every day, Brother Vance was instrumental in enhancing the extension ministries of the Kitchen. From the Mobile Kitchen routes, the Summer Food Service Program for Children sites, and the orchestration of food donation pickups, and then the distribution to assist those in our community that experience Food Insecurity, he did so with joy and humility. He always remembered that it was The LORD'S Kitchen. His humble spirit and recognition of the Lord's provision helped the Kitchen to flourish. Many lives were changed because Vance Shelton shared the Love of God...Jesus Christ. He lived "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus. I consider it a true honor to have worked with him in loving our neighbors. He spoke the Truth in Love and I appreciated his Godly admonishment, when needed. Vance was my co-worker, friend, and brother. His smile will forever live in my memories of this Man of God! Karen Boucher

Karen Boucher - January 12 at 01:00 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vance Davis Shelton (DOWNTOWN).



January 10 at 08:08 PM

AM

“ Ann & Ethan Moss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vance Davis Shelton (DOWNTOWN).

Ann & Ethan Moss - January 10 at 08:08 PM

BC

“ Brither and sister in Christ purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Vance Davis Shelton (DOWNTOWN).



Brither and sister in Christ - January 10 at 02:05 PM

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BT

“ I worked with Vance at the Lords Kitchen and we worked with Larry Coleman taking food and help to the Projects about 5 places in Louisville on Saturdays we would have breakfast at the Lord’s kitchen in the morning, we would be getting brown bag lunches, ready to take out to the projects Iroquois Park Hill oh Lord, three more and I cannot remember the names of them. And we would feed him and if we had stuff on the truck that they needed we would give them food and sometimes clothes blankets and I remember Vance would always be there with us to help us and Larry both of them but that’s the way we spent our whole Saturday and we did not get back until after afternoon. it was more around 5 o’clock and that would be every Saturday and we had a blast. This is how I’m gonna remember. Vance is with the Lord’s kitchen, helping people and he ended up helping us. He will truly be missed.

Brenda Tharpe - January 08 at 08:24 PM

MT

Bro Vance was a great person a true man of God he was a faithful worker a d he loved the Lords kitchen were going to miss him.

Major Thomas - January 15 at 03:25 PM

PW

“ RIP neighbor, you are truly gonna be missed



Patty Williams - January 08 at 06:57 AM