



## Shelby D. Ferguson

November 21, 1923 - April 18, 2018

Shelby D. Ferguson, 94, of North Belle Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in his home surrounded by his family. A son of the late Malcolm and Virginia Dent Ferguson, he was born in Belle Vernon on November 21, 1923. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Tri-County F.& A.M. Lodge 252, the Westmoreland, Indiana and Armstrong Counties Funeral Directors Association, the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. He was also a Life Member of the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. After graduating from Penn State University and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, he went into the funeral business, first in Monessen in 1948, and then purchased his own funeral home in North Belle Vernon in 1956. He operated there until his retirement in 2001, selling the business to his son, Shelby. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Jean Schneider Ferguson, three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lynn and Robert Nattress of Shavertown, PA, Claire Joseph of Charlotte, NC, and Carol and Gary Davis of Fairfax, VA, two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Natasa Ferguson, and Shelby and Susan Ferguson, all of Belle Vernon, six grandchildren, Heather Suggitt of Houston, TX, Chris Nattress of Avon, CO, Laura Gilchrist, and her husband, Tom, of Pleasant Hills, Adam Ferguson of Belle Vernon, Karlee Ferguson, who followed in her grandfather and father's footsteps as a licensed funeral director, of Belle Vernon, and Ethan Davis of Fairfax, VA and three great-

grandchildren, Skylar Suggitt, Ray Gilchrist and Rosie Gilchrist. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Ruth Laird Ferguson on July 17, 1976, a sister, Jean Melenyzer and a brother, Malcolm Ferguson. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Friday, April 20, 2018 in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. [WWW.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://WWW.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com) 724-929-5300 Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 10 A.M. Saturday, April 21, 2018, with Pastor Nate Stevens of the Bible Chapel Church of Belle Vernon officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of F. & A. M. Lodge 252 will meet in the funeral home at 6:30 P.M. Friday to hold services followed by members of the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Department at 6:45 P.M. to hold services.

# Cemetery Details

## Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-5300

## Visitation

APR 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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APR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Shelby D. Ferguson



Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - April 08, 2020 at 01:28 PM

DC

“ My sympathies to the entire family- my Shelby rest in peace!  
Sincerely, Debbie Conaway

Debbie Conaway - April 24, 2018 at 01:37 PM

CR

“ Shelby, Jean & family- I have many fond memories of your Dad & husband- it's hard to believe we met over forty years ago-Always enjoyed our time together, whether at an NFDA Convention, the funeral home or sharing a meal. He will be remembered and missed-May he Rest In Peace.  
Chip & Nancy Ray

Chip Ray - April 24, 2018 at 07:58 AM

JM

“ To Jeannie, Shelby and the Ferguson family. Our sincere condolences for your loss. Jody and Alf Moebius and Betty and Al Guseman.

jody Moebius - April 21, 2018 at 10:31 AM

JM

“ *May his example of a great life continue to shine brightly in eternity. RIP Mr. Ferguson, Sr.*



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**jody Moebius** - April 21, 2018 at 09:37 AM

RB

“ *Shelby, Sue, Jean and family.....So sorry for your loss. I couldn't make it to the funeral home because I am in Latrobe taking care of my ill father. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Rene Brownlee*

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**Rene Brownlee** - April 21, 2018 at 07:50 AM

ML

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. David and Mary Lou Lawrence and family*

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**Mary Lou Lawrence** - April 20, 2018 at 02:05 PM

JM

“ *Dear Sue and Family,*

*With deepest sympathy on the recent passing of Shelby D. Ferguson. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely, John C. Montgomery (co-worker)*

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**john montgomery** - April 20, 2018 at 01:00 PM

SC

“ Shelby, I can't share any memories of your father, but I'm sure my dad would've if he was still around. They traveled the state together with PFDA. I just wanted to express my sympathies. You, like I, have run our businesses for a long while. We are perfectly capable of doing everything ourselves, but it's not quite the same after your father passes. I'm sorry I will not be able to make it down for services. You are in my prayers and my mother's prayers. God Bless

*Sam Cummings Jr.*

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**Sam Cummings** - April 20, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Shelby D. Ferguson.



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April 20, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shelby D. Ferguson.



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April 20, 2018 at 09:37 AM

CB

“ Dear Jean, We are so sorry for your loss. Jim and Carolyn Batwinis

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**Carolyn batwinis** - April 20, 2018 at 07:38 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelby D. Ferguson.*



April 20, 2018 at 06:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelby D. Ferguson.*



April 19, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *We were saddened to read of Shelby, Sr.'s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief.*

*Ralph and Candy (Vescio) Cain*

**Ralph Cain** - April 19, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Antoinette Hornyak** - April 19, 2018 at 05:40 PM

KN

“ Our deepest sympathy to Jean and all of the family. May God's peace and comfort surround each one of you during this difficult time. Shelby will be sadly missed. He was a great friend to my parents while they pastored at the Belle Vernon Nazarene Church.

Sincerely,

*The Neiderhiser Family*

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**Kim Neiderhiser-Germane** - April 19, 2018 at 02:45 PM

ML

“ Most sincere sympathy. Shelby was a family friend and upstanding citizen of Belle Vernon and the Mon Valley. He was a true gentleman. I don't think I ever saw him not wearing a suit and tie. His demeanor was always first first-class, and he taught his family the same.

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**Marjorie Lopez** - April 19, 2018 at 02:23 PM

FS

“ Dear Jean, Lynn, Claire, Carol, Shelby & Mark,

*I have many fond memories of Shelby from the days when I did my internship under him. He was a great mentor displaying a high degree of skill and professionalism as a funeral director. ... May you feel the warm embrace of Jesus on his passing. Remember in the tree of life, our roots are forever entwined. May God's loving presence in family and friends bring you comfort and bless you with cherished memories. ... With my sympathy, prayers and love,*

*Rev. Ron Simboli*

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**Fr. Ron Simboli** - April 19, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelby D. Ferguson.*



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April 19, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of your family. Your Father and Mother(s) had a very special place in our Mother's heart.*

*Love to you all,  
The Family of Tom and Betty Neil*

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**Margie Neil Rahimi** - April 19, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *Prayers for comfort for your entire family. Shelby was a good man and will be missed by the community.*



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**Jimmy Nix** - April 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Our sincerest sympathy Jean, Shelby and family. Mr. F. was always a man that walked tall with his head held high. He was kind and compassionate but also was a no nonsense kind of a person. I know that he was respected and loved by many people. My husband and I are two of those people. Sincerely, Casey and Martha Coulter*

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**Martha Coulter** - April 19, 2018 at 10:44 AM

JD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. So sorry for your loss but Heaven's gain.*

Janice Dietz - April 19, 2018 at 10:33 AM

CA

“ *So very sorry Jean for you and your family. Praying for you.*

Connie Allensworth - April 19, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shelby D. Ferguson.*



April 19, 2018 at 07:38 AM

BW

“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be remembered. Love and prayers for your family from Sam and Barb Wells*

Barb Wells - April 19, 2018 at 05:25 AM

BP

“ *My Dad...Ernie J. DeSimone and Shelby grew up together as buddies with an occasional brawl on Main St in Downtown Belle Vernon. My dad would tell me stories about them as boys. God Bless to Shelby and family. Barbara DeSimone Phillippi.*

Barbara DeSimone Phillippi - April 19, 2018 at 01:27 AM

LD

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Ferguson Family, So sorry for your loss .*



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**lisa drinkwater** - April 19, 2018 at 01:05 AM

VB

“ *Shelby Im so sorry to hear of your dads passing. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Vicki Bashada** - April 18, 2018 at 10:12 PM

SU

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Suggitt** - April 18, 2018 at 09:54 PM

 Bobbi Sue Kelly

“ *This is such heartbreaking news. This man was the epitome of class...he always showed kindness and respect no matter the circumstances. My parents thought the world of Shelby and the entire family...as do I. I m so very sorry for your loss...He left a BEAUTIFUL family and a WONDERFUL legacy. He had much to be proud of. Shelby.. this world a sadder place tonight. God Bless you and rest in Peace, you have earned it. Love Bobbi Sue*

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**Bobbi Sue Kelly** - April 18, 2018 at 08:08 PM

LL

*My sincerest condolences to your family. Mr. Ferguson was a great man and friend to my family for as long as I can remember. He will surely be remembered fondly by all. God Bless*

Laurie Lazzari - April 18, 2018 at 09:42 PM

AC

“ Alex & Denise Conn lit a candle in memory of Shelby D. Ferguson



Alex & Denise Conn - April 18, 2018 at 08:05 PM

JL

“ I am truly sorry for you and your family loss. I will pray that god looks over you and your family as Shelby enters the Kingdom of heaven.

JOHN LUNT - April 18, 2018 at 08:01 PM

BM

“ Sincere sympathy to the Ferguson family. He was a wonderful person.

Barb Toth Moskala - April 18, 2018 at 07:45 PM

LL

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Ferguson family. Such a wonderful, kind man. He will be truly missed.

*Brian & Laura Lisovich*

Laura Taylor Lisovich - April 18, 2018 at 07:04 PM

LL

“ *Laura Taylor Lisovich lit a candle in memory of Shelby D. Ferguson*



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**Laura Taylor Lisovich** - April 18, 2018 at 07:02 PM

MR

“ *My sympathy and prayers for the Ferguson family. I'm very sorry for your loss. I just loved him, always so nice.*

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**Mickey Regula** - April 18, 2018 at 06:59 PM

PK

“ *Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jean and the family. We have such wonderful memories of Shelby & Jean when we all attended the BV Nazarene Church. So sorry we will not be able to attend the celebration of his life in person, but we will keep you all close in our thoughts & prayers. God bless.*

*Chuck & Patti Keefer*

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**Patti Keefer** - April 18, 2018 at 05:27 PM

CC

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. Shelby was so good to our family & a good friend of my father's.*

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**Cathy Clement** - April 18, 2018 at 05:12 PM

MM

“ REST IN PARADISE MR FERGUSON. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE HELP YOU GAVE ME WITH MY MOTHER WHEN I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO FOR HER FUNERAL. YOU HAVE DONE EVERY FUNERAL FOR MY FAMILY AND HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. YOUR TIME HERE HELPING FAMILIES HAVE ENDED BUT YOUR STILL AND ANGEL TO THOSE OF US THAT YOU HELPED. SENDING PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY



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**Michele ( davis and lang family) Magee** - April 18, 2018 at 05:06 PM

CF

“ To the Ferguson family:  
We send our deepest condolences on the passing of your ,husband,father,grandfather , he will be missed and may God Rest his Soul.

*Mike and Carol Foor*

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**carol foor** - April 18, 2018 at 04:54 PM

GH

“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Shelby, Jean and the family. He will truly be missed. I am sorry we will not be there for you, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

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**George Hogan** - April 18, 2018 at 04:01 PM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss! Your dad was a great guy!

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**louann clayton** - April 18, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AS

“ *Shelby was such a sweet man. I feel honored to have known him. My deepest sympathy to your family.*



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**Amanda Miller Stevens** - April 18, 2018 at 03:24 PM

AS

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Shelby was like a family member. He will be sadly missed. R.I.P.Mr Ferguson.*

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**Alice (Smith) Schneider** - April 18, 2018 at 03:14 PM

JC

“ *Shelby, Sue and entire family, know that we are praying for you all here in Florida as you mourn Shelby's passing. We pray for God to surround you with His love and comfort right now. I have the highest respect for your dad. He was truly a good man with a wonderful heart.*

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**Jeff St. Clair** - April 18, 2018 at 02:45 PM

MZ

“ *Shelby and Jean have always been very kind to me over the years. He was one of a kind! Mr. Personality and impeccably dressed! Its the end of an era!!! He's rejoicing in heaven Mila Zuro*

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**mila zuro** - April 18, 2018 at 02:28 PM

KT

“ *Lifting the Ferguson family up in prayer. Mr. Ferguson was an icon in the North Belle Vernon Area for many years and will be missed. RIP*



Karen Trilli - April 18, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Shelby Senior's passing. Your family has served my family for more than 60 years..I will not be able to attend any of the viewings or the funeral because I recently had surgery and am not able to go out and am not driving. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

Norva Lewis - April 18, 2018 at 01:22 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Pavtis lit a candle in memory of Shelby D. Ferguson*



Carrie Pavtis - April 18, 2018 at 12:59 PM

JM

“ *Judith Moody lit a candle in memory of Shelby D. Ferguson*



Judith Moody - April 18, 2018 at 11:44 AM

DS

*With deepest sympathy to the entire Ferguson family. Shelby was always such a kind and considerate person. He treated my family and I with such care and thoughtfulness during our most difficult times. He was a special person and will be missed by all who knew him. Debbie Dakas Sicari*

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**Debbie Dakas Sicari** - April 18, 2018 at 01:30 PM

SA

*So sorry to hear this he was such a special and kind person...especially in difficult times with loss of parents..Sharon West*

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**Sharon West Absher** - April 18, 2018 at 06:19 PM

TS

*Shelby was always a professional man who truly cared for his family, friends and salvation! We'll always remember all the blessings Jean and Shelby extended to our family. There will never be another Shelby Ferguson. He was a Christian gentleman who shared his faith in Christ in words and actions.*

*Love, The St.Clair family*

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**Thomas StClair** - April 19, 2018 at 06:14 PM