



Billy Joe Shelby

May 26, 1956 - July 6, 2025

Obituary

Billy Joe Shelby loving known as “Smiley,” was born on May 26, 1958, to Mabel and Joseph Shelby in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

In 1963 the family move to Las Vegas, Nevada where he was educated in the Clark County public school system. After graduating from high school, Smiley worked various jobs and settled into the sanitation industry.

Smiley cherished spending time with his family, especially enjoying lively gatherings and dancing, he was a great dancer. He was a loving and happy person, and it is no surprise how he got his nickname Smiley; his smile was infectious, if he smiled, you would smile too. He had a love for all types of music, but Frankie Maze was a favorite. He loved to travel and would often travel to Florida and then to Mississippi to see his grandmother. He found joy in helping others, especially the elderly, and creating cherished memories with family and friends.

He is preceded in death by parents Mable and Joseph Shelby; brothers: James Shelby, Elijah Shelby, William Shelby, Morgan Shelby; Robert Shelby, John Leon Shelby, and John Henry Peer; sisters: Annie Mae Shelby, Ann Shelby, and Laurella Stewart.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his son Maurice” Chico” (Eddameka Hurd) Duke; one sister Geraldine Patrick and brother-in-law OB Patrick; two grandsons: Jah’zer Mayone Coleman-Tate, and two great grandsons’ and a

host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Billy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Billy Joe Shelby will always be remembered for his kind heart, loving spirit, and dedication to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Greater Calvary Baptist Church
317 Madison St
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas & Jones Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Joe Shelby* ”



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