



## David Ray Shoptaw

March 10, 1949 - May 27, 2019

David Ray Shoptaw, 70, of Hot Springs passed away May 27, 2019. He was born March 10, 1949 in Little Rock, AR to Earlene Shoptaw and the late Maurice Shoptaw.

He was affiliated with Central Baptist Church and Lake Point Church. Ray was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and former member of the Army Reserves.

He is preceded in death by his father Maurice Shoptaw; son, David Clayton Shoptaw; brother, Steven Shoptaw; and sister, Carol Tygart.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Leigh Shoptaw; son, Stuart Ashley Shoptaw; mother, Earlene Shoptaw; sister, Bonnie Stafford; grandchildren, Arwen, Avery, Adleigh Shoptaw and their mother Sarah Shoptaw.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Central Baptist Church.

A memorial service will be held 10:00 AM Friday at Central Baptist Church with Bro. Coy Sample and Dr. David Mitchell officiating.

Honorary Pallbearers include Ray Trantham, Mark Trantham, Larry Drashner,

Kevin Ellsworth, Will Garrabrant, Paul Moore, Dean Agus, Brian Van Duesen, John Janice, Larry Sanders, Roger McClure, Ledgerock Affair Band Members, Todd Sanders, Brian Stafford, Corky Martin, Mark Chamberlain, Medo Agus, William Garrabrant Jr., and all the Sheriff Office employees.

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ This morning I read Miss Earlene’s obituary in the paper and realized Ray had passed away. My husband, James, was a Sheridan friend of Ray’s and was always good to keep up with him. They played in bands together in the late 60’s. James passed away in February, 2014, and I didn’t know if Ray knew. I’m sorry I didn’t try to contact him. Condolences to all of his family.  
Mary Johnson

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**Mary Johnson** - May 16, 2021 at 11:47 AM

NM

“ I really miss my great uncle. He was so amazing. I know he is in a better place called Heaven. Rest in Peace.

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**Natalie Meharg** - April 03, 2020 at 11:56 AM

TT

“ Glenda,  
We are sorry for Ray’s passing, but we do know where he is. If there is anything that you need or want don’t hesitate to call us. God Bless You.  
Tommy & Doris Truett

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**Tommy Truett** - May 31, 2019 at 12:52 PM

CE

“ My condolences to the Shoptaw family, I worked with Ray at the Sheriff’s Department many years ago and my fondest memories are working across from him and listening to his stories about Glenda and whatever dish she cooked, I always loved hearing those stories. I would always tell him I hope I found someone who loved me as much as he loved Glenda.....R.I.P Ray.....Ms. Cubie Evans

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**Cubie Evans** - May 31, 2019 at 10:54 AM

RW

“ *What a great smile and laugh. I always enjoyed being in his company because there were good stories and laughs. My prayers for his family and many friends. Rex Woodson*

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**Rex Woodson** - May 30, 2019 at 11:16 PM

TG

“ *I worked with Ray for many years at the sheriff's office and enjoyed many good times together. He will be missed. Tommy Garner*

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**Tommy Garner** - May 30, 2019 at 09:31 PM

SM

“ *We go back 50 years ago in school at Sheridan. Ray was a hoot, never a dull moment around him. My prayers go out to Earlene & Bonnie. May God's grace comfort you.*

*Steve Murphy Sheridan, Ar.*

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**steve murphy** - May 30, 2019 at 08:50 PM

AM

“ *Heaven has gained a good guy and we will sure miss him! Love and prayers to all of Ray's family.*  
*Al & Penny*

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**Al & Penny Mangrum** - May 30, 2019 at 06:02 PM

WB

“ *Glenda, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Ray when we worked at K-Mart. May God be with you and watch over you. Prayers to you and your family. Wanda Baker-Hadley*

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**Wanda Baker-Hadley** - May 30, 2019 at 04:13 PM

DG

“ So very sorry for your loss. I have known Ray since the 60s. Prayers for all the family 🙏



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**Deanie Graves** - May 30, 2019 at 04:00 PM

AS

“ Glenda, I am so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are being said for comfort for you and the family.

*Love, Aline and Paul*

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**Aline Smith** - May 30, 2019 at 02:12 PM

CT

*Glenda, I'm so saddened by your loss. Ray was a really good man. You are all in my prayers. Love Rene' Taylor*

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**Carol R. Taylor** - May 30, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ One of the most sincere persons we've ever known. It was always a joy to visit the Shoptaw home and Chief in his chair cutting up about one thing or another. It was an honor to know him but more than that, our blessing to love him. Glenda we compassionately send our love and condolences to you and the family and pray for abundant peace that surpasses all understanding. May God cover and keep you in Jesus name!



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**Marquesa Moore-Lindsey** - May 30, 2019 at 02:12 PM

LG

“ Remembering the times as young men, we were so energetic, idealistic and dedicated. Condolences to Glenda, family and friends. Rest in peace Ray.

*Larry and Sue Griffin*

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**Larry Griffin** - May 30, 2019 at 12:01 PM

 John N  
Trish  
Robinson

“ We didn't know Ray personally but always heard what a fine man he was. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you comfort and peace

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**John N Trish Robinson** - May 30, 2019 at 09:52 AM

PN

“ Glenda, I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him in my office at the bank. You will be in my prayers. He will be missed by all.

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**Phyllis Nutt** - May 30, 2019 at 09:41 AM

DR

“ Glenda, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

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**Deborah Roberts** - May 30, 2019 at 09:16 AM

WW

“ Once upon a time: A bunch of high school boys were at my house playing ball, fishing, or something. (That was a long time ago and I don't remember what we started out doing.) The memories started when we all decided to show off by pretending the fence between the yard and pasture was a high hurdle for us to clear. Ray didn't make it. Well, to tell the truth, he did. He just left a little bit of skin and a larger portion of the seat of his pants on the top strand of barbed wire. I also don't remember any of us getting in trouble over that one. We were all such angels. WW

Winston Winston - May 29, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ray Shoptaw.



May 29, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I worked with Ray at the Sheriff's office in the 80's what a pleasure it was.

David & Deborah Blees

David Blees - May 29, 2019 at 10:56 PM

SB

“ Dear Glenda and family, I am saddened to learn of Ray's passing yesterday. He was as fine a law enforcement officer as he was husband, father and friend to all. He will be missed.

*Kindest Regards and deepest sympathy*

*Stephen W. Brooks, JD*

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**Steve Brooks** - May 29, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of David Ray Shoptaw.*



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May 29, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Ray Shoptaw.*



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May 29, 2019 at 05:07 PM

RM

“ *Glenda Carol and I send our sincere condolences to you and the family. Ray was a good friend and a brother, We had good years together at the Sheriff's office that will stay in my memory forever. I will truly miss the hey "Little Ronnie" everytime he saw me. This a a loss for all of us. Your family will remain in our prayers.*

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**Ron and Carol Martineau** - May 29, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Ray Shoptaw.*



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May 29, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David Ray Shoptaw.*



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May 29, 2019 at 01:01 PM