



## Rev. William Chester Shankles

September 10, 1934 - October 17, 2024

Rev. William Chester Shankles, age 90 of Rainsville, AL passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at DeKalb Regional. Funeral service will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 2:00PM at Victory Baptist Church with Rev. Marty Jenkins, Rev. Brian Harris, and Rev. Brian Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Rainsville Memorial Park.

Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing, [www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com)

Family will receive friends on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00AM- 8:00PM at Rainsville Funeral Home & Sunday, October 20th from 1:00PM-2:00PM at Victory Baptist Church.

Rev. William Chester Shankles announced his call to preach the Word of God in 1970. He went on to pastor at least nine churches in northeast Alabama including Oak Hill Baptist Church, Victory Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Church, Browns Chapel Baptist Church, Mt. View Baptist Church, Guest Baptist Church, and New Home Baptist Church. He also served as the Moderator of the Mt. Pleasant Association No. 2 of the Baptist from 2002-2003. Chester has been a faithful witness of Jesus Christ sharing the gospel for over 50 years. He will be greatly missed!

Survivors

Wife: Bobbie Keef Riedesel-Shankles

Sons: Jerry and Tena Shankles

Roger and Diane Shankles

Daughter: Regina Thomas

Brother: Claude Shankles

Sister: Reba Beck

10 Grandchildren

20 Great Grandchildren

1 Great Great Grandchild on the way

Preceded in death by

Wife: Mary Lou Shankles

Parents: Hollice and Maude Shankles

Great Grandsons: Noah Thomas and Hunter Shankles

3 Brothers and 2 Sisters

# Cemetery Details

## Rainsville Memorial Park

498 McCurdy Avenue North  
Rainsville, AL 35986

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Rainsville Funeral Home  
498 Mccurdy Ave N  
Rainsville, AL 35986  
(256) 638-2122  
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Victory Baptist Church  
426 Marshall Rd  
Rainsville, AL 35986

## Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (cst)

Victory Baptist Church  
Rainsville, AL 35986



# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Sheila Carter/Laura Covington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. William Chester Shankles.

Sheila Carter/Laura Covington - October 19, 2024 at 04:12 PM

SC

“ Sheila Carter/Laura Covington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. William Chester Shankles.



Sheila Carter/Laura Covington - October 19, 2024 at 04:12 PM

LC

“ All the family has my deepest sympathy at this difficult time. May God Bless you all. L.C. Cupp



L.C. Cupp - October 19, 2024 at 11:18 AM

CB

“ Curtis and Thalia Beckwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. William Chester Shankles.

Curtis and Thalia Beckwell - October 19, 2024 at 07:52 AM

CB

“ Curtis and Thalia Beckwell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. William Chester Shankles.



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**Curtis and Thalia Beckwell** - October 19, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. William Chester Shankles.



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October 18, 2024 at 11:19 PM

VF

“ Vulcraft Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. William Chester Shankles.

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**Vulcraft Family** - October 18, 2024 at 08:05 PM

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“ Vulcraft Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rev. William Chester Shankles.



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**Vulcraft Family** - October 18, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ Jessica Rds sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. William Chester Shankles



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**Jessica Rds** - October 18, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ Jessica Rds lit a candle in memory of Rev. William Chester Shankles



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**Jessica Rds** - October 18, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Joe & Patricia Cook lit a candle in memory of Rev. William Chester Shankles



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**Joe & Patricia Cook** - October 18, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Patricia Cuzzort lit a candle in memory of Rev. William Chester Shankles



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**Patricia Cuzzort** - October 18, 2024 at 01:17 PM