



## William Wallace Pate Sr.

March 31, 1929 - September 10, 2016

Pate, Sr., William Wallace, age 87, of Shelby, passed away on September 10, 2016. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016 at South Shelby Baptist Church with Rev. Howard Brasher and Rev. David Warren officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016 at the church. Burial will follow in Shelby Garden of Rest. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

Mr. Pate is preceded in death by his parents: William Otis and Ola Mae Pate; son: Ronny Pate; and brothers: Donald Pate and Ervin Connell. He is survived by his sons: Donny Pate (Wanda) and Butch Pate (Linda); daughters: Paris "Patti" Carlton and Stephanie Young; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sisters: Nina Thornburg and Mary Faye Pate; and other family and friends.

Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Shelby Garden of Rest

Heritage Road  
Shelby, AL 35143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

South Shelby Baptist Church  
19445 Highway 145  
Shelby, AL 35143

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

South Shelby Baptist Church  
19445 Highway 145  
Shelby, AL 35143

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Teresa Holliman sent a virtual gift in memory of William Wallace Pate Sr.*



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**Teresa Holliman** - September 13, 2016 at 09:52 PM

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“ *Teresa Holliman lit a candle in memory of William Wallace Pate Sr.*



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**Teresa Holliman** - September 13, 2016 at 09:49 PM

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“ Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I didn't know Wallace too well, but one memory of him I'll never forget was some 65 years ago, when some Shelby fellows played "B-2," where Wallace lived, in a Sunday afternoon football game at the old Shelby Elementary School.

*When Shelby kicked off to B-2, Wallace caught the football and boldly ran with it. He was soon enveloped by several Shelby men, and then seemingly the whole team.*

*But Wallace refused to go down, and kept struggling to break free--until he eventually did, and went on to incredibly run for a touchdown!*

*I was too young to play, and don't remember the score, but I'll never forget Wallace's stirring example of never-quitting determination to win.*

*At 87, he has now run his long race of life, the way he magnificently ran that touchdown in Shelby that long-ago day. I know you will all cherish the priceless memories you have of your loved one, and I hope they will sustain you in this time of your grief.*

*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."  
(Psalm 30:5)*

*May the Lord bless and keep you.*

*Jesse Howard Merrell  
Washington, DC*

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**Jesse Howard Merrell** - September 11, 2016 at 04:35 PM