



## Donald Morgan Shiell

November 2, 1928 - March 15, 2020

Donald "Don" Morgan Shiell passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020 in Mandeville, LA. He was born on November 2, 1928 in New Orleans, LA to the late William Shiell, Jr. and Esther Francis Theriot Shiell.

Don was the beloved husband of Shirley Ann Fournier Shiell for 68 years. He was the loving father of Kathy Mohr (Billy), Sharon Carnett (Mike), Donna Damare (Donald), Shirley Lehrmann (Eddie), and Ronald Shiell (Cindy). Don was very proud of his 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was the brother of Esther Francis Collins, and of the late William Shiell, III, and Louis T. Shiell. He honorably served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War from 1950 to 1954.

Don started his career as a pharmaceutical representative. He rose through the ranks and became the National Sales Director of Lloyd Brothers Pharmaceuticals. Due to his desire to return to New Orleans, he opened his own recruiting business in 1967. He was a pioneer in medical and pharmaceutical recruiting and his career spanned 45 years. He was known for building the confidence of his recruits and giving them honest advice, the result of which helped launch successful careers for countless New Orleanians.

He was an avid tennis player and a founding member of the "Crazy Eight" tennis group at Bissonet Maned Downs Country Club in Metairie. He enjoyed fishing and walking with his buddies on the lakefront in Old Mandeville. He loved the Saints and was an early leader of the Touchdown Club (President in 1975). He was also an early member of the Krewe of Endymion and enjoyed for many years the explosive success of the organization. He had a very large circle of friends and was described by most as "a character." He was very loyal and loving to his friends and family, always taking the time to visit them when they were ill. He had a fascination with trees and found the presence of God in nature. He was most proud of how fast he could recite the names of his 17 grandkids in his daily prayers.

Services will be held privately by the family at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, Covington, LA. Interment will take place at Mandeville City Mausoleum, Mandeville, LA. Please Share a

Memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).

# Cemetery

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## Mandeville Cemetery

1609 Montgomery St.  
Mandeville, LA, 70448

# Events

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## MAR Private Services

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington, LA, US, 70433

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 19, 2020 at 02:56 PM

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“ So sad to hear this news. We always enjoyed seeing him to come buy shrimp.  
Belinda chaix

**Belinda chaix** - April 23, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ Cousin Don was the vocal spirit in any room. I remember him as a vibrant conversationalist, eager to participate, usually offering an opinion. There was no doubt that he loved and protected his family. I offer our fondest condolences to the Shiehl family on behalf of the Boudreaux clan.

Ridley Boudreaux, III

**Ridley Boudreaux III** - March 22, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Don's wife Ann and his entire family in this difficult time. As a member of the healthcare industry, I was fortunate to work with Don to help employ aspiring recruits in the pharmaceutical and medical fields. Don was such an upbeat person and he loved to share stories of growing up in Mandeville. I am sure he is enjoying his game in that great tennis court above. Bless you Don, rest in peace.

Thurston & Donna Yates

**Donna Yates** - March 20, 2020 at 07:30 PM

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“ Kathy, I am saddened to learn of your Dad’s death. I hope you found comfort being able to help care for him. I have fond memories of my time with your family growing up.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you, your brother, sisters and Mom.

Barbara Brignac Eschete

Barbara Eschete - March 18, 2020 at 08:28 PM

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“ We were so sorry to read of Don's passing today. Don was always upbeat and a pleasure to be around. He will be missed by many. But you should not mourn his passing, but celebrate his life- a life that was filled with many interests and accomplishments. But most of all, he was blessed with a beautiful and loving family.

Sending our condolences,

CJ and Mary Ann Aucoin

cj aucoin - March 18, 2020 at 07:34 PM

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“ Mr. Don was life long friends with my Dad, Melvin Grinnell. I loved listening to their stories about Mandeville when they were young. In 2012, my Dad was home on Hospice. Mr. Don and Mr. Bobby Parker came by to see Dad. They each had a beer and a Po Boy. It was such a great moment for my Dad since he passed not long after. He would call and check on me after Dad passed. He was truly so kind and I will never forget the love he had for Dad and all of us. May he rest in peace.

Terri Grinnell Fogarty - March 18, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ Shared many happy times with Don during and after tennis matches at Bissonet club. May he rest in peace.  
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mickey wild - March 18, 2020 at 12:21 PM