



Shelton E. Padgett

June 9, 1948 - July 31, 2004

PADGETT

Shelton E. Padgett, beloved husband, devoted father, prominent attorney, and outstanding community leader, passed away on July 31, 2004, at the age of 56. Born in San Marcos on June 9, 1948, he attained recognition for his academic excellence, professional achievements, political acumen, and far-reaching involvement in community service. He received his B.S. degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1970, and was named Distinguished Alumnus in 2002. With an eye to the future, he was instrumental in securing legislation which changed the name of that institution to Texas State University, the first State-supported school to be so named. Mr. Padgett attended law school at St. Mary's University on a full academic scholarship, served as vice president of the student body, was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and received his J.D. summa cum laude in 1973. He became the first St. Mary's graduate to clerk for the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Padgett commenced his professional career in San Antonio in 1976, when he joined a local law firm that specialized in labor and employment law. He was Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and was past chair of the Labor Law Advisory Commission of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, which passes on the certification of lawyers to be labor and employment law specialists. Characterized by colleagues and adversaries alike as "the ultimate lawyer's lawyer," Mr. Padgett was listed in every edition of The Best

Lawyers in America and Who's Who in American Law since 1987, and was a fellow of the San Antonio and Texas Bar Foundations. At the time of his death, he headed the Labor & Employment Law section of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, in the San Antonio office. He was the current Chairman of the Board of the VIA Transit System in San Antonio, and a director of the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District and the San Antonio Mobility Coalition. Mr. Padgett was involved in many civic activities and served as a member of the board of directors of the San Antonio Manufacturers Association, the Lutheran General Hospital in San Antonio, the Texas Lyceum, and the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. He also served as President of the SWTSU Alumna Association, and as a trustee of the SWTSU Development Foundation and the Blessed Sacrament Academy Foundation. In his personal life, Mr. Padgett was devoted to his wife, Marie, and two children, Shelton Edward Ted Jr. and Daniela Nellie. Through his generosity and unselfish commitment of time and resources, he touched innumerable lives, opening doors and providing guidance and opportunities. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Sybil Padgett. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his sisters, Sharon Johnson and Virginia Montgomery of Memphis, TN; uncle and aunt, Carl and A. J. Dobie of New Braunfels; and special friend and assistant, Elaine Mandujano.

SERVICES

Visitation for Mr. Padgett will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The prayer vigil/rosary will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Catholic Church. The funeral liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 10:00 AM at St. Paul's Catholic Church with Father Jimmy Drennan officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North. Serving at pallbearers will be the Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer, Tommy Daniels, Alex-Michael Garcia, Daniel Palomo III, Michael Galo Jr. and Glenn Levy. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials

be made on behalf of Mr. Padgett to St. Anthony's Catholic School, 205 Huisache, San Antonio, TX 78212 or St. Mary's University School of Law Shelton E. Padgett Memorial Scholarship, C/O Advancement Services, 1 Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Dear Marie,*

Susan called to inform me of Padgett's unexpected passing. I was very sad upon hearing the news. My deepest and heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

*Best wishes,
May*

May Ng - August 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *To the entire Padgett family:*

I remember Shelton as the younger brother of my good friend Virginia. Those memories are of a friendly and happy-go-lucky young man.

Please let Virginia know that I think of her and her family every time I pass by Ste

Carolyn Sue - August 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I graduated from San Marcos High School with Shelton and I was shocked and saddened to hear about his death. I always enjoyed seeing him at class reunions. I pray that God will keep his family and that they will know that Shelton has many friends who wi*

Dwight Harris - August 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Marie,
My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Shelton was a great person that will be missed.

Sandy Kolb Werner - August 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ Marie,

I was shocked when I heard the news about Shelton. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God give you the strength and guidance to carry on for the rest of the family. You are in our prayers.

Fred and Annette Lariez - August 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *May god help give you strenth during your time of loss. God Bless you and your family.*

Janell Contreras - August 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Marie,
There are very few people from Los Padrinos days that we recall more fondly than Shelton. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family. We are here if you ever need a friend.
Catarina Mendez Sigerfoos
Angela Mendez Attebury
Ali Me

Alicia Mendez-Clayton - August 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Marie, Ted, Nellie and Elaine-
I can't begin to tell you how deeply sorry I am for your loss. He was a wonderful person, and he will truly be missed by all. Remember all of the happy times that you were able to share together.
Friendship and his str

Christi Albrecht-Smith - August 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Marie,
I am so sorry for your loss. I had known Shelton for many years, since his initial partnership with Frank Manitzas. Shelton was such a funny guy, yet such a strong advocate always for his clients. He accomplished so many things and helped so many

Doug Howell - August 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Marie, Nellie, Ted,

My our condolences and sympathy at your tremendous loss. The Sisters of the Incarnate and Blessed Sacrament at Blessed Sacrament Academy offered a special Mass for Shelton, your husband and father, on August 4, 2004 in the Convent C

Sister Odilia Korenek - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ DEAR MARIE, OUR LOVE, PRAYERS, AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS VERY SAD TIME. ELLEN AND BOB

Robert Levy - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ *To Our Lord for a Happy Death*
"Lord Jesus Christ, who willest that no man should perish, and to whom petition is never made without the hope of mercy, for Thou saidst with Thine own holy and blessed lips: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, s

Catalina Zárate - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *On behalf of the San Antonio Manufacturers Association, I want to extend our deepest sympathy to Shelton's family, co-workers and friends. He was a super individual and a loyal supporter of SAMA. He will be missed by all. Mike Harris, SAMA President*

Michael H. Harris - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Marie, I will miss Shelton, and my talks about Blanco, Via, and what every came up. He would say do we have coffe, I say only if you have donuts, he would say Mada, Mada. May God Bless You, Nellie, and Ted.*

Mada Coffee - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Marie -- My heart is especially with you, Nellie and Ted at this turn in your lives, and also with Shelton's many friends and colleagues. To take Shelton so quickly and so young, God must really be in urgent need of his service by His side. There is no*

Toni Colton - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *My prayers are with you. I attended San Marcos High school with Sharon Padgett.*

Gloria Odoms Powell

Gloria Odoms Powell - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

UA

“ *Like a son, you were there for us.*

Never knew such calmness and resolve, in the eye of the storm.

You were confident without bravado.

You made us feel protected and safe, made us feel that you loved us.

Lunch at Clear-springs catfish, and bear claws at

Uncle Karl Dobie & AJ - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Padgett Family,*

Shelton was a dear friend who challenged me to be the best fan and friend of Southwest Texas State University. In later years, he and I championed the name change. Thanks to him, Texas State has a very bright future. Shelton was and will

Diionicio Don Flores - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time.*

Shelton and I James shared a lot of great times growing up especially since his grandmother Bama and my Mom Elsie Bolton were such good friends. We will always cherish

James & Jo Ann Bolton - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Marie,
Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. My favorite memories of Shelton were driving behind him as he was taking Nellie to school. He did not have a care in the world, his entire focus was on his little girl. He is now with

Gerald W. Lee - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Marie,
May God strengthen you and ease your heartache at this difficult time. Shelton will be missed by so many people. His service and accomplishments will forever remain dear in the hearts of his friends. It's been several years since our paths

Melanie Holster - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ To the Padgett family: May God especially bless you during this difficult time. Thanks to you and to Shelton for his tireless dedication to the students, faculty and staff of Southwest Texas State University. Again, thank you.

Steve Thompson
SWT CI

Steve Thompson - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Marie, I have never met Shelton, but have heard such wonderful things about him I am one of Karl's stepdaughters. My heart goes out to you and your family. By the way, what a wonderful photo you chose to share with everyone! I hope I get to meet you som

Elizabeth Hayes - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Marie,
You and your family are in our prayers. God bless you and keep you
in his blessing now and forever.
Robbie Jones Fedrick

Robbie Jones Fedrick - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Please accept our condolences on your loss. Sheldon was a great
person and leader. We will keep you and your family in our prayers
as you go through this trying time.
Polo and Sharon

Sharon & Polo Botello - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Padgett's death. I remember him as a great
attorney and friend.

Marie, Please accept my condolences and I will remember him in
my prayers.

Maruca Kahn - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Marie, Ted, Nellie:
This is a devastating loss to our city, our community, and our
beloved friends. We are all still in shock at this sudden loss of one
of our pillars. We can't picture Shelton without his easy handshake
and friendly manner, we can't p

Ralph and Kathleen Laborde - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I attended high school with Shelton and he was among a large group of mutual friends; a time that holds wonderful memories of the past. It is great to read about the numerous accomplishments that Shelton achieved throughout his life, but not surprising.

Jan Jones Dickson - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We are shocked and so very sorry to hear of your loss. And we share in your heartfelt sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We can't be with you at this time, but we will see you when school starts.

With Love,
Leanna & Frank James

Leanna Sparacino Family - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Marie, sincerest condolences to you and Nellie and the rest of the family. Shelton meant very much to me. He provided insightful career advice to me. He was helpful to Paul regarding St. Anthony board issues. He will be greatly missed. There is no rep

Paul and Cindy Escamilla - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Shelton,

The last time I saw you around 3 weeks ago at the State Bar reception and dance---there you were with Marie happy as can be dancing the night away. I told you that night that you were my angel because you saved my life. I meant it because with

Rachel Barrios-Van Os - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. May God's peace be with you during this difficult time.

Debbie Moore - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ May God be with you. I know Padgett is with the angels. He loved life, his family, his city and his work. He lived his life, not letting good people, or a way to help others, get by him. I worked with him for 16 years. Padgett's passing has left a hole in

Mary Rittgers - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I always thought of Shelton as the invincible inspiration for the rest of us. Though we've been out of touch for many years I feel deeply saddened and will miss him. As little kids we spent many happy days running the streets and allies of San Marcos. He w

Bert Johnson - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Marie, Ted, Nellie - your loss is God's gain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust to Shelton's new role, that of eternal Angel. We dearly loved and greatly appreciated Shelton. We felt so safe knowing he was around taking care of everythi

Tim & Rose Tempfer - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GY

“ SHELTON WAS ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS THRU HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE ROOMMATE.HE HAD NOTHING BUT YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW IT BECAUSE OF HIS SMILE AND FRIENDLY WAYS. ONE OF GOD'S CHOSEN FEW. HE & MARIA CAME TO MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL IN JANUARY. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED

GARY YOUNG - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *I never met this sweet soul of a man that was a true friend to my father that passed in 1986, Bill Stewart. Shelton was there for my family when we lost my dad, and he helped a member of my family as recently as last month.*

God bless and comfort you i

Karen Stewart Teeter - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Because Shelton was such an important part of my life for so many years, I have to let his wonderful wife, son and daughter know how much he meant to me. His sense of humor, friendship and love of family made him the special person I will always remember*

Philip O'Connor - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Ted: JP just called us to let us know of the loss of your dad. Larry and I are so sorry and will keep you and your family in our prayers. Your dad was a wonderful man and he loved you so much.*

Linda and Larry Felder - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I will always remember Shelton as a jovial man full of fun and laughter. He was loved for his kindnesses and respected for his abilities. He lived a life full of contributions to others. I believe God is saying, "Well done, my son."

Barbara O'Connor

Barbara O'Connor - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ My heartfelt sympathies to family and friends....

Cindy Ray Latta - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dear Marie, our hearts go out to you and your sweet daughter, Nellie. May God walk you through this difficult time with unrelenting grace. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless. Love, Paul and Susan

Paul and Susan Andrews - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Shelton was a great American, Texan, lawyer and much, much more. Those of us who dealt with him on a professional level for so many years will miss, yet remember and be inspired by, the absolute character he brought

Ken Molberg - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My most deepest condolences to the family. Shelton was a pleasure to work with. His concern and care of VIA was outstanding. He was a great help to all of his clients and will be missed in the professional community where he was a leader without many peer

Timothy and Frankie Ann McCallum - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Marie,
I only met you and Padgett a couple of times but can not get your smiles and laughter out of my head. I was truly shocked when Nadine told me of Padgett's passing and am truly saddened for you and your family. Please keep on smiling and laughing

Kim Laughlin - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I really enjoyed working with Shelton at Dee Howard. We are shocked and saddened, and offer our deepest sympathy. A great guy and friend who will be sorely missed. Bob Dirkes

Bob & Nancy Dirkes - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Shelton E. Padgett

Buddy Mostyn - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dearest Marie, Nellie and Ted

With love and prayers I offer my deepest condolences. I am saddened for your loss. Shelton always entered my classroom with a great big "HELLO" and "Where's my girl". Nellie's arms stretched out for her Daddy, with an u

Michelle Richie - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our deepest condolence to you Marie, Ted and Nellie. Although we are numb with shock and grief, I smile when I think of Shelton. Working with him is my most memorable and enjoyable time. If I was stressed he helped me find lightness and laughter. He w

Carolyn, David and Kimbra Claar - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Marie, my first thought was you… your love for this man. I give God thanks for allowing me to witness the kind of love that you have for one another. I saw you honor your husband and I saw him honor you. Not everyone gets to experience this blessing wh

Diane Casillas - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our prayers for your family and loved ones. It was always a pleasure to visit with Shelton, and he will be missed by his colleagues and by the community to which he gave so much.

Sean Martinez - August 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Extending our sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - August 02, 2004 at
12:00 AM