



## Gregory Powles Shivelbine

August 26, 1958 - June 8, 2020

Gregory “Greg” Powles Shivelbine, 61, died of a heart attack on June 8, 2020, while on a fishing trip to Wisconsin. Greg was born on August 26, 1958 to D. Janet (Powles)Shivelbine and L.J. “Freck” Shivelbine.

He graduated from Cape Central High School in 1976 and attended Southeast Missouri State University.

Greg began working in the family business, Shivelbine’s Music, as a teen, eventually becoming a part-owner with his brothers and cousin. He spent virtually his entire career calling on school band directors, helping families and schools acquire and maintain band instruments for their students. “G-bine” was an excellent drummer, performing with numerous groups, including “Acme Blues” for many years.

Anyone who knew Greg knew of his love for fishing, hunting, and all things outdoors. He was rarely seen without a fishing rod in hand or a canoe on his truck. Greg took pride in his farm, spending many hours working on the land and then in turn enjoying the fruits of his labor by turkey and deer hunting and spending many a Sunday with friends on his pond. He was always ready with a story of one of his adventures, which he loved to tell with great enthusiasm.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother Scott Shivelbine. He is

survived by a brother Mike (Kathy) Shivelbine of Cape Girardeau and a sister, Laurie (Bob) Bret of Dallas, Texas. Also a nephew Matthew (Jenna) Shivelbine of Kirkwood, Mo, niece Elizabeth (David) Winkler of Maryland Heights, Mo, and nieces Erin, Allison, and Megan Bret all of Dallas. He is also survived by three great nephews and a great niece.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, June 18, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel. Due to Covid concerns, the funeral will be reserved for family members only. A celebration of Greg's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to:

National Wild Turkey Federation Legacy Memorial  
PO Box 530  
Edgefield, SC 29824-0530  
[www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)

Trout Unlimited  
PO Box 7400  
Wolly Bugger, WV 25438  
[www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)

Or the charity of your choice

# Cemetery Details

## **Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery**

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Greg and I had a band together back in high school. We played keg parties, bars, BOG parties, I will always remember you Greg. My condolences to his family and close friends.

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**Greg Jones** - January 03, 2023 at 08:06 PM

SK

“ Greg was my good friend . We enjoyed many fishing and turkey hunt's . As well as deer with our bows . He will be greatly missed by many . I hope they are biteing good where you are now . I'll see you soon pard .

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**Stewart Kinder** - June 25, 2020 at 03:05 PM

CH

“ Mike and family...You have our heartfelt condolences for yet another loss in your lives. Remembering the times at your house during high school and having “little brother” under our feet at times...what good memories. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Charlie and Sally Holt

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**Charles Holt** - June 24, 2020 at 09:03 PM

TP

“ Our family moved down to Cape Girardeau in November 1979. I met Greg in December of 1979 when my twin brother Greg, my mom, dad and I went down to Shivelbines for some new drum heads for my Christmas present. He helped us out with his special energy, big smile and his gifted conversation. That was over 40 years ago and he has been a good friend ever since. My son Alex and I just spent a couple hours at his farm a few weeks ago. I am so glad Alex got to know him. On the way home Alex just talked about what a great guy he was. That kind of sums it up. I believe every person that met Gbine feels the same way! Greg will be so missed and was loved by all!

*My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Shivelbine family!*

*Sincerely*

*Tim Powderly and family*

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**Tim Powderly** - June 18, 2020 at 09:08 PM

GP

“ We are thinking of you all and sending many prayers. Greg sold me my first guitar and we joked about it for years as he sold me a Peavey instead of a Fender. Just last night, my brother Tim, friends D and Marty and I toasted Greg with a jam session and laughed out loud at the many Glory Days stories we all shared about our adventures with Greg. It was just a short time ago he joined us all in a jam session and we will always cherish these memories. This is such a tragedy. I'm proud to call Greg my friend. He brightened every room he ever entered and lived life to it's fullest! He will be greatly missed.

*Greg Powderly and family*

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**Greg Powderly** - June 18, 2020 at 08:33 PM

DS

“ My wife and I got to know G-Bine back in 1995 when I started teaching at Herculaneum. He was my lifeline and was a great supporter of our band. He was always helping me out with instrument purchases and emergency repairs. More importantly though he was a great friend. I'm going to miss our lunches together and just talking in my office, sometimes for my entire prep period. If he was still telling stories when my students came in I would have to shut my office door because usually they were not school appropriate! G-Bine you were one of a kind and we are going to miss you. Doug and Robyn Smelser

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**Doug Smelser** - June 17, 2020 at 04:17 PM

YC

“ Your friends from Marler Music Center purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gregory Powles Shivelbine.



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**Your friends from Marler Music Center** - June 17, 2020 at 10:32 AM

SO

“ My heart is breaking for the Shivelbine family. Another great loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.



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**Susie Pickett O'Connell** - June 17, 2020 at 10:07 AM

BJ

“ I probably seen Greg before at the store when I was a kid, but didn't really know him til High School when he was playing in a Jazz/Rock band with Greg Jones, Brian Sheruf, etc, & we used to go listen to them practice upstairs in some apartment on Broadway. Must've been around 75..as I got to know him, I would see him at Shivelbines where he soon introduced me the famous "Ken Martin End Of The World" discounts! 😊 He often took me upstairs where the bargains were, & also would be my tour guide through all the old stuff that had been in the building forever. He always had time for that.

Eventually his band played the Candlewick & I began giving him tapes of various Blues stuff, & throughout the Acme Blues years I continued to record several volumes of the legendary "Blues Bob" tapes of which several times would make their way into the bands live sets. I had the pleasure of playing harp with Greg, Tom, Bill, & Brad etc. at the Rude Dog several times. What a blast! Always had fun listening to his stories between sets. Time went by way too fast. I'll miss the ol' boy & his red face! Love ya Greg. ❤️

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**Brian "Blues Bob" Jones** - June 16, 2020 at 09:27 PM

GJ

Wow Brian! You remember that better than I do!

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**Greg Jones** - January 03, 2023 at 08:09 PM

RM

“ Great guy and a good friend. Gonna miss him a lot

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**ralph murphy** - June 16, 2020 at 09:09 PM

SV

“ Greg was a very special friend and a privilege to know. That smile of his would not only light up a room, it lit up much larger areas too. From time to time he would bring me some fish he had caught since he knew how I enjoyed them along with some cornbread. Early one morning he dropped off some wrapped up fish on his way to work and put them in my mailbox. Then he called me to let me know I should check my mail. Thoughtful is another word to describe Greg.

Here are some thoughts that may comfort the family. "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is turning out the lamp because the dawn has come."

By: Tagori, a Bengali poet.

My deepest sympathy to the Shivelbine family. They are also my special friends.

Love, Prayers, and God Bless.

Sue Vogelsanger

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**Sue Vogelsanger** - June 16, 2020 at 07:43 PM

CN

Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you today.

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**Cindy Neely** - June 18, 2020 at 10:42 AM

TN

RIP Greg, I know you are in good company. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Shivelbine family and friends. Blue skies and green grass, the rest is easy street.

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**Todd Naeter** - June 18, 2020 at 09:32 PM

SF

“ To the Shivelbine Family:

*Speaking for Carbondale Elementary School District 95 and the Frick Family, I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to everyone. My family has "grown up" with the Shivelbines ever since my mom rented her first clarinet for beginning band....I will miss Greg's humor, his kindness and his friendship. This was a real shocker, as I just recently spoke to him before his trip. May he rest in God's arms, and may God bless and keep the Shivelbine family during this time of loss. If there's anything I can do to be of assistance, do not hesitate calling on me.*

*Shadi Frick & Family*

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**Shadi Frick** - June 16, 2020 at 05:23 PM

MW

“ So sorry for the family. Greg was such a nice helpful guy. I can't imagine the void all of you will feel in your lives.  
*Rest In Peace.*

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**Mark Wayer** - June 16, 2020 at 05:03 PM

 Wade Hamlett

“ Too many memories. He was one of the best people I have ever known. Didn't see him much over the past years, but I sure missed his company. He was always genuine.

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**Wade Hamlett** - June 16, 2020 at 03:25 PM

CG

“ Our sincere condolences to the Shivelbine family. Greg was talented, genuine, and a wonderful soul. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time.  
*Lori Shaffer and Chris Goeke*

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**Chris Goeke** - June 16, 2020 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ I'm so sad to hear of the passing of Greg. He was always such a pleasure to work with in Murphysboro School District. We will truly miss him at Carruthers Elementary. To his family, we are so sorry for your loss. 💙  
*Stephanie Hanson*

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**Strphanie Hanson** - June 16, 2020 at 12:25 PM

VC

“ *Mike and Laurie,*  
*I was shocked to hear of Greg's untimely passing. Having him in the percussion section of band, meant he was right behind our saxophone section. I assure you, his fun loving pranks and laughter started at an early age! Such a friendly soul, who's smile was infectious.*  
*I am so sorry for you and your family, for yet another tragic loss.*  
*Keeping you close in my prayers!*

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**Vikki Holt Courvoisier** - June 16, 2020 at 12:10 PM

DN

“ I am so glad my last visit with Greg was a relaxed one at my home where, among other things we talked about the joy of watching seeds sprout into life. He took great care of me and my program and was always down for a story. I regret that I never joined the team for a late dinner after a rental night or enjoyed mutually-loved margaritas together. I, as so many band directors, will really miss him. My thoughts and prayers go Mike and family, and the Shivelbine’s team.

Dannye Norrington - June 16, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ Such a heartbreaking loss, not only for the Shivelbine family, but for the Southeast Missouri/Northern Arkansas/Southern Illinois band communities. Greg’s wit and friendly, fun-loving personality will be greatly missed. Our prayers are offered to the Shivelbine family and the store family.

Chris and Jeannie Starr - June 16, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Powles Shivelbine.



June 16, 2020 at 10:28 AM

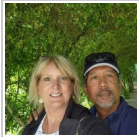
DP

“ Our family has incurred a tremendous loss with Greg's passing. He was a treasured member of our Shivelbine family - much loved by all - and his stories will live on in our legacy. I was very blessed to have reunited with Greg and my cousins this year. On behalf of my parents, John and Carole Schultz, with deepest love and sympathy to Mike and Kathy Shivelbine, Laurie and Bob Bret, Bill and Christie Shivelbine, Donna and Tom Grantham, and Kay and Lynn Davidson, and their families, and Virginia Goodwin,

*Deborah Prideaux*

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**Deborah Prideaux** - June 16, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ Laurie ... Sending you so much love. How like Greg to leave this world found exactly what he loved doing most. Another Shivelbine organizing God's band instruments.

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**Robin Delloro** - June 16, 2020 at 08:06 AM

LN

“ Dear Shivelbine Family, I cannot express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. This world is a darker place for sure without Greg. Praying your memories give you comfort and peace.  
*Laura Nolan*

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**Laura Cracraft Nolan** - June 15, 2020 at 11:29 PM

TO

*Such a caring, funny, talented, and cool guy. There are few who impact as many lives as G-bine did over the years. Prayers of comfort and peace for the family & his many friends of which I was blessed to be just one. Tony Osbron (aka: Tone Loc)*

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**Tony Osbron** - June 22, 2020 at 11:18 AM

JS

“ To the family of Greg Shivelbine:  
*My Deepest Sympathy on the passing of Greg. Without Greg and the rest of the Shivelbine crew I would have been lost as a band director. Greg was always ready to work out another deal when I needed help getting instruments and music that were not in my budget. I owe the largest part of my programs success to Greg and the rest of the Shivelbine’s Music Store family. One of my fondest memories and there were many, was the time Greg and Freck went to a Cardinals playoff game against the Phillies in 2011 with my son Dalton and I. That was the night the rally squirrel ran across the field and the Cardinals won the game. I had a lot of great times with Greg and he will be greatly missed. Jeff Singer and family*

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**Jeff Singer** - June 15, 2020 at 10:28 PM

TN

“ *Mike, Laurie, Kathy And family, so sorry to hear of Greg’s passing, at least he went out in a fashion that he would have liked! He will be missed. Anything I can help with let me know.*

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**Tony Nowell** - June 15, 2020 at 08:30 PM

YF

“ *Your Yamaha Family purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Gregory Powles Shivelbine.*



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**Your Yamaha Family** - June 15, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Greg. Our prayers are with his family. He and Jim always had a prank or joke for each other.

*Jim & Debbie Pate*

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**Jim Pate** - June 15, 2020 at 10:42 AM

DS

“ To the Shivelbine family:

*It was with great sadness that I learned of your dear family member, Greg. Greg always made me smile and laugh. He was always a gentleman and embodied the musical spirit set before him by Freck and Bill. His passing leaves a deep void in the musical world of Cape Girardeau. He will always be remembered by me with fondness for his kindness.*

*My deepest condolences,*

*Dale Skornia*

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**Dale Skornia** - June 15, 2020 at 09:22 AM

TS

“ *Mike & Laurie*

*What a shocker. Greg was such a fine man. Always eager to help and always with a smile on his face. He made time to talk about business or pleasure (hunting or fishing). Your and our memories of Greg will always be happy and pleasant. We are thinking of you in these and times and remembering the good times with our friend Greg.*

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**Tim & Pat Schwent** - June 14, 2020 at 02:23 AM

LB

“ Mike and family,

*Greg was such a kind and gentle soul. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Please accept our deepest condolences.*

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**Larry and Betty Bond** - June 14, 2020 at 12:03 AM

SO

“ Mike and family,

*I am so very sorry to hear of Greg's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*



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**Susie Pickett O'Connell** - June 13, 2020 at 05:37 PM

JP

“ To the Shivelbine family,

*I am sorry to hear about Greg, my thoughts and prayers are with all. He was a very unique person in today's world, always had a smile, a kind word and outgoing. His wit and humor was another trait that made him special. His love for the outdoors and sharing stories was always something i could count on when I saw him. He will greatly be missed .*

*Joe Pappas*

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**Joe Pappas** - June 12, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JW

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your great loss. Greg was an amazing and wonderful person. Keeping you in my prayers for comfort and peace as you journey through the loss.

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**Jana (Barnes) Wolfe** - June 12, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JF

“ Mike and Laurie, I am so sorry for your loss. Greg was a wonderful guy - funny yet so very kind. He and Jonathan were such good friends, and he made the loss of Jonathan a little more bearable. Wish I could be up there with you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Jan Finch** - June 11, 2020 at 11:39 PM

RF

Dear Mike and Laura & Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about the lost of Greg. He was a good friend to Jonathan and I. He even showed our son, Connor, a thing or two. I know that Jonathan was waiting for him at Heaven's Gates to be best friends again. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Love,  
Regina Finch

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**regina finch** - June 15, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JV

“ My deepest sympathy to Greg's loved ones.

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**Jeff Volkerding** - June 11, 2020 at 11:02 PM

RP

“ My condolences to the Shivelbine Family on the passing of Greg Shivelbine may he rest in peace.

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**Robert Pollack** - June 11, 2020 at 10:46 PM