William C. Shelton (Bill) ’69
Raleigh, NC

Bill was born in Louisburg to W.F. & Anne Freeman Shelton. He graduated from Louisburg High School in 1967, Louisburg College in 1969, and ECU in 1971, and completed post graduate courses at UNC-Pembroke in the late 70’s. He married Karen Stewart on August 10, 1974.

Bill worked for the North Carolina Department of Revenue for thirty-one years, in their Lumberton, Laurinburg, Rockingham, and Raleigh, offices. In 1991 Bill was promoted from Field Auditor to Administration Officer in the Sales and Tax Division in Raleigh, retiring in 2004. Bill is also retired from the U.S. Army Reserve with thirty-five years of service, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel serving as the North Carolina Regional Coordinator for the Army’s Command & General Staff Offices School based in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. In 2005, Bill began working with Vericom, Inc., a Raleigh telecom services consulting firm. In September, 2010 he formed William Shelton Consulting, LLC, providing telecom consulting services for Vericom, Inc. & others.

Bill & Karen are the proud parents of Chris Shelton, a residential mortgage broker in Raleigh, and Kelly Shelton, a Schools Administrator for KinderCare in Durham, NC.

He is an active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh where he serves as a Recreation Outreach Center (Gym) Manager and also as an Extended Care Teacher for four-year-olds. Bill is past President of Laurinburg Kiwanis Club in Laurinburg, NC., and Highwood’s Kiwanis Club in Raleigh.

In 2006 Bill and a high school teammate were able to establish a granite memorial to teammate James Robert Patterson who was known to most as “Crow.” Patterson died in the tragic Marshall University plane crash in 1970. The football field was permanently named the James Robert Patterson Memorial Field and the stone memorial is known as “Crow Rock.”