

## *Chris Shelton*

Chris Shelton is a 1986 Graduate of Northwest High School who grew up in High Ridge and has spent his entire life in the High Ridge, House Springs area. Chris's dad Jerry bought what is known today as Shelton Collision in 1978. When Chris got out of high School he went right to work at the family collision shop. Later, he and his wife Kerri purchased the business in 2004. To keep a happy marriage, Chris currently still owns and runs the shop, and Kerri will stop in to visit every so often.

As a high school student, Chris played football, basketball, and earned the distinction of Honorary Thespian from his time spent in Drama and involvement in school plays.

Chris is a proud member of First Baptist Church of House Springs. He has attended his whole life and enjoyed youth trips as a teen, later serving as a chaperone on youth trips in adulthood. He has served on numerous church committees including: Trustee, Finance, Personnel.

Chris coached junior high football for almost 10 years starting in 1993, and most every Friday night for the past 35 years you will see him walking the sidelines at the Northwest High School Varsity Football games taking stats for the Lions. Chris is very proud of his time and accomplishments while serving on the Board of Education for the Northwest School District. He is now in his 16th year on the Board of Education, having been elected in 2007, Chris has focused on facility improvements and is proud of the projects to support students involvement including: the turf field at the high school, new baseball and softball complexes, and the continued work on gymnasiums updates at every school, as well as classroom additions and much more.

Chris has three children: Jessica 32, Jake 30, and Raegan 15, and 5 granddaughters; he married Kerri (Snell) Shelton in 2001. Chris has coached his daughter Raegan in softball and basketball since she was in 2nd grade. Reagan is now a sophomore in high school and a tri-sport athlete and Chris enjoys sitting on the sideline (quietly) watching her compete.

Chris Shelton continues to give back to the Northwest community. His involvements also include time spent with the High Ridge Rotary group and being awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award. On any given night or afternoon you can find Chris in the gym or on the sideline watching Lions athletics in action; otherwise, you might find him on Bull Shoals Lake fishing or boating or just sitting on the porch at the lake house.

Please help me congratulate Chris Shelton on being an inductee into the 2023 Alumni Hall of Fame.