

Marlin Shackleford, March 1 1941-April 9, 2020

Marlin Shackleford, an avid saxophone player known simply as “Shack,” joined the Marines a year after high school in 1960 and took a job as a janitor at Bell Textron six years later.

While working at the helicopter company, he attended Texas Christian University and graduated with a degree in computer science in 1977. Then he changed jobs to computer analyst before retiring in 2012.

He was buried at DFW National Cemetery, but without military honors or the traditional playing of taps because of the COVID-19 virus.