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**Shobert, Don** (1952-2023) was born in Pennsylvania the son of Ronald and Oral Shobert. He served as pastor of churches in Ohio and Florida including First Baptist Church, Oak Hill, 1985-1997 and Beachside Baptist Church, New Smyrna Beach. Shobert and his wife, Joyce Shobert had two daughters.



- 1889 – S.T. Gove
- Missionary Pastors
- J. L. Moore (1945-1950)
- W. W. Clifford (1950-1953)
- Henry Adams (1953-1959)✓
- W. T. Hammond (1959-1963)
- Felix T. Zeigler (1963-1969)
- Brian Knight (1969-1973)
- Felder Rowan (1974-1975)
- Tom Myers (1976-1981)
- Bill Massey (1982-1985)
- **Don Shobert** (1985-1997)
- Steve Jones (1998-2000)
- Don Shobert (interim-2000-2003)
- Christopher Redman (2003-2005)
- Don Shobert (interim-2005-2006)
- Emerson Bolton (2006-2012)
- Dr. Wade Howell (interim-2013)
- Dr. Tim Palmer (2013-present)

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**THE REV. AND MRS. DON SHOBERT** the  
and girls **Renee** and **Lori** were honored is  
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n area residents dropped by the fellowship  
h hall between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. to  
ll meet the **Shoberts** and welcome them to hor  
- the community. They have recently is  
- moved to Oak Hill from Vermilion, Ohio, wa  
it and he is the pastor of First  
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## College Singers to perform

The Florida Baptist Theological College Singers, right, will be featured during the 7 p.m. evening worship service Sunday at First Baptist Church, 192 East Halifax Ave., Oak Hill. Dr. Patrick Malone, chairman of the Music Division of FBTC at Graceville, will direct the College Singers in a program of praise and worship selections. Rev. **Don Shobert**, pastor of the Oak Hill Church, said the public is invited to attend this special event made possible by the Florida Baptist Convention, parent organization of the college.

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**On months when** there is a fifth Sunday, the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Oak Hill has a "dinner on the grounds." Such an occasion occurred Oct. 31 and there was plenty of good food and fellowship.

At the get-together, the church also honored **Rev. Don Shobert** and his family on the eighth anniversary of his coming to Oak Hill. There was a large cake decorated with a message "In appreciation" and made by **Sharon Burch**. Mrs. **Shobert** and their daughter **Renee Andrus** were there, but another daughter, **Lori Shobert**, was working and wasn't able to attend.

# Oak Hill Baptists honor pastor, wife

On Oct. 13, 1985, the Rev. **Don Shobert** began his ministry as pastor of Oak Hill First Baptist Church. He and his wife, **Joyce**, and daughters, **Renee** and **Lori**, answered a call to come here from Vermillion, Ohio, where he had been serving a pastorate in their hometown.

Eleven years later to the day, the Oak Hill church honored the **Shoberts** with a supper and informal reception to mark the anniversary of their service here. It was noted that church membership and attendance at Sunday School and worship services have increased since he began his ministry.

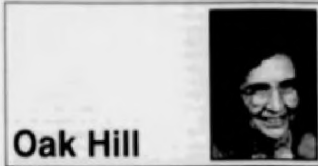
The **Shoberts** also have been active in area community affairs. **Shobert** has served for seven years as a member of the Southeast Volusia Hospital District Board of Commissioners overseeing Bert Fish Medical Center and also is a member of the Oak Hill Code Enforcement Board.



The Rev. **Don Shobert** passes his 11th year in local ministry.

needing her help. Since coming here, she has worked at Jess Parish Medical Center in Titusville as a nurse in a doctor's office and now is employed in home health care.

Their daughter, Lori, is married



Oak Hill

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in charge were: **Mary Parker**, chairman; **Missie Lee**, **Betty Grice**, **Hallie Burkhead**, **Cynthia Alderman** and **Toni Ann Lee**.

**HONORED** Oct. 5 at a golden wedding anniversary party were **Myrtle** and **James Russell**, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, **Martha** and **Pat Malphurs**.

Helping to host the event were their son and daughter-in-law, **Kenny** and **DeLynda Russell**, of Pierson, and their other daughter, **Barbara Russell**, of Oak Hill.

About 90 friends and relatives joined in the celebration, which included a fish fry featuring fresh mullet caught by family members.

The former **Myrtle Lee** and **Russell** were married Oct. 4, 1946, in Mayo. At that time, he was working at a sawmill and, after their wedding at the courthouse on a Friday night, he had to go back to work Saturday.

There was no wedding cake because sugar still was rationed in those days just after World War II. They remember that a special treat, two weeks after their marriage, was a banana pudding made when enough sugar became available.

Their daughter, **Lori**, is married to **Ric Smith** and lives in New Smyrna Beach. Daughter, **Renee** and her husband, **John Andrus**, who are Oak Hill residents, are expecting their first child and will make the **Shoberts** grandparents for the first time.

At Sunday's reception, Rev. and Mrs. **Shobert** were presented with gifts and a special decorated cake bearing the inscription, "Thank you for 11 years." It was made for them by **Sharon Burch**.

Hospitality committee members

on.

The Rev. **Don Shobert**, pastor of Beachside Baptist Church in New Smyrna Beach, is holding a sunrise beach service for the first time. He wants his parishioners — and anyone else who wants to join in — to more fully experience the scripture passage about the people who found Jesus' empty tomb in the early morning hours.

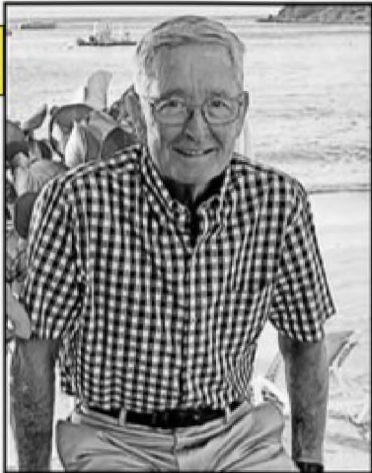
achievements as a player and member of track, cross country and basketball teams.

The Ryan family will at Egitto's 9 a.m. service Sunday, the most special way they know to be



**Don Shobert**

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH** - Donald Lynn Shobert, 71 passed away Monday, August 28 at home. Don was born in Pennsylvania to Ronald & Oral Shobert.



Don served 47 years in the ministry. His career included serving as a pastor and chaplain at both Bert Fish Medical Center and Halifax Health. He retired in 2017.

Don loved his family immensely and nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them. He was always ready for an adventure, including climbing lighthouses. In 1960 he met the love of his life, Joyce. They have been together since the 3rd grade, and married for 52 years.

Don is predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife Joyce. Brother, Ron Shobert (Donna), Daughters: Renee Andrus, Lori Smith (Ric), Grandchildren: Allison Andrus (Mason Porter) Dalton Smith (Madi Buckels) Bailey Smith (Kenzie). Great Granddaughter: Laney Mae Porter.

Services will be held at Beachside Baptist Church: 629 S. Pine Street, New Smyrna Beach, with Khalil Ayoub, officiating; on Saturday, September 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Beachside Baptist Church.

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by many nieces, nephews, preceded in death by his and one sister. Funeral service Friday, September 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Beachside Baptist Church, with Pastor John Ayoub officiating. Burial will follow at Sea Pines Memorial Park, 1000 Edgewater. Friends will be invited to a reception on September 1, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Bella Vista Baptist Church. Donations may be made to the church. Condolences may be made at [www.settlewilderfuneralhome.com](http://www.settlewilderfuneralhome.com).

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