



## Raymond Jay Shirkey

March 6, 1971 - April 21, 2014

Shirkey, Raymond Jay, April 21, 2014, age 43 of Novi. Beloved finacee of Jennifer Bardon. Dear father of Alyssa and Evan Shirkey. Long time companion and mother of their children, Diana Shirkey. Loving son of John and Linda Shirkey. Dear brother of Lisa Shirkey and Shelly (Wade) Waupoose. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In state Saturday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy Road, Westland. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions made to the family would be appreciated. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Jay Shirkey*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Ray; he will be remebered for his wonderful smile & a great sense of humor. My prayers to you Shelly & your family.*

**Susan Johnstone-Rich** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *I am a minister of Jehovah's Witnesses me and my wife would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your love one. We would like to leave you with a word of encouragement from Gods word the bible. Job 14:14 said If a man die, shall he live again? The bible makes the promise: Your dead ones will live... They will rise up. The bible also says: The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19 and Psalm 37:29. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at [ctk sdk@yahoo.com](mailto:ctk sdk@yahoo.com) Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy*

**Sandy and Carlos** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rest in Peace, Ray. Sincere condolences to the Shirkey family.*

**Kurt Gollinger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LE

“ I Love you so much Uncle John, Aunt Linda, Lisa and Shelly. I am so sorry for the loss of my beloved cousin Raymond. I used to babysit all 3 of my precious cousins when they were little. You are all in my thoughts and prayers along with RayJays children. Love you all.

---

**Leann** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LY

“ John and Linda our prayers are with you, so sorry.

---

**Leonard and Tudy Yenglin** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KF

“ Ray you will be missed by so many. I love you and I will always remeber funny things about you. Babysitiing you a couple times when you lived in HP. You bringing me my life belongings here in Florida. I know you are at peace but we wish you were still here. You made your dad and mom proud and your children. Rest In Peace MY cCousin.

---

**Kim Agents and Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KD

“ I have so many great memories of Ray - all of them being about how his charming way and sense of humor always made you feel like you were the only person in the room. His charismatic ways came to him so naturally. He has left a memory in my heart that made me know he cared for everyone. I will miss him so much, like so many others.

---

**Karla Doherty** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

TY

“ I have only known Ray and Jenny for such a short time---- I immediately felt a connection with Ray's warm friendly eyes and smile. He adored Jen and they were meant for one another! I will be praying for strength for the famlies and friends that knew him well. He will be missed! Hugs

---

**Tami \*Dominic \*Natalie Yamarino** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CA

“ My condolences to Ray's family. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I served with Ray overseas. He was always good for a laugh when I would see him at ECP 5. That is what I remember most about him, his sense of humor. My family's thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rest in peace brother. Semper Fi

---

**Chris Alcala** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

GP

“ To Lisa and her family. My deepest sympathy to you all. May God hold you in his ever loving arms during this time.

---

**Geraldine Perry** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DH

“ Rest in peace brother. Amen. Ray was great teammate of ours with HFHS occupational health; stationed at DTE Energy power plant first aid stations. Ray would engage to save a life or share a smile, he knew how to deliver and did so in both situations. More importantly to me, Ray was a fellow USN hospital corpsman who served active duty overseas. We shared that and for that I felt even closer to him. I share these sentiments for my current colleagues, for those who knew him as plant paramedic and those who knew him as Doc in the Middle East battlefield: Eternal rest grant unto Ray, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. And Lord please be close to those loved ones Ray left behind. Help them feel your love during their time of sorrow. Amen.

---

**Donald Hinkson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KR

“ May the peace of the Lord be with you. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You'll be in my daily Peters.

---

**Karen Rousseau** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with you all during this sudden difficult time. We send our warmest heartfelt condolences. May all of us have peace and comfort by the outpouring of love from others around us...much Love and blessings Eric, Nikki, Victoria, Abigail and Leonardo.

---

**Cipponeri Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ We are so sorry for your loss May God bless and comfort you through this difficult time. In Sympathy Linda and Paul Cockfield

---

**Linda Cockfield** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SM

“ I remember babysitting for RJ many times as a baby. He was a happy kid. Our hearts and prayers of comfort and peace go out to you guys during this difficult time and always. Love you.

---

**Sandy and Bill Meshekey** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

BK

“ Ray was our next door neighbor and such a great guy. We enjoyed so many summer days at the lakefront and on the boat with him and of course the many bonfires. It just won't be the same without him! He will truly be missed by us and the South Lake Seaman Club. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jen and the Shirkey family.

---

**Bob & Kim Waling (& kids)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KB

“ Ray was engaged to marry my best friend, Jennifer. I met him just last month, but already felt like I knew him by keeping in contact with Jennifer. They were so happy and so in love. He made my best friend the happiest she has ever been, and he fit right in with our group of friends as if he had always been there. He was a great person and will be missed dearly. My heart goes out to Ray's family, I will keep you in my prayers. May the lord comfort you in this difficult time.

---

**Kimberly Beach** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

AL

“ I met Ray but once. He was engaged to be married to my friend Jennifer. I was so happy for her that she found a man as wonderful as Ray. Now my heart breaks for her and his family. May he rest in peace now and forever. A good man gone too soon.

---

**Andrea Lopez** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

EC

“ I remember Ray riding his motorcycle in a rain storm one night to Panera. Just to visit with Jen for a bit.

Eileen Cash (Jen's coworker) - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LK

“ I'll always remember that gorgeous "Howdy Doody" face Ray had at five, when he was the ring bearer at my wedding. No matter how old he got, that's the face I loved!

LuAnne Kandell - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KJ

“ I also knew Ray from high school. It's saddening to hear when a friend is lost. May he rest in peace.

Kevin James - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LR

“ God must have needed him . We will miss him but are grateful for knowing him !

Lon and Kathy Rock - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

NC

“ Too soon and too young. He is with Grandma and Grandpa now. He is probably making them laugh and going fishing with Grandpa. I wish he was still here to be with us. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Aunt Lala, Uncle John, Lisa, Shelly, Alyssa and Evan. We love you and are in our prayers

Nicole and Eric Cipponeri - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

AU

“ I have loved your family for years and have such fond memories of Ray. I love how he inspired us while coaching his kids at St. Matthew and keeping us involved with his unit while we supported him in Afghanistan. His presence on earth will be missed, but I am thankful for a joyous reunion with Jesus in heaven.

---

**Andie Unger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

NH

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Shirkey family. We will be with you in thought and prayer.

---

**Nick & Shirley Hoving** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

RP

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the whole Shirkey family.

---

**Rich Perkins** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

GB

“ So sorry to Ray's family. I remember him from high school. He always made me laugh.

---

**Gena Brown** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

K(

“ I went to school with Ray, sorry to hear of His passing. My thoughts are with your family.

---

**Kim Hobbs (Winfield)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DA

“ John, Linda and family, Words cannot express how much sorrow I have in my heart for you all. This has to be one of the toughest things you have had to endure. We are supposed to outlive our children, not the other way around. I wish I had known Ray better. I do know you were all very proud of him. God must have had a better plan for him and you know that he is at peace. Love, Debbie Abraham

---

**Debbie Abraham** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KS

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to your family. I did not know Ray personally but Karla has told me so many wonderful things about him. May God bless him and keep him always close and be with you in your time of sorrow. All of my love and blessings to you and your family. Kim

---

**Kimberly Wahl (karla Dohery's sister)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CA

“ I'll miss you horribly Ray. Every time we hung out it was a blast. I'll never forget how hard we were laughing that night in my kitchen with Jenny and Mary. I'll never understand why the great ones have to go so soon. Hope to see you again some day. Godspeed.

---

**Charlie Aldis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

PI

“ May you be in the hands of God now... You will be missed by many.

---

**Patty Ingram** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

AW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Ray was such a great person. My deepest sympathy.* ”

---

**Amy Wiseman-Talbot** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CB

“ *My sincere sympathy to the entire Shirkey Family on the passing of your beloved Raymond. All of you shall be in my prayers during this most difficult time.* ”

---

**Claudia Barber-Martin** - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM