



Robert M. Shaw

October 30, 2005

Shaw, Robert M. age 72 of Westland, Oct 30, 2005.

Beloved husband of Sharon.

Loving father of Robert (Judy), Sheryl (Mike) O'Brien, Russ (Cindy), Randy (Chris) and the late Ricky.

Dear grandfather of Tracy, Rob, Steven (Alicia), Nicole, Matt, Alyssa, Alec And Andrew, and great grandfather of Natalie. Dearest brother of Elsie (Art) MacKay, Lydia (Larry) Phares and the late George Shaw. Funeral service Thurs 12 noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Visitation Tues 4-9 PM and Wed 2-9 PM.

Memorial contributions to Arbor Hospice 2366 Oak Valley Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family scroll down to the online condolence link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert M. Shaw*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

SH

“ My Dad, what a guy. What a gentleman. Never wanted anyone to fuss over him. Was always concerned about other's feelings and hardships. Never pursued activities because Mom and the family always came first. Very rarely asked for help from anyone. Family and friends have commented that they remember Dad as always smiling. He loved the pure, simple things in life...going "up-north", camping, Frankenmuth family chicken dinners, watching the "1000 footer" ships passing through the Soo Locks, watching the same ships pass through the Detroit River, Disneyland, DisneyWorld, treating his extended families to Fish-n-chips (with Malt vinegar!)in Windsor(a Scottish family tradition), the Amtrak train trips to Chicago-even though they never left the station, the Amtrak train trip when Nicole was born, the Amtrak train trips to see his Mom and Sisters in California. All these simple traditions he has passed onto my family and I will forever be in his debt for the beautiful memories in our lives. He enjoyed sharing his birthday with Matt (no, it wasn't planned that way). He was proud of Mike serving his country. Anyone who knew him, knew that he was quiet yet fun-loving. I am, who I am, thanks to him and Mom. I respected him as a man and as a DAD (not a "father"). What a gift I had. The greatest adventure I could give him and Mom was to get them to the "S.S. Badger" Wisconsin-Michigan car ferry the month before he died. It had been something they had never yet accomplished, albeit, they did manage to get onto the Lake Express ship. I did the best I knew how, to help Mom to help him this past year. I realize that helping him was my gift from God. I am grateful to Dad for LETTING me help him. He made it easy. He treasured the times we came to him asking advice or asking how to repair things. His final fall "color tour" was on his way to his place of REST, what a beautiful day and tribute! I'll never forget the twinkle in his eyes. Until I see him again, Love forever, Sher

Sher - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

LP

“ Bob,
Thanks for being a great example to me as a person, father and family man. I wish I had been able to spend more time with you than I did. Your example to me before I became a father was invaluable as it gave me a good standard to work toward. Your love for your wife and kids was inspirational to me. Your family has always been fun and enjoyable to be around. I will miss your and Sharon?s yearly visits, but know that some day I will see you again.
Thanks again for your example;
Larry

Larry Phares - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

PM

“ Dear Shaw Cousins,
I am so very sorry about the death of your dear husband,father,grandfather. Saying good-bye to someone you loved so dearly is never easy,cherish your wonderful memories as they will keep him close in your heart.He knows how much you all love him. I know how much he will be missed. May you find peace.My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
I have the greastest memories of playing cards, camping,swimming,eating white castles but most of all laughing.
With all my love,Peggy

peggy burke mcconkie - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

PM

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Shaw,
I have worked with your son Russ for close to 12 years. I see in him the qualities that you as a father you gave him. The hard work, the honesty the ability to work well with all people and most of all to have given me a good friend to work with. There have been many times he would tell me stories about the "Shaw" family outings to Windsor and such. He is fortunate to have a father that nurished the family cell. I see that Russ will carry on the family name with pride as did his father. God Bless John 3:16*

Pat Means - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CW

“ *Nicole,

I know exactly what you're going through and know how rough a time it can be. I also know that as time goes on, the hurt mends and you'll begin to live a life that your grandfather would be proud of. If you need anything, please let me know. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

Casey Wooley - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

AD

“ *Be it known that my prayers are with you. My deepest condolences and sympathy. I too know what it is like to lose a loved one. Allow God to see you through this. Place your worries in His knowing hands and all will be well.*

Asia David - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JP

“ *We are really sorry to hear about your grandfather. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Jennifer & Nathan Phillips - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DH

“ I would like to tell everyone how sorry I am for their loss and Im sorry I did not get to attend I was very sick and laid up for almost a week with a very bad case of the flu.

At least now hopefully we all have a little better feeling knowing he is in heaven with other beloved family members and happy and at peace and we can find the comfort in that fact to help ease a bit of the pain and loss we feel.

Finding words of most any kind to say in a time like this is very hard to do, Uncle Bob will always be in my prayers and missed.

David Hewett - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CN

“ *Shaw Family,*

I left the obituary picture of Bob on my desk on Tuesday. While I felt sadness, I could not help myself from glancing at the picture occasionally during my busy day. During each glance, I thought of a different memory; an up north or vacation event, a bear scare, a camp fire incident, a past house party, etc., all memories I cherish that made me smile. He was a good man, who loved his family, and a person you never saw without a smile. May his family legacy and the memories you cherish, help you heal and also smile.

God Bless!

Chuck

Chuck Nebus - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RG

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I lost my mother 6 months ago, so I know how everyone feels. Although I didn't know Robert, I know that he is a great person, father, husband, and friend. Stay strong and never regret anything with him.

"As long as I have the love of each of you, I can live my life in the hearts of all of you."

-Anonymous

Ryan Genis - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

KP

“ Dear friends,
We're so sorry to hear that Bob is gone. Kelli knows how hard it is to lose a parent, and Mike understands the pain of losing a spouse, so we truly feel your loss.

Our hearts and prayers go out to you and yours as you deal with the loss of your husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and great-grandfather.

How grateful we are, at times like this, for the promise of the resurrection and the knowledge that our loved ones aren't gone forever, but that we'll see them again after this moment we call mortality.

It seems somehow ironic to Kelli that Bob left us on her Mom's birthday. She likes to imagine that there's a little reunion of the old gang over there, sharing memories of the many good times the Shaw, Morris and Freel adults spent together, along with Gail and Freida and Butch, of course. As she recalls, those weekends were spent hopping from restaurant to restaurant and the laughter never seemed to end.

May your faith give you strength, comfort and hope in the coming days and may your memories bring you joy, instead of tears.

Love, Kelli and Mike

Kelli (Freel) and Mike Prue - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JD

“ Bob is gone but not forgotten. I will never forget bob. Bob is a great person really sweet and caring person. It's nice to know there are still some good people out there. Without bob and Sharon I never would have met Nicole and Nicole is one of the greatest friends any one could ask for. My prayers are with you and your family. May he rest in peace.

Jessica Dimovski - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CS

“ We were sorry to hear of Alec's Grandfather's passing . You are in our thoughts and prayers..

Coach Chris & Sean//Soccer - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

LB

“ Alec and the Shaw family, You are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow.

Lisa and Brandon

Lisa and Brandon - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TF

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God bless you, The Nardone family

The Nardone Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Deb & Tom Loomis - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BL

“ *The prayers of all of us at the Ford Tool and Die Skilled Trades Retirees go out to the Shaw family.*

Bud Lusk - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MI

“ *The best father-in-law one could ask for. All you ever wanted was to be part of your children's lives because that's what you lived for, a true example of how a husband, father, and grandfather should lead their lives. I am proud to have been part of your family and will always be in your debt for the beautiful wife and children I have for I see you in them.*

Love Mike

Mike - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

NM

“ Dear Grampa,
I cannot even begin to say how much you mean to me. No matter what was going on in my life I ALWAYS knew that I could count upon the love and stability of you and Grandma.
It's just shy of a year that I found out that you were sick and we were lucky to have this past year with you. I was truly blessed and honored to know you for almost 20 years. I am a better person because of you and I will try my very best not to disappoint you. Your illness was bittersweet because it solidified my decision to come home and this is where I've belonged all along. I'll get my degree and I'll try to follow the amazing life you led. I'm so glad that I was able to go once to chemo with you and that we were both able to go to meeting two weeks ago. I'm sorry that I didn't finish your scrapbook for you but Grandma and I will work on it together just as we did on Labor Day!!!
You were the most selfless, wise and humble person I've ever known. I thank the Lord that you are no longer suffering in pain and after almost 13 years, you've finally been reunited with Uncle Rick. You took care of Grandma for 51 years and now it's our turn. We must show you that you went beyond your job in raising us all and now we will all unite and take care of Grandma so your passing is not in vain and you can rest in peace.
I LOVE You, I already miss you but I'm confident that I will see you again someday? You will be missed but NEVER forgotten; your legacy lives on in each one of us.
You were our family shepherd and we will not be aimless sheep as long as we remember you, your morals, wisdom and life lessons that you instilled during your proud 72 years on this planet.
Your loving granddaughter, Nicole Mary

Nicole Mary - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RU

“ Dear Dad,

I love you. You are a great Dad! Your influence on me as a person, a Son and a Father is immeasurable. I cannot thank you enough for being who you are. There are so many thoughts and emotions, with you in all of them.

You are a humble yet strong and steady man. You guide and lead with quiet dignity. Your actions speak louder than your words. You give so much of your time, efforts, money, support, caring and love. You have been a true Friend and Father.

For anyone who does not know you, has not taken the time to know or understand you, it was their loss. I knew your humor, understood how you thought, stayed on the same page in conversation, was able to discuss matters from opposite sides and appreciated where you came from. I was privileged to have experienced all of this.

I will talk to you again soon and always afterward. You are a guiding force in my life. I thank you for that and I love you for that.

Good bye for now Dad. I love you Dad, from Russ

Russ - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM