



Robert Louis Shovan

July 11, 1954 - April 30, 2021

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Louis Shovan, 67, passed away Friday, April 30, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. Born July 11, 1954, to Mary Katherine (nee Bunn) and Louis William "Bud" Shovan in Mount Clemens, he grew up in Algonac. A 1972 graduate of Algonac Community High School, Robert was on the wrestling team and enjoyed fishing, sailing and boating. After he graduated high school, Robert worked the afternoon shift in a factory full time and attended nursing school during the day. He graduated from St. Clair Community College in 1980. He began his nursing career at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he worked in the critical care unit from 1980 to 1984. He then attended the Cleveland Clinic Graduate School of Anesthesia, from which he graduated in 1986, and returned to Michigan. A nurse anesthetist 35 years, Robert worked at many medical offices and hospitals during his career. He finished his career at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield, where he was one of the original nurse anesthetists when the hospital opened and always laughed, joked and bantered with the staff. Robert had a passion for shooting sporting clays - especially FITASC, an international form of sporting clays - in which he competed locally and nationally. His accomplishments included master class, shooting a perfect 100 straight in a registered event, shooting more than 100,000 registered targets and winning the first American Field Sporting event at Eagle's Nest in Ohio. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, bicycling and boating. Robert was a member of the American Association of Nurse

Anesthetists, National Sporting Clay Association, National Rifle Association and Republican Committee. Robert is survived by his life companion, LuAnn, and dear brother, Larry (Linda). He was the loving uncle of Lisa and Lora. Memorial visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, at Gendernalik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore.

Tribute Wall



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“ Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. "Robert Shovan" will remain in our hearts forever.

Sentimental Dreams - May 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert was a very good friend to me. I remember that he always gave me grief about his tax dollars paying my Army salary and my response was always that he needed to give me a raise. We definitely had the kind of relationship where I knew that there would be a snarky comment from him, but it was all in good fun (and I gave it as well as I took it). But he was also someone that I could count on for support when needed. I tried to remember which version of our relationship that I dealt with the last time I saw him. I was hoping that my last interaction with him wasn't too snarky. But then I realized that even if it was, that was the nature of our relationship. He would have enjoyed it whether it was witty banter or serious conversation. I will miss you, Robert.

May 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert Louis Shovan

May 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I loved working with Bob in the OR. You will always be a part of my days and my memories at work. Miss you ❤️

May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ We all love and miss you so much! From all of us at the RPS Family. ❤️

May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ A gift of a tree representing a lasting memory of a good friend to us. May God shine his face upon our friend Bobby Shovan, we will miss him.

May 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ A common thread in the recollections of Robert is that of a generous and kindly-natured person, though he sometimes tried to hide it behind an irreverent or "wise-guy" facade. When I started working at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Robert made sure I felt welcome and at ease; I always knew I had a friend. A couple of years ago, while changing clothes in the locker room before starting our workday, I commented on and admired the Stormy Kromer hat he was wearing-knew about them, but had never seen one up close and hadn't known about the waterproof waxed cotton canvas model. The next week, he comes in and presents me with a hat of my very own. I wore it earlier in the week of his passing. It's one of my favorite hats and I will fondly think of him when i wear it. Overall, the sum of all the world's small acts of kindness total up to much more than the flashy big high-profile charitable projects that get much publicity and catch everyone's attention. Robert, you are indeed missed. Frank Hostnik

May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of calling Bob Shovan a friend since nursing school in 1978. Our group had extensively sailed two Great Lakes, Lake Saint Clair many times and also skied out west. He has always been a standout due to his honesty, intelligence, many talents and scathing wit. He was a very caring person although he may not want it known. We also worked together at University Hospital in Ann Arbor where he worked as an ICU nurse and provided many interesting adventures. He was a multi-talented individual who graduated from Cleveland Clinic's nurse anesthetist program and loved to sail, ski, ride motorcycles, shoot and unnerve or delight all that he came in contact with. A one-of -a kind individual who can't be replaced. Frank.

May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ With love, Laura & Steve Minore

Magnificent Life Spray - May 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Love, Mary Minore & Marion Wollum

Rose Remembrance - May 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I always appreciated Robert's humor and his ability to give his honest opinions. I enjoyed working along side him and he always made my day more enjoyable. He will be missed

May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and I meet in 1978 while in college working on our RN, roomed together while at the Cleveland Clinic anesthesia program. Road motorcycles together in our early years, many laughs and great southern meals served up by his lovely mother. He served as the Best Man at our wedding. A generous, caring and kind soul with an art for cutting humor. Rest in blessed peace my friend. Patrick

May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert Every morning upon entering the workroom I got my hug. I can't count the amount of times he brought my morning cup of coffee and breakfast. Amidst his funny sense of humor, Robert was a caring, special person. You will be missed my friend. Elaine 🥹

May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Robert for 12 years. I enjoyed his conversations on his shooting competitions and his self defense advice to me. He had a tough exterior but you could tell he was a caring man. I will miss him and my condolences to friends and family

May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Goodbye my friend. Wishing you peace and eternal happiness.

Cherished Memories - May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget him.

Tender Tribute - May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert was a good friend of mine, Broke my heart to hear him gone. He helped me deal with life in general. Going to miss him.

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“ Every time I miss a clay, I'll forever hear Robert asking "How many times are you going to shoot behind it?". Robert introduced me to clay target shooting. He provided the gun, the shells, his time, his expertise and picked up the tab for the whole thing. Something that I've payed forward many times over based on his generous gift to me. I am forever grateful to him for the introduction he gave me to the sport. More importantly, I'm glad I had the opportunity to get to know and spend time with him. I will miss him a great deal. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

May 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Bob. We Sporting Clay Shooters here in Mi. will certainly miss seeing him around. So sad because Bob was taken way to soon. He will be missed.*

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